



On the initiative of a number of Members of the Court of Justice, a *Liber Amicorum* will be presented to Mr Vassilios Skouris to celebrate his 12 years at the head of the institution

The presentation of the collection will be made at a colloquium to be held on 8 June 2015 in the presence of senior national judges, representatives of the European institutions and other notable persons

On the occasion of Mr Vassilios Skouris' completion of 12 years as President of the Court of Justice of the European Union, a committee of Members of the Court has sponsored the publication of a *Liber Amicorum* containing the contributions of a number of Members and former Members of the Court who have held office under the Presidency of Mr Skouris. The *Liber Amicorum* will be presented on 8 June to Mr Skouris by Mr Antonio Tizzano, President of that committee as the Father of the institution, following a half-day colloquium on the topic 'The Court of Justice of the EU under the Presidency of Vassilios Skouris'.

On this occasion, a number of notable people who have, in the course of their work, had contact with the Court and thus contributed to its activities between 2003 and 2015 will speak, with Mr Jean-Marc Sauvé, Vice-President of the French Council of State, kindly acting as Chairman. In addition to Mr Sauvé, a number of judges of the national Constitutional and Supreme Courts, also members of the committee provided for under Article 255 TFEU, will, in turn, mark the event, such as Mr Andreas Voßkuhle, President of the German Federal Constitutional Court, Ms Pauline Koskelo, former President of the Supreme Court of Finland and Judge at the European Court of Human Rights, Lord Mance, Judge at the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom and Mr Péter Paczolay, former President of the Constitutional Court of Hungary.

Three representatives of the European institutions, namely Mr Freddy Drexler, Jurisconsult of the European Parliament, Mr Hubert Legal, Director-General of the Legal Service and Legal Adviser to the Council of the European Union, and Mr Luis Romero Requena, Director-General of the European Commission Legal Service, will also deliver addresses followed by Mr Inguss Kalniņš, in his capacity as Agent for the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, and Ms Maria Slazak, President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe.

Finally, Mr Marc Jaeger, President of the General Court and Mr Sean van Raepenbusch, President of the Civil Service Tribunal, will close the tributes to Mr Skouris.

Having taken up his duties on 8 June 1999 as Judge at the Court of Justice, , exactly 16 years ago to the day of the colloquium, Mr Vassilios Skouris, of Greek nationality, has been President of the Court since 7 October 2003 and thus has represented the institution as a whole for almost 12 years. He is finishing his final term of office and will therefore leave the Court of Justice at the next partial renewal of the Judges, in October 2015.

The colloquium will be rebroadcast live on Monday, 8 June from 14:15 on the following site: <http://conference.connectedviews.com/Live.aspx?i=cdj>.

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