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Letter from the Chairman

Michel Lacroix
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France



While France is the host of the 2007 Rugby World Cup, the French Pragma's members are impatient to host the 2007's edition of Pragma's conference to allow up the great success of Pragma's 2006 conference in Italy.

150 people are expected in Nîmes, which is a record participation since Pragma was created. Among European countries, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Poland, Germany and Switzerland will be represented.

Regarding the rest of the world, we already thank the members from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Mexico, the United States and Uruguay who will participate. As every year, the October conference is a great opportunity to meet and develop exchanges, especially with people coming from further countries.

Among the events scheduled in Nîmes, our morning and afternoon meetings of Saturday 20th October will give you an overview of Pragma's life and its projects of development. We will also talk about the number of files in common between us.

As a premiere piece of news of the conference, I inform you about the new membership of the Argentinean office *Del Carril, Colombres, Vayo & Zavalía Lagos*. One of its members, Juan José Mendez, will be in Nîmes.

It will be a pleasure to welcome him... and not only because the defeat of France against Argentina in the first match of the Rugby World Cup is already forgotten!

Enjoy the read and see you in Nîmes!

News from the Board



From left to right: Gilberto Gelosa (Secretary and Treasurer), Michel Lacroix (Chairman), Greg Wolton (Director) and Carlos Manubens (Vice-Chairman). The other Directors, absent that day, are Cecilia Caria Mendes and Gustavo Cuevas.

The Board of Directors met in Paris, France, in July 2007.

Annual conference Nîmes 2007

Everything is ready to welcome you to Nîmes, France next October. Jean-Louis and Béatrice Giallombardo are working actively to put the finishing touches on the last details so that the 2007 edition is a success. We are expecting you on Friday, 19th October 2007 at 12:30 to start the festivities.



Jean-Louis and Béatrice Giallombardo, both managers of Soginim, Nîmes, France. In the background, the Arena of Nîmes, the best-conserved Roman amphitheatre of the world.



During the conference, the first golf tournament of Pragma will be organised.

Schedule

Friday 19th October 2007

- 12:30 Patio Hotel Novotel Atria, Nîmes - Lunch
- 15:00 - 18:00 Le Pont du Gard, a world heritage site
Guided visit / Walk / Golf tournament
- 20:15 Restaurant Le 9, Nîmes - Buffet style dinner and music in one of the most fashionable bodegas of Nîmes

Saturday 20th October 2007

- 9:30-12:30 Auditorium Hotel Novotel Atria, Nîmes - Meeting
- 12:45 Restaurant Wine Bar, Nîmes - Lunch
- 14:00 Two groups : General Meeting / Visit of Nîmes
- 19:30 Les Marquises, *Manade Laurent*, Camargue
Private show in the Arena of the "Manade"
- 20:30 Les Marquises, *Manade Laurent*, Camargue
Gala dinner and dance

Dimanche 21 octobre / Sunday 21st October

- Hotel Novotel Atria, Nîmes - Breakfast and end

New Member

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Del Carril, Colombres, Vayo & Zavalía Lagos' activity encompasses giving assistance in structuring business as well as rendering legal advice on property issues, whether judicially or extra-judicially, in civil, labour and commercial (business and contractual) matters, making use of its vast experience in legal solutions and administrative procedures.



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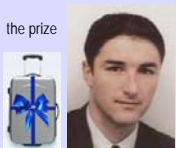
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Summer's winner:



Lionel Dulaurent,
Juristes Associés du
Sud-Ouest
Bordeaux, France

Congratulations to Lionel Dulaurent, the winner of our competition draw with the correct answers to last issue's question (*What is the origin of the word "denim"?*).

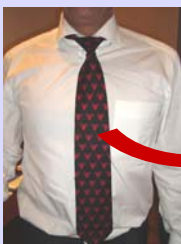
The right answer was *c) the French town of Nîmes* where the cloth was first made. The word *denim* itself is a contraction of the phrase *Serge de Nîmes*.

Similarly, *jean* is an altered form of *Genoese* that was used to call the trousers of sailors of Genoa. Symbol of America, *jeans* are the invention of a German from

Bavaria, Levi Strauss, made with a French material... Who said that we have no idea in Europe?

Autumn's quiz:

Who is this man?



Detail of the tie of our mysterious man.

Indication: this pattern belongs to the traditional clothing of the "Gardiens", the famous horsemen of Camargue in France.



Only people attending our general meeting in Nîmes on Saturday morning 20th October will be able to participate to win a wonderful suitcase...

See the Winter's issue of the Newsletter with the answer, the name of the winner and the new quiz!

New members

They have joined Pragma recently. Welcome on board!



Anne Maffiolini
JAN, Pontoise,
France



Anne-Laure Potdevin
Socojur, Avignon,
France



Catarina De Sousa Matos
Cecilia Caria Mendes
Advogados, Lisboa, Portugal



Elisabeth Guyot
JAN, Pontoise,
France



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Interconsulting Studio
Associato, Milan, Italy



Mathieu Debray
JCCA, Paris
France



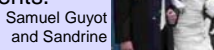
Sara Tognoni
Interconsulting Studio
Associato, Milan, Italy

Celebrity news

They got married or had a baby lately. Pragma congratulates the happy couple and the new parents.

Weddings:

- Samuel Guyot (Juristes Associés de l'Ouest, Rennes, France) and Sandrine



New born babies:

- Louise, daughter of Reynald Faget (Juristes Associés de l'Est, Metz, France) was born on 27th June 2007.

Reynald Faget and Louise



- Guilherme, son of Angelica Blanco Rocha (GrowAssociates, Sao Paulo, Brazil) was born on 22nd June 2007.

Angelica Blanco Rocha and Guilherme



The world turns oval



The world is about to turn oval as the Rugby World Cup comes to France for six weeks. Apart from a few excursions to Wales and Scotland, 20 teams will be laying their bodies on the line from Paris to Marseille in pursuit of the *William Webb Ellis Cup*, the founder of rugby.

Pragma has fans of rugby and even a regular amateur rugby player: Laurent Auricoste from Unijuris, Nice, France, who has been member and Chairman of the Nice Bar Association team of rugby for 10 years.



Lawyers from Nice and Bordeaux joined in June 2007 for the France Bar Association Championship of Rugby.



Laurent Auricoste
Unijuris, Nice,
France

Last June, the team of Laurent Auricoste finished second in the national Bar association championship of rugby organised in Toulouse. The next Bar association tournament will take place in Spring 2008 in Bordeaux and Laurent says he will do his best to make his team win this time!

The first Lawyers'rugby World Cup

The Paris Bar Association's Rugby Team is organising the first Lawyer's Rugby World Cup in September in Paris, during the preliminary phase of the Rugby World Cup.

Bar Associations of London, Dublin, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Auckland and Rome have agreed to participate in the event.

Spitting image

Many thanks to Laurent and Thomas for being our "victims" this time!

From left to right:
Laurent Auricoste
(Some years ago)
Unijuris
Nice,
France
Alain Chabat
(French actor)



Thomas Normand
Juristes Associés du Nord
Lille,
France
Ron Howard
(Young)

