

Editorial

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The University of the Faroe Islands is now offering an M.A. in law. With this step we have achieved the goals set by those of us who founded the Association of Faroese Law Students and Faroese Law Review Society.

We organised these societies in order to develop the Faroese jurisdiction and head towards research and teaching based on Faroese law and Faroese conditions.

We have achieved in the last few years the availability of courses on a post grad level, which have been accepted as part of the M.A. in political science at the University of the Faroe Islands, as part of the cand. jur. at the University of Copenhagen and as part of other Danish advanced programs, and which are now forming the basis for our own M.A. in law at the University of the Faroe Islands.

At the same time, the Basic Course in Law has won the place as a framework for legal administration in the Faroe Islands; around 600 people (out of a population of 48,000) have taken this course, which on undergraduate level provides an introduction into the method of lawyers and offers an opportunity to communicate with lawyers and read legal materials. Together with the Basic Administrative Law course, the one-year undergrad diploma in social administration, and other initiatives, we have succeeded in laying the groundwork for Faroese administration – as well for students on the various social science programs as for people with other backgrounds in private and public administration.

The progress in so many fields has, however, meant a certain draw-back for the Law Review. Since 2007, the society has been unable to publish the law review. During this period, it has been possible to publish text books, find opportunity for Faroese lawyers in Danish and international editions, as well as the submission of many good papers on Faroese law at the University of the Faroe Islands and elsewhere, so that the production of relevant materials has increased during the last few years. Regrettably these achievements did not include the continued publication of the FLR.

Therefore, it is our great joy to restart the publication of articles on Faroese issues based on research and teaching in the Faroese Islands, in addition to other materials relevant to the Faroese jurisdiction.

The Faroese Law Review Society has placed itself in the hands of the University of the Faroe Islands and placed in trust both its treasure and materials. We expect to see the collected works deposited on www.flr.fo and www.setur.fo/flr and that

future publications will take place annually in paper form and consecutively on the web.

It remains only to meet two challenges. The first is materials, which will probably be available, as it is provided that the master students in law shall write a publishable article as part of the program, and many excellent papers have already been submitted, in addition to the many gifted lawyers that are interested in Faroese issues. The second challenge is to organise. Our vision was from the beginning that the students would be the driving force behind the Law Review, as is the case in many English-language jurisdictions and in Iceland.

We who rejoice in the achievements hitherto, hereby call on the next generation of lawyers to set new goals for the Faroese Law Review.