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In Memoriam

Dr. Peter T.M. Coenen (1981–2015)

Shortly before this book was published, one of its editors and authors, Peter Coenen, passed away aged 34. Peter was assistant professor of Constitutional Law at Maastricht University's Department of Public Law. Prior to that he worked at the School of Law at the University of Lucerne.

Peter was passionate about sport, but above all he was an academic. His specialism, legal responses to public disorder at football matches, demanded measured and calm scholarly investigation. Peter provided exactly that.

This book was conceived of by Peter. In bringing together authors from eight European nations, it stands as an important scholarly contribution to the discipline, as it is the first comparative analysis of legal responses to football crowd violence and disorder. Equally, it stands as a fitting tribute to Peter, but also a tragic reminder that the sports law community has lost an outstanding scholar.

At the time of Peter's passing, he was preparing to defend his Ph.D. thesis at Edge Hill University. In his thesis, Peter explored the legislation on football-related disorder in England and Wales and in the Netherlands. He urged caution on the use of football banning orders and argued that the European Union should acknowledge the deficiencies of the English and Dutch approaches before taking action in this area. As Peter had submitted his thesis, the Graduate School Board of Studies at Edge Hill University agreed to continue with the examination process. As his Director of Studies, I am grateful to Peter's examiners for having agreed to this.

The conferral of a posthumous doctorate award is in recognition of Peter's scholarly excellence. It does, however, once again remind us of the loss we have suffered, both personally and professionally. In some small way, I hope this award brings some comfort to Peter's wife Xiaolu and his children Julian and Emily.

October 2015

Professor Richard Parrish

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