## **BILETA 2017 Call for Papers**

Dr. Anabela Susana de Sousa Gonçalves, Assistant Professor at the University of Minho, has provided this piece of information to be shared with CoL readers. BILETA stands for British and Irish Law Education and Technology Association.

The Law School of the University of Minho (Braga, Portugal) will be hosting the BILETA Annual Conference, held from Thursday 20th to Friday 21st of April 2017.

The theme of the conference is: International perspectives on emerging challenges in Law, Technology and Education.

## Keynote speakers will be:

- Professor Joe Cannataci: UN Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy
- Professor Jose-Luis Pinar: Professor of Administrative Law, CEU University of Madrid. Former Director of the Spanish Data Protection Agency (2002-2007). Former Vice-Chairman of the European Group of Data Protection Commissioners (Art. 29 Working Party Data Protection) (2003-2007)
- Professor Burkhard Schafer: Professor of Computational Legal Theory,
  The University of Edinburgh

In relation to this conference postgraduate students have the opportunity to enter two postgrad competitions. To do so they need to submit a *full paper* (6-10,000 words) by the deadline of the 31st of March. Three papers will be chosen to compete for the Google award, which will involve defending the work in a session at the conference and a public vote. The remaining papers will go forward for the BILETA award, to be selected by the BILETA Exec. Please indicate on submission of the abstract whether you aim to enter the competitions.

Abstracts of around 400-500 words are welcome on any area relating to the conference theme, with key areas including:

- Society, Business and Data Protection
- Intellectual Property Rights in the Information Society
- International challenges in IT regulation
- Private International Law solutions for the emerging challenges in Law

## and Technology

- E-commerce
- Public policies and governance in ICT Law
- Dispute resolution and management in virtual environments
- Technology and criminal investigation
- New technological platforms and education in law
- Smart environments in educational contexts
- Smart cities: ethical and legal challenges
- Multicultural Societies, Integration and ICT Law

The deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2017. Abstracts should be emailed to: bileta2017@gmail.com

Please contact Catherine Easton c.easton@lancaster.ac.uk if you have any general queries about the conference.

In addition, BILETA 2017 will feature special panels such as a discussion on the impact of Brexit on the development of UK and EU Information Technology Law

For travelling, accommodation and further relevant details please click here.