

INTRODUCTION

The XXth World Congress of Comparative Law will be held in Fukuoka in 2018, organised by the International Academy of Comparative Law. It is the first time the congress will be held in Asia. The programme offers a broad spectrum of topics. The conference will be highly stimulating and fruitful for all those involved: national reporters, general reporters and all other participants.

The interest in comparative law has steadily been growing in many regions of the world. This is not only visible in proposals to harmonise or unify legislation between different jurisdictions, but it is also visible in purely national legislation. Many legislators appoint expert groups who work on draft legislation based on solid comparative research. More and more, comparative law finds its way into national legislation, learning from the experiences in other jurisdictions.

A comparative legal analysis of a large number of jurisdictions demands setting up a network of national reporters who write an in-depth report about their own jurisdiction. The Netherlands Comparative Law Association is therefore grateful to all Dutch national reporters who were willing to write a report. The national reporters provided clear and informative insights in the development of Dutch law in the designated areas. These reports have not only been important for the general reporters on the relevant topic, but will remain important for future comparative research done by other researchers. This is especially true for the Dutch reports, as the Dutch language is a barrier to many comparative lawyers. This is the reason why, every four years, the Netherlands Comparative Law Association publishes all Dutch reports in a volume.

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