



Dear IOJT Members:

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the 8th International Conference on the Training of the Judiciary, November 5-9, 2017 in Manila, Philippines. The Philippine Judicial Academy will be hosting this year's conference, marking the first time the International Organization for Judicial Training (IOJT) Conference will be held in the Far East.

The IOJT was established in 2002 to promote the rule of law by considering common issues for the training and education of judges, promoting and advancing cooperation among judicial training institutes, and facilitating the international exchange of information. IOJT has grown to represent 126 member institutes worldwide hosting an international conference every two years. Today IOJT membership represents over 80 countries.

The Conference features three-and-a-half days of rigorous educational sessions and networking events including a day trip to the Philippine Judicial Academy in beautiful Tagaytay. Speakers will include senior judicial officials and judicial education leaders from a diverse array of countries. This year's academic program will include the presentation of International Judicial Training Principles developed by a distinguished IOJT Work Group.

The IOJT Conference Program Committee is issuing a call for speakers to submit papers for presentation at the November meeting in Manila. The theme for this year's conference is **Judicial Education 2025 – Core Values and Future Innovations**. The education program will include plenary meetings and over 15 parallel sessions designed to discuss best practices, emerging issues and innovations.

The Conference Program Committee is seeking presenters for the following subjects:

- **The Organization and Structure of Judicial Training Institutes** – includes presentations for preparing judicial teams; structures for safeguarding independence of JTIs; who should train judges; external trainers and the intersection with law schools; who should develop the curriculum; relationships between JTIs and the top judicial bodies; organizational structure;
- **Training Methods and Goals** – Experimental education methods; technical methods; dealing with judicial stress; who should train the trainers; leadership and mentoring skills; advanced studies for judges;
- **Evaluation of Judicial Training** – The Kirkpatrick model; electronic evaluation; interactive methods for evaluation; going beyond post-event questionnaires;
- **Emerging Challenges** – response of the judicial branch; insight from Academia; terrorism; human trafficking, cybersecurity; digital evidence; personal and court security; dealing with the media and the public; court management; ADR and use of mediation in Judicial Dispute Resolution (JDR) in training judges; security and integrity of judicial websites and information against hacking, etc.

Plenary sessions and concurrent sessions held in the plenary room will include simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Spanish. Otherwise, English is the official language of the conference sessions.

If you wish to submit a paper for presentation on these or other topics, please submit them to iojt.2017phils@gmail.com. Please visit the IOJT website www.iojt.org for complete conference information and registration.

I hope to see you in Manila at the 8th International Conference on the Training of the Judiciary.

Best regards,
Judge Eliezer Rivlin
President, IOJT