

## NEWSLETTER No. 41 - NOVEMBER 1991

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### **I. The 34th IISL Colloquium** **Montreal, Canada, 7-12 October 1991**

The 34th Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space was held in Montreal, Canada, from 7 to 12 October 1991. The Colloquium was attended by some 75-100 participants and never before there were so many registered papers for the Colloquium. Prof. Dr. N.M. Matte, as a Director and a representative of the host-country of the IAF Congress, opened the Colloquium. A report of the Colloquium will, as usual, appear in the next issue of the Journal of Space Law.

The following sessions were held:

Session 1 Definitional issues in space law (only invited lectures) - Tuesday, 8 Oct.

Chairman: Prof. Stephen Gorove

Session 2 Legal aspects of settlements on the Moon and Mars - Wednesday, 9 Oct.

Chairman: Dr. N.M. Matte

Session 3 Legal implications of nuclear power for satellites - Thursday, 10 Oct.

Chairman: Prof. Dr. K.H. Böckstiegel

Session 4 Other legal subjects -Friday, 11 Oct.

Chairman: Prof. Dr. V.S. Vereshchetin

The Montreal Proceedings will be published by the AIAA and will be dedicated to Prof. Diederiks-Ver-schoor. The Montreal volume will contain an extensive bibliography of all Colloquium papers which have been published over the past ten years. This bibliography is being prepared by our newly elected member Dr. Kuo Lee Li, librarian at the McGill Institute of Air and Space Law.

The Board meeting was held after the session on Tuesday 8 October, and the General Meeting of Members after the last session, on Friday 11 October. The following paragraphs summarize the decisions taken at both these meetings.

### **i. Financial situation**

The financial situation of the Institute is not bad, but not good either. The accounts show the following balance:

- French account: frs. 2077.17 in the current account and frs 25,000 in bonds (9 September 1991)

- US account: \$11,492.88 (31 August 1991).

The Institute is most grateful for the important annual support of the European Space Agency, the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (France) and the Association of US Members of the IISL. Furthermore, the contributions of other bodies and individuals are highly appreciated.

The Board has decided at its meeting in Montreal to establish a Financial Committee consisting of Prof. Böckstiegel, Dr. Doyle, Amb. Finch, Prof. Kosuge, and Dr. Bourély, the Treasurer as its chairman. Its task is to seek means to improve the financial situation of the Institute. The chairman of the Committee welcomes suggestions from the Members concerning the work of this committee.

### **ii. Membership**

The Board has decided at its meeting in Montreal to establish a Membership Committee consisting of Dr. Bourély, Dr. Galloway and Dr. Kopal. This Committee will have as its task to review the future applications and advise on the admission of new members in accordance with the present statutes, but should also prepare the introduction of various kinds of membership for the future, including a possible amendment of the statutes.

### **iii. Election of Directors**

The terms of office of the following Directors had expired in Montreal: Prof. K.H. Böckstiegel, Prof. S. Gorove, Dr. He Qizhi, Prof. V.S. Vereshchetin and Dr. E. Wyzner. The Dr. Wyzner had indicated that he was not available for re-election since he was no longer in a position to participate in the work of the Institute. According to a proposal of the Nomination Committee which consisted of Dr. V. Kopal, Mme. S. Courteix and Prof. P.P.C. Haanappel, the four Directors Prof.

Böckstiegel, Dr. Gorove, Dr. He Qizhi and Prof. V.S. Vereshchetin were re-elected in view of their continued contribution to the Institute's work. Prof. Toshio Kosuge from Japan was elected to fill the vacancy left by Dr. Wyzner. The Nomination Committee also noted that a second vacancy in the Board was that of Secretary, which had not been filled since Dr. Ploman had passed away in 1990. The Committee had received two nominations for this post, viz. Mrs. T. Masson-Zwaan who had carried out the tasks of the secretary for the past year in Paris, and Prof. F. Lyall from the University of Aberdeen. After some discussion among the members, Prof. Lyall withdrew his candidacy and a motion by Dr. M.L. Smith to elect Mrs. T. Masson-Zwaan as Secretary of the Board was accepted by majority vote.

#### iv. New members

The following new members were elected in Montreal:

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## v. Certificates and Awards

No IISL certificate was awarded during the Montreal Colloquium. During the General Assembly, the President mentioned that Prof. Dr. I.H.Ph. Diederiks-Verschoor and Prof. Dr. K.H. Böckstiegel had received an award from the International Academy of Astronautics.

## II. The 35th IISL Colloquium Washington DC, USA, 28 August -5 September 1992

The following sessions will be held during the Washington Colloquium:

### Tuesday 1 September, morning:

Session 1 Emerging and future supplements to space law, specifically in the context of the International Space Year - 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)

### Tuesday 1 September, afternoon:

Session 2 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)

### Thursday 3 September, morning:

Session 3 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)

### Friday 4 September, morning:

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

Chairman: Dr. B. Bakotic (Yugoslavia)

A special day is being organized by the US IISL members on Wednesday, 2 September. 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 meeting of the Scientific/Legal Roundtable is scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday 3 September.

The procedure that must be followed for the submission of abstracts is as follows:

- Each author must submit his proposal to the Paris office by 1 February 1992
- This proposal must include the following items:
  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 extended abstract of approx. 250 words
- This is a strict deadline; abstracts must be received before or on 1 February 1992
- The Board will decide at its Spring meeting on acceptance
- Authors will be notified of acceptance of their paper in the second half of February
- Regarding the instructions for the submission of abstracts to the Board, only the instructions provided by the IISL Newsletter and the AIAA author's instructions kit should be followed, and not those of the IAF as mentioned in the 1992 Call for Papers (the Call for Papers states on page 116 that IISL abstracts must follow the IAF format explained on page 76). However, if authors whose paper has been accepted wish an abstract of their paper to be included in the IAF Book of Abstracts, they should follow those IAF instructions on page 76 of the Call for Papers and use the form provided in the Call for Papers.
- Authors are requested to send two copies of their papers, upon completion, in whatever form then available, to the Paris headquarters' office. This is important as the Secretary sometimes receives requests from journalists or other interested parties for certain papers.
- The full text of the papers must be typed in English on regular paper (mats are no longer required). Precise instructions regarding lay-out etc. will be provided by the AIAA with the author's instructions kits.
- The full text must be received by 1 September 1992 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 should 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.

## III. The 36th IISL Colloquium Graz, Austria, 16-22 October 1993

Regarding the topics for the 1993 Colloquium, members are invited to suggest topics to the Board; they must be received in Paris by 1 February 1992, since the Board will decide on these topics at its Spring meeting.

The procedure for the submission of abstracts and papers for the 1993 Colloquium will be decided in accordance with the experience gained during the 1992 Colloquium.

#### **IV. Meetings of COPUOS**

During the 1991 session of the COPUOS Legal Subcommittee in New York, IISL organized a special symposium about insurance aspects of space activities. The meeting has been a great success.

The 1992 session of the COPUOS Legal Subcommittee will be held in Geneva from 23 March - 10 April. The Plenary session of COPUOS will be held in New York. For both these meetings, IISL members will be appointed as official IAF observers.

#### **V. Newsletters**

The Board invites 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 Spring Board Meeting, such information must have been received by the Secretary by 1 February 1992. The Board preserves the right to decide which information will be published.

In this context, Dr. A.A. Cocca has reported that the Argentine Commission on Human Dimensions of Global Change was established by the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires, the Argentine Academy of Air and Space Sciences, the National Institute of Air and Space Law and the Argentine Branch of ILA. An international seminar on international law was organized by the universities of Groningen and Leiden (Netherlands) and the university of Mar del Plata (Argentina) in Mar del Plata, 8-20 April 1991.

Prof. Diederiks-Verschoor reported that the UNGA, in its meeting in 1989, had declared the period 1990-1999 as "UN Decade of International Law". The UN has established a programme for the first part of this decade, 1990-1992. The programme consists of four categories of activities: (1) promotion of the acceptance of and respect for the principles of international law; (2) promotion of means and methods for the peaceful settlement of disputes between states, including resort to

and full respect for the International Court of Justice; (3) Encouragement of the progressive development of international law and its codification; (4) Encouragement of the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law.

#### **VI. 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".

#### **VII. How to order Proceedings**

IISL members are entitled to purchase copies of the Proceedings at a substantial discount. The Proceedings of the first eight IISL Colloquia are out of print. The Proceedings of the 9th-21st Colloquium (1966-1978) are available from Fred B. Rothman and Company, 10368 West Centennial Road, Littleton, Colorado 80127, USA. They cost US\$27.50 each, except those of the 20th and 21st Colloquia, which cost US\$32.50. Issues from 1979 are available from AIAA/TASCO, 9 Jay Gould Court, P.O.Box 753, Waldorf, Maryland 20604, USA. Issues from 1979 through 1984 retail for US\$50 an issue (US\$25 for IISL members); issues from 1985 through 1990 retail for US\$59.50 an issue (US\$29.50 for IISL members). For orders from AIAA/TASCO, payment must accompany an order when total purchase is under US\$50.

#### **VIII. Members' Addresses**

The Secretary would be grateful to be informed of the new address of the following persons: L.I. Degville, M.J. Due, Y. Hashimoto, G. Jacquemin, L.C. Levin, H. R. Marshall, D. Pardo Tovar, F.A. Pereira, J. Ashley Roach, A. Roth, A.W. Stoebner, K. Wiewiorowska.

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