



Dear members of the Institute,

Your vote has confirmed me in the office of IETL President and I wish to thank you for the confidence you placed in me at the General Assembly and the ballot. With the support of my two deputies, Vice Presidents Holger Backu and Dr Martin Metzler, I look forward to the next three years of new challenges the Institute will be facing if it is to maintain its status as an eminent forum for debate on issues of European traffic law.

To prepare for such challenges, we have initiated some changes to the organisational structure and distribution of tasks within the Board of Directors. By appointing a General Manager who will run the Institute's administration on behalf of the Board of Directors we aim to make the management of the Institute more efficient. I am very happy that Alain Kunz has agreed to assume this role. We must congratulate Alain Kunz on doing an excellent job as the IETL's 'minister of finances'. I am confident that the management of the Institute is safe in his hands.

In October 2017, we saw a very successful 18th edition of the European Traffic Law Days in Vienna, attended by 250 paying participants. You will find a conference report in this number of VOX.

I would ask you as early as today to mark your calendars for the 19th European Traffic Law Days (4 and 5 October 2018 in Naples/Italy) and the 2018 annual General Assembly (on 4 October 2018, also in Naples). We will provide timely information on the conference schedule and other Institute events in the upcoming editions of VOX, on the IETL home page and in the social media.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a smaller loop and a final flourish.

Dr. Hélène Béjui-Hugues, IETL President