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The results of the meeting of the Board of Directors, which was held in Paris on 22 March 1991, may be summarized as follows. Generally, the Board has elaborated some principles of general policy along which the IISL should develop. The Institute should engage in studies which could lead to law-making, similar to the Institut de Droit International. The work of the IISL should be concrete and realistic, and deal with problems that face humanity today. Abstract and futuristic topics - although fascinating and interesting - may be addressed, but the primary attention of the Institute should be directed to topics of immediate importance for states and individuals. More specifically, the following was discussed at the meeting.

IISL Colloquium 1991 in Montreal, Canada, 7-12 October 1991

The following sessions will be held:

Session 1 Legal aspects of settlements on the Moon and Mars - Tuesday, 8 Oct.
Chairman: Dr. N.M. Matte (Canada)

Session 2 Definitional issues in space law (only invited lectures) - Wednesday, 9 Oct.
Chairman: Prof. Stephen Gorove (USA)

Session 3 Legal implications of nuclear power for satellites - Thursday, 10 Oct.
Chairman: Prof. Dr. K.H. Böckstiegel (Germany)

Session 4 Other legal subjects - Friday, 11 Oct.
Chairman: Prof. Dr. V.S. Vereshchetin (USSR).

The Board meeting will be held after the session on Tuesday 8 October, and the General Meeting of Members after the last session, on Friday 11 October.

At the moment, already more than 50 papers have been registered for the Colloquium. The Secretary will write to all authors, confirming registration of their paper and send them the kit for abstracts, should they wish one to be included in the IAF Book of Abstracts. She will also send the authors' addresses to Mrs. Godette, who will mail them the mats on May 31st.

The IISL policy concerning abstracts is still being discussed. Some members have fulfilled the requirement expressed in the last Newsletter, that an abstract was mandatory and would be considered

in the selection of papers. But others have, as in past years, only sent in the title of their paper. It was decided that this year all proposed papers would still be accepted. However, as of Washington, abstracts will be decisive for the acceptance of a paper.

The following information is required from authors who wish to submit papers for the Montreal Colloquium, and this information should be mailed to Mrs. Masson-Zwaan at the Paris headquarters' address:

1. Name, title and address of the author
2. Title of the paper
3. Designation of the Session in which the paper is to be presented
4. An abstract of not to exceed 250 words

To be included in the Final Program, this information must be received no later than May 15, 1991. The full text of the papers must be typed in English on special mats and must be received by September 1, 1991, by Mrs. Jeanne Godette, Managing Editor Book Publications, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024, USA. Authors are also requested to send two copies of their papers, upon completion, in whatever form then available, to the Paris headquarters' office, and to bring 50-100 copies of their paper for distribution at the Colloquium. Acceptance of a paper for the Colloquium does not necessarily imply its publication in the Proceedings. An author whose paper is published in the Proceedings will receive a copy of the Proceedings without charge.

IISL Colloquium 1992 in Washington DC, USA, August 28 - September 5, 1992

The following topics were agreed for the Washington Colloquium:

Session 1 Emerging and future supplements to space law - Papers are invited describing newly emerging national laws, bilateral agreements, international agreements and regional arrangements relating to activities in space, or addressing the needs for supplements to the existing space law, or supplements not covered by these instruments.

Chairman: Dr. C.Q. Christol (USA)

Session 2 Managing environmental issues, including space debris - Papers are invited dealing with legal aspects of environmental impacts of space activities, including but not limited to aspects of managing space debris.

Chairman: Dr. N. Jasentuliyana (United Nations/Sri Lanka)

Session 3 Legal regulation of economic uses of outer space - Papers are invited to address subjects which arise in the economic activities of states and private enterprises. The discussion of specific issues in detail is recommended.

Chairman: Dr. V. Kopal (Czechoslovakia)

Session 4 Other legal subjects - Authors may suggest their topics.

Chairman: t.b.d.

The sessions will take place on Tuesday, 1 September 1992; Thursday, 3 September 1992; and Friday, 4 September 1992. A special day is being organized by the US IISL members on Wednesday, 2 September 1992. The provisional programme of the day consists of a space law moot court presentation, a luncheon and excursions to the Supreme Court and the Library of Congress.

The following information is required from authors who wish to submit papers for the Washington Colloquium, and this information should be mailed to Mrs. Masson-Zwaan at the Paris headquarters' address:

1. Name, title and address of the author
2. Title of the paper
3. Designation of the Session in which the paper is to be presented
4. An abstract of not to exceed 250 words is mandatory.

The abstract is to be decisive for the acceptance of papers. The information must be received in Paris by February 1, 1992. The reason for this early date is that the international Programme Committee meetings of the IAF and the IISL Board of Directors meeting will be held in Paris early February 1992.

Papers must be typed in English on special mats which will be provided in due time by the publisher.

Financial situation

The treasurer, Dr. Bourély reported that the financial situation was sound and that the accounts show the following balance as of February 1991: French account:: frs. 3045.01 in the current account and frs 23.000 in bonds; US account:: \$12,688.94. The profit from the Proceedings from July 1 until December 31 1990 was, according to the AIAA sales report: US \$2,135.55.

Current activities of the Institute

Proceedings Colloquium Dresden

The Proceedings will be published as usual in May, and the price will be the same as for the past five issues, viz. \$29.50 for Members and \$59.50 for Non-members.

There have been a lot of problems with the discussion tapes of the Dresden Colloquium, and Dr. Jasentuliyana regrets that he will not be able to continue this task in the future. In order to avoid further problems, without completely abandoning the publication of discussions, the Board decided that IISL members in the countries of the next two Colloquia would be asked to select four capable law students to make a report of written notes handed in after the discussion.

Proceedings Colloquium Montreal

The Montreal Proceedings will be dedicated to Prof. Diederiks-Verschoor.

Newsletter

The Board herewith invites IISL Members to submit relevant information to the Secretary for inclusion in future issues of the Newsletter (e.g. news about symposia, national legal developments, COPUOS developments, etc.). In order to be included in the next Newsletter, which will be issued after the Montreal Colloquium, such information must have been received by the Secretary by September 15, 1991. The Board preserves the right to decide which information will be published.

Meetings of COPUOS

The following persons have been appointed as official IAF observers for the COPUOS Legal Subcommittee to be held at the New York UN Headquarters: Dr. Stephen Doyle, Dr. Eilene Galloway, Dr. Martin Menter and Dr. Stephen Gorove. During the meeting of the COPUOS Legal Subcommittee, a special IISL Seminar will be held on 'Current developments in aerospace insurance'. Prof. Jonathan Galloway and Dr. V. Kopal have been appointed as official IAF observers for the June plenary session of COPUOS, to be held in Graz (Austria).

New members

The following new members were elected:

1) Ms. JoAnn C. Clayton
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Election of Directors

The terms of office of the following Directors expire in 1991: Prof. K.H. Böckstiegel, Germany, Dr. S. Gorove, USA, Dr. He Qizhi, China, Prof. V.S. Vereshchetin, USSR, Dr. Wyzner, Poland. A Nomination Committee consisting of Dr. V. Kopal, Dr. B. Bakotic and Prof. P.P.C. Haanappel has been appointed.

Certificates

It was decided that no certificate would be awarded during the Montreal Colloquium.

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Contributions

Although IISL does not raise any membership fee, the costs and efforts required to ensure the proper functioning of the Institute are considerable. Members are therefore reminded that voluntary contributions to the Institute are most welcome. Contributions in US \$ should be sent to Dr. Eilene Galloway, 4612, 29th Place N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, USA. Contributions in any other currency should be made by bank transfer to the

Européenne de Banque, ESA Building, 3-5, rue Mario Nikis, 75015 Paris, France, account no. 100 435 401 01, c/o 'Sté.F.D.A.S.', mentioning "IISL Contribution".

How to order Proceedings

All members of the IISL are entitled to purchase copies of the Proceedings and at a substantial discount. Issues from 1959 to date are available from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). Issues from 1979 (Munich Colloquium) through 1984 (Lausanne Colloquium) retail for \$ 50.00 an issue with IISL member issue price of \$ 25.00; issues from 1985 (Stockholm) through 1990 (Dresden) retail for \$ 59.50 an issue with IISL member price of \$ 29.50. Payment must accompany an order when total purchase is under \$ 50,00. Purchase orders should be addressed to AIAA/TASCO, 9 Jay Gould Court, P.O. Box 753, Waldorf, Maryland 20604, USA. For IISL Proceedings' issues prior to the 1979 Munich Colloquium, inquiry should be addressed to: Fred B. Rothman and company, 10368 West Centennial Road, Littleton, Colorado 80127, USA.

Membership list

On of the activities of the Secretary has been to up-date the membership list of the IISL. Since the addresses of the following persons have been lost, the Secretary would be most grateful to be informed of their new address:

Mary Jane Due	Harry R. Marshall
Y. Hashimoto	Flavio A. Pereira
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