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INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF COMPARATIVE LAW WELCOME NOTE

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On behalf of the International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL) – its full membership as well as its executive committee – I warmly welcome the *Russian Law Journal* to the world of comparative legal scholarship and inquiry. Comparative law may be more difficult to undertake today than in years past, due to the emergence of so many new nations and regional groupings, but it is for that very reason more important than ever.

Countries vary widely in the extent to which legal developments within their borders come to the attention of comparative lawyers world-wide and thus become part of international legal discourse. A publication like the *Russian Law Journal* will do wonders to combat the ignorance that sometimes results.

I wish to add only that the Academy depends for the accomplishment of its main mission – the quadrennial world congress (such as is coming up in Vienna in July) and the intermediate thematic congresses (such as the Taiwan congress in 2012 and the upcoming Uruguay congress in 2016) – on national committees from as many participating countries as possible. The *Russian Law Journal* cannot help but enrich and inspire the Academy's all-important Russian national committee.

Welcome to the enterprise!