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### NEW IAP GENERAL COUNSEL



#### **20<sup>th</sup> Annual conference and General Meeting of the IAP, Zurich, Switzerland, September 2015**

The IAP Executive Committee presented Dr. Rasmus H. Wandall to the General Meeting as the IAP's new General Counsel. Wandall assumed the new role immediately after the Annual conference, September 18, 2015.

The IAP is a worldwide association that brings together prosecutors and prosecution authorities in 172 countries. Its core mission is to raise the standard of prosecution globally.

"I am deeply honored by the nomination and appointment. And I am extremely excited to be part of this unique global forum of prosecutors – and a rapidly growing one – that sets a high global standard, which constantly pursues new and innovative professional solutions to the benefit of members and organizations in the 172 countries we are represented in, and does its part to raise the standard of prosecution globally in pursuance of rule of law and in respect of human rights. I will do my best to serve the association in its missions," said Wandall.

Wandall succeeds Elisabeth Howe, who retired from the IAP and from the Crown Prosecution Service September 2015. Wandall's nomination and appointment is part of a rigorous and comprehensive nomination process. The many qualified applicants were evaluated by a committee of executive members. A select group was interviewed and the complete executive committee nominated Wandall in unanimity.

"I can think of no one better for this central position as General Counsel. Wandall is a recognized international legal scholar, a gifted lawyer and prosecutor, a brilliant diplomat and a dedicated servant. He has a unique ability to grasp and embrace the many legal, cultural, and political differences across the globe and to bring them together in a meaningful way that serves to benefit common goals. At a time when our association is growing significantly and the demand for professional leadership is as high as ever, Wandall is the perfect choice to assist the IAP in its important missions", says Gerhard Jarosch, President of the IAP.

Prior to his appointment, Wandall combined scholarly work with hands-on experience with legal reform in justice systems. He was prosecutor and a senior advisor to the Danish Director of Public Prosecution from 2007 to 2011 and since then lived four years in Ethiopia, where he, next to his research assisted the Ministry of Justice and the Federal Supreme Court in legal governance of prosecution services and in developing legal tools and strategies to govern criminal sentencing.

Wandall brings with him more than a decade long experience in combining legal practice and scholarship on three continents. After completing his PhD he was awarded a post doctoral Hauser Global Research Fellow at the New York University Law School. He was since a Robbins post doctoral fellow at the University of California at Berkeley, a visiting scholar at the University of Oxford, and an assistant research professor at the University of Copenhagen. He has been a guest researcher and speaker at universities in North America, Europe, Africa and Asia, and until this month senior research fellow at the University of Bergen. He has published extensively in the area of comparative criminal procedure and empirical legal studies. Combining legal practice and reform, he was prosecutor and senior advisor to the Danish Director of Public Prosecution for five years (2007-2011) where he helped design and implement new legal knowledge management systems and quality assessment systems in the prosecution system. Recently, he lived and worked four years in Ethiopia (2012-2015), where he combined extensive comparative empirical research into criminal justice administration with assisting the leadership in the justice sector in designing tools and building institutions for legal governance. Among others he spearheaded a new and complete set of draft guidelines for all prosecutors. Wandall holds a Bachelor of Law (1997), a Master's of Laws (2001) and a PhD in legal studies (2004).