INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

For a second time in a short history of our journal, we are presenting Czech national reports prepared for International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL). For the first time we did so in 2012 on the occasion of Second Thematic Congress of IACL held in Taipei. This year 19th Congress of IACL will take place in Vienna and Czech participation is supposed to be very strong.

For this year Congress of the IACL, Czech scholars prepared national reports in most topics. Our participation is historically the highest covering legal history, general legal theory, comparative law, legal education, civil law, private international law, civil procedure, commercial law, intellectual property, labor law, air and maritime law, public international law, constitutional law, human rights, tax law and penal law. Contributions contained in the present volume are thus covering various fields of Czech law in context of europeanisation and globalization.

This year we were honored to prepare European special report for the section "Limitations on government debt and public deficit" which is published as a first contribution to this special volume. Following this special report we are offering selected Czech national reports from different legal disciplines. A selection has not been done artificially but it is reflecting a wish of some general reporters that national reports should be published exclusively following the Congress in special editions or monographs. This was particularly the case of international private or public law. In accordance with the position of Czech committee of the IACL we fully respected such a standpoint.

Like in 2012, we believe that a special issue of The Lawyer Quarterly will be particularly for our foreign readers an important source to get acquainted with recent development of Czech legal theory and practice.

Professor Monika Pauknerová Chair of the Czech branch of International Academy of Comparative Law

Professor Michal Tomášek Head of Editorial Board of The Lawyer Quarterly