

## **Membership Committee**

*Council decision 2011/11*

*10 July 2011*

- (1) In accordance with Article 10(5) of the Statute, the Council decides to establish the Membership Committee (MC) as a standing Council committee and to delegate the respective tasks and powers to the members of this committee.
- (2) The MC will
  - develop a structured policy for the recruitment of new members, in particular for targeting underrepresented countries, disciplines and professions;
  - negotiate, as far as necessary, membership fees with Institutional Observers; and
  - decide cases of doubt as well as advise the Secretariat in dealing with difficult requests.
- (3) Jean-Bernard Auby, Snezhana Botusharova and Hans Micklitz are appointed as members of the MC. Other members of the ELI Council who would like to join the MC are invited to nominate themselves by 15 July 2011. If the MC would otherwise become too big or significantly imbalanced, the three appointed members will make a choice, taking into account diversity as to legal traditions, disciplines and professional backgrounds, and the extent to which a Council member is prepared to contribute actively to the Committee's work. The MC members will elect one or several chairpersons.
- (4) Those colleagues who, by the joint decision of the working group in charge of preparing the ELI Inaugural Congress, had been individually invited to participate in the Congress and to tick a box "I want to be considered as an ELI member", and who had ticked that box, shall receive an invitation to join the ELI. Before 31 July 2011, the MC shall examine the other applications for membership received by the ELI and decide how to deal with them. The Committee may, at its discretion, make inquiries about individual applicants. In doing so it shall pay full attention, in particular, to the applicable rules of data protection.
- (5) The Secretariat shall be in charge of day-to-day administration of membership issues.