

## Conference 5-8 March 2013 Heidelberg, Germany "Recovery of maintenance in the EU and worldwide"















# Newsletter of the Global Network : Child Support Worldwide

Dear colleagues, dear friends, dear "networkers" all over the world:

Expect some great news and very exciting information this time.

### Book on "Recovery of Maintenance in the EU and worldwide" soon available

Following on from the Heidelberg Conference, we are pleased to announce that the book: "Recovery of Maintenance in the EU and Worldwide", which has resulted from the research activities of the University of Aberdeen led by Professor Paul Beaumont (and Lara Walker) and the University of Heidelberg led by Prof. Dr. Burkhard Hess (and Stefanie Spancken) will be released in late summer. The book describes in detail the development and results of the research carried out.

You can already get your first glimpse at the book <u>here</u>. Details on how/where to order the book and further substantive insights follow in upcoming newsletters

#### Namibian study on maintenance orders and payments

In addition to that, we would like to present a very interesting **Namibian** study titled: Maintenance Matters – An Assessment of the Operation of Namibia's Maintenance Act 9 of 2003:

In 2013, the **Legal Assistance Centre (LAC)** in Windhoek, Namibia, published a study on the application of the Namibian Maintenance Act 9 of 2003. The study assesses the application of the Maintenance Act and focuses on whether the Act is serving its intended purpose effectively. The study also contains a review of the importance of maintenance, a summary of how the Namibian Maintenance Act was developed, an analysis of some of the Act's key provisions, a review of international practice regarding maintenance legislation and recommendations for

fine-tuning the Namibian law and regulations and for improving the implementation of the Act.

For more information on the study, the **LAC** and the authors of the study please click here.

#### International Conference on the recovery of maintenance

Under the title "Child Maintenance - International Perspectives and Policy Challenges - An ESCR International Research Seminar Series" the University of York is organizing seminars on child support policy. The first two seminars will open the series which will run over two years (2014-2016) and will be led by international experts from Great Britain, Iceland, Finland, Germany and the USA. The aim of the series is to impart knowledge and open up debate about different child support systems operating in different countries, to explore the similarities and differences between them and to discuss the key issues of concern over the policy approaches and challenges in dealing with the financial consequences of parental separation and family breakdown.

The title of the first two seminars is 'First Principles: Comparative Legal Frameworks and Public Attitudes' and will be on the 27th and 28th of March 2014 at the **Nuffield Foundation** in London.

**Registration** is required to participate because **places are free** but limited. Please visit the web link and register as soon as possible:

http://www.york.ac.uk/spsw/research/child-maintenance-esrc-seminars/

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