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## AACC SRD Newsletter, July 2023

Dear AACC members,

Greetings from Seoul!

Looking back on the first half of 2023, this newsletter highlights some of the recent activities and planning of the AACC SRD.

Yours sincerely,

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### 1. The 4<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of the AACC SRD

From 29 May to 1 June 2023, the AACC SRD successfully held its 4<sup>th</sup> International Symposium. As the pandemic has ended, this was the first in-person conference held by the AACC SRD since 2019. Just as in previous years, this conference was closely linked to the AACC SRD's annual book project, sharing the same title: "Access to Justice: Constitutional Perspectives". In addition to AACC members, special guest institutions were also present at this Justice-level event. These were the Constitutional Court of Algeria and the Supreme Court of New Zealand.



The Symposium was structured via three main sessions: 1) *individual access to constitutional justice*, 2) *current issues on access to justice*, and 3) *constitutional rights ensuring access to justice*. These were followed by a concluding General Session, where the chairs of the above three sessions were invited to sum up the discussions from their respective sessions and provide additional perspectives. Thanks to the valuable contributions by AACC members and the two guest institutions, the event proved to be a fruitful exchange of information and insights on the AACC SRD's 2023 research topic. The planned book on "Access to Justice: Constitutional Perspectives" will be published in December 2023. In the second half of this year, the AACC SRD looks forward to working with AACC members during the book's editing process.

## 2. Appointment of new Deputy Secretary Generals

As announced by the Secretary General of the AACC SRD at the recent AACC Board of Members Meeting, held online on 5 June 2023, the AACC SRD has appointed two new Deputy Secretary Generals:

### Mrs. Porntipa Swaisuwanwong

- Secretary General of the Constitutional Court of the **Kingdom of Thailand**

### Mr. Marat Dzhamankulov

- Secretary General of the Constitutional Court of the **Kyrgyz Republic**



The role of the Deputy Secretary Generals is a non-standing and honorary position. They provide support and advice regarding the activities of the AACC SRD. Through this appointment, the AACC SRD strives to strengthen the working relationship between the AACC, the AACC SRD and all AACC member institutions.

## 3. New financial support opportunity for secondment

The AACC SRD's secondment program has been operating in accordance with the mandate of the amended Article 22 of the AACC Statute, as agreed by AACC members at the Board of Members Meeting in August 2016. Therefore, every AACC member is entitled to send seconded officers to the AACC SRD.

According to Elaboration 3.7. of the amended Article 22 of the AACC Statute, the home institutions of seconded officers will be entirely responsible for the costs of secondment.

Recognizing the value and expertise that seconded officers bring, the AACC SRD has been actively exploring external financial support opportunities, including private sponsorships, to connect with seconded officers who are interested in joining research activities at the AACC SRD in Seoul.



We are pleased to announce that the AACC SRD has successfully secured external funding support by signing a MOU with the **HONGJINGI Legal Research Foundation** in Korea in July 2023. This funding will provide support for living costs (1,000,000 Korean won per month) and one round-trip economy flight ticket for one seconded officer during the period of one year. By providing some financial support, it can offer our seconded officers a certain degree of financial assistance, although it may only cover living costs to a limited extent in Seoul.

Financial Support	Amount (Korean Won)
Living Costs (per month)	1,000,000
Round Trip Economy Flight Fees	As per actual expenses
Period	1 year

Any member of the AACC can assign their staff for secondment to the AACC SRD, where seconded officers participate in joint research projects and contribute to drafting research papers. The AACC SRD warmly welcomes applications for the secondment program from interested staff from AACC members. For more information, please contact our liaison officer, Ms. Sora Kang ([kgsora@ccourt.go.kr](mailto:kgsora@ccourt.go.kr)), who will be able to provide you with more comprehensive information.