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# WORLD JURIST ASSOCIATION CONGRESS 2016 BARCELONA

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## THE INTERNET: CHALLENGES TO PEACE AND FREEDOM

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## THE INTERNET: CHALLENGES TO PEACE AND FREEDOM

### GENERAL GOAL OF THE CONGRESS

At a time when the amount of technological research has overcome the limits of our imagination, it is necessary to define the state we find ourselves and our societies in, and look towards new advances appearing in the near future and how they will affect our civil rights and liberties. For this reason, it was important for the World Jurist Association and its Spanish Chapter to organize a congress focusing on these transcendent matters under the title “INTERNET: CHALLENGES TO PEACE AND FREEDOM”. The congress, based on the knowledge, research and experience obtained in scientific fields shared an overview of technological advances in an informative way. Given the Internet’s wide range of influence, we have approached it by focusing on different fields that have been significantly affected by it, constituting the following panels: Internet: Peace and Freedom (as the main subject of the congress); Justice, Civil Service and the Internet (PANEL 1); The Internet and the Corporate World (PANEL 2); Internet: Taxation and Money Laundering (PANEL 3); Cybercrime, The Penal Code and the Internet (PANEL 4); Data Protection in Social Media, Freedom and Democracy (PANEL 5); Internet: Challenges for China (PANEL 6); Freedom of Expression in Digital Era (PANEL 7).

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*With the participation of*

*Dr. Franklin Hoet Linares, President WJA*

*Dr. Jacinto Soler Padró, President of the Spanish Chapter WJA*

*Dr. Tao Kaiyuan, Vice President of the Supreme Court of People's Republic of China*





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- This was an extraordinary opportunity for the Young World Jurist Association to expand, as many law students from different Universities and young lawyers came to the conferences and social events organized by our Association. This came with the contributions of the majority of these participants to the conclusions of the seminars and speeches, showing once more that this kind of initiatives can attract new generations.





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- The first day sessions took place in the historical library of the Barcelona’s Bar Association. During the conferences, international speakers addressed the challenges that new technologies and Internet brought to our legal systems and to international law.
- It was to our greatest delight that Dr. Pierre Dewez, Dr. Alexander Löw, Dr. Ben Griffith, Dr. Steve Meyers, Dr. Peter Falk, Dr. Sorell Negro, Dr. José Luis Piñar, Dr. José Ramón Agustina, Dr. Alba Bosch, Dr. Victor Roselló, Dr. José Álvaro Quiroga, Dr. Maria Àngels Barbarà i Fondavila, Dr. Luis Vera, Dr. Steve Cahill, Dr. Juan Andrés Avilés, Dr. Agustín Argelich, Dr. Miriam Guardiola Salmerón, Deputy Sven Kohlmeier, Dr. Alberto Jurado, Dr. Tulio Rosembuj and Dr. Agustí Cerrillo were speakers to the conferences taking place that day.
- For the following day, we had the pleasure of counting with the Delegation of the Vice President of the Supreme People’s Court of China, together with Dr. Ethia Simha and Dr. Gelndeline F. Croes.





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## Farewell Ceremony at the Círculo del Liceo of Barcelona – Barcelona’s Opera House –





- It was recently that we had the opportunity to meet in New York City with the Senior Legal Advisor to the UN President and his Office, Dr. Alejandro Sousa, to whom we handed the Barcelona Declaration in which we engaged the United Nations to begin a program of research to the rule of Law in the Internet.
- This will make our organization send out a message to many international institutions of what should the use of Internet be in accordance to fundamental human rights, and international Law.

