

## **Board of Directors. Paris, 4th NOVEMBER 2011**

### **Reports of several national sections on their current activities.**

**Romania.** The Ministry of Justice of Romania has implemented a project entitled "Promotion of mediation in cross-border civil affairs" for 2011/2012 to promote mediation in cross-border matters which will last 20 months to disseminate awareness of mediation practices.

GEMME Romania held a large and successful annual conference in Craiova on the 23rd September 2011 and would hold a training session for Romanian judges on the 17-18th October 2011.

**Portugal.** Efforts were being made to hold meetings with judges.

**Germany.** GEMME Germany organised training for judges on the 17-19th June 2011.

**Netherlands.** This section as a working group of the Council for the Judiciary is consulted on ongoing legal reforms in the Netherlands and in particular the implementation of the EC Directive and the introduction of mediation in criminal cases.

**France.** The French section had organised an International Conference in Fort of France in November 2011 and will be holding a symposium in Aix en Provence between 3-7th July 2012 followed by a training session for judges.

Gemme-France is publishing a guide on mediation for Judges (The publisher is L'Harmattan).

**Hungary.** The judicial mediation Academy organised training for judges in collaboration with GEMME. The Hungarian section participates in a working group on mediation in Brussels and a national association of Hungarian judges has been created. The section anticipates holding an international conference on Family Mediation in 2012.

**Switzerland.** There is now enacted a new law on mediation. Mediation is now part of the legal process at the federal court level. Jean Mirimanoff has published a book entitled "Mediation in the legal order of Switzerland".

**Czech Republic** has organised two meetings on the transposition of the Directive.

**Italy.** An international seminar was organised in Catania in October 2011.

Francoise Thieullent was appointed assistant treasurer to assist the treasurer over the period until the next General Assembly.

GEMME granted permission to GEMME-France to enter into a contract about the film of the first Conference on Judicial Mediation held in Paris in October 2009 with the publishing house L'Harmattan.

GEMME will organise a **European Conference in Paris on the 11th May 2012**

The Romanian, Bulgarian, Hungarian, French sections has the project to organise **a cruise on the Danube** to discuss developments in the field of mediation.

**The Romanian section will organise its annual conference in Bralovin in October 2012.**

It is proposed to establish a Foundation to raise awareness of and promote scientific research into mediation.

It was agreed that the next board meeting and General Assembly should take place in Paris on 12th May 2012.