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Member, Education Committee, Institute of Parliamentary and Political Law

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Dear Colleagues,
Chèr(e)s Collègues,

INVITATION

The Institute of Parliamentary and Political Law (IPPL) / Institut de droit parlementaire et politique (IDPP) is establishing an Education Committee, which should begin functioning shortly. Following extensive consultation with prospective participants, the first purpose of this message is to invite you to join the Committee. I would also like to ask you to participate in the Committee’s initial meeting.

The first meeting of the Education Committee is tentatively scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at noon Eastern time. That is 9 am in Vancouver and 6 pm in Europe. This will be a virtual meeting, to be held by teleconference. The purpose of the meeting will be to set a work program for the Committee, based on the options set out below. Please indicate a) your consent to participation on the Committee, and b) whether the timing of this proposed meeting suits you, by replying to this message. If your answers are affirmative, please send me the telephone number at which you can be reached for this meeting. If your reply to the second question is negative, please suggest an alternative date and time.

Several senior officers of the Institute, as well as the deans of law at McGill and Osgoode are ex officio members of the Committee. In my capacity as Executive Director of the IPPL, I will also participate.

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out its work in part through its Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law / Revue de droit parlementaire et politique (JPPL), about which a brochure is attached.

Those being invited to join are:

- Professor Hugh Brady, University of Texas School of Law, Austin
- Professor Adam Dodé, University of Ottawa, Ottawa
- Mr. Arthur Grant, Partner, Grant Kovacs Norell, Vancouver
- University Professor Ian Greene, York University, Toronto
- Mr. Ian Harris, former Clerk, House of Representatives, Canberra
- Ms. Patricia Hughes, Executive Director, Law Commission of Ontario, Toronto
- Mr. John-Mark Keyes, Chief Legislative Counsel, Justice Canada, Ottawa
- Professor Hoi Kong, Faculty of Law, McGill University, Montreal
- M. Lionel Levert, Consultant, Ottawa
- Ms. Alison Loat, Executive Director, Samara Canada, Toronto
- Professor Heather Maclvor, University of Windsor, Windsor
- Mme Mireille Miniglio, Forum on Canadian Democracy, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa
- Professor Chris Moll, Director, European Academy for Law and Legislation, The Hague
- Ms. Deborah Palumbo, Assistant Senate Ethics Officer, The Senate of Canada, Ottawa
- Mr. Seth Barettil Tillman, Federal Law Clerk, US District Court, District of New Jersey, Newark
- Mr. Alan Treleavan, Director of Education and Practice, Law Society of B.C., Vancouver

Ex Officio Members are:

- Mr. Rob Walsh, Chair, Board of Directors, Institute of Parliamentary and Political Law, Ottawa
- Dean Christopher Axworthy, President, Institute of Parliamentary and Political Law, Kamloops
- Ms. Lisa Marrello, Vice-President, Institute of Parliamentary and Political Law, Montreal
- Dean Daniel Jutras, Faculty of Law, McGill University, Montreal
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BACKGROUND

The IPPL understands “parliamentary and political law” to be that branch of public law which is affiliated to, but distinct from, the subjects traditionally defined as constitutional law and administrative law. Thus, the Institute does not focus on federalism, Charter issues or judicial review. Rather, it focuses an interdisciplinary, comparative and comprehensive perspective on public law topics relating to the institutions of Parliament, government and the judiciary, as well as on