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**INTRODUCTION**

The IISL Board of Directors met on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1998 in Paris. The deliberations and decisions of the Spring Meeting are reflected in this Newsletter.

**THE 41ST IISL COLLOQUIUM**  
**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**  
**SEP. 28- OCT. 2, 1998**

**a) Sessions**

**Session 1:** Managing space resources and Revitalizing Space Treaties (10 accepted papers) , Chairmen: M. Davis (Australia) & S.E. Doyle (USA)

**Session 2:** Confidence Building and Commercial Interests in Space Treaties (8 accepted papers), Chairman T. Kosuge (Japan)

**Session 3:** Legal aspects of Navigation Satellites, GPS, Space Applications and Space Uses, Treaties (13 accepted papers), Chairmen F. Lyall (UK) & M. Komar Kantaatmadja (Indonesia)

**Session 4:** Other Issues of Space Law, Including The 30th Anniversary of the Rescue Agreement of 1968, Treaties (9 accepted papers), Chairmen P. Sterns (USA) & He Qizhi (China)

**The schedule of the sessions and meetings will be as follows:**

Two sessions on Tuesday, one on Thursday morning, Moot Court on Thursday afternoon,

and a last session and General Assembly on Friday morning. The Board meeting will be held on Wednesday pm. There will be no Scientific/Legal Roundtable. The Banquet and Awards will take place on Friday evening. A reception will be hosted after the Moot Court. A special IISL dinner is being planned for Wednesday from 8.00-10.00 p.m.

**Practical information:**

The Secretary has contacted all authors, telling them their paper was accepted and asking them to indicate their intention to travel to Melbourne. In the meanwhile, the IAF acceptance letters and AIAA instructions have also been mailed. Please follow the instructions closely, and PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SIGN THE PROPER COPYRIGHT FORM!!!

It will be highly appreciated if authors would comply with the request in the author's instructions to send a computer disk with the paper's text. The IISL would like to standardize the format of the Proceedings as much as possible.

The AIAA (Betty Guillie) can be reached at 1801 Alexander Bell Drive, suite 500, Reston, VA 22091, USA, Tel 1-703 2647500, Fax 1-703 2647551, <http://www.aiaa.org>, e-mail [bettyg@aiaa.org](mailto:bettyg@aiaa.org)

- Authors should bring ± 75 copies of their papers for distribution at the Colloquium.

- The aim will be to grant a minimum of 15 minutes for presentation of papers by each speaker.

- The Board intends to organize a separate discussion session on Friday 2 October. For this purpose, two of the other sessions will be combined into one session. The Secretary will send a note to all authors of accepted papers one month before the colloquium, asking them to confirm whether or not they will attend the colloquium.

- A paper must be presented at the Colloquium to be considered for publication, either by the author himself, or, in summary, by another person, for instance the Chairman. (acceptance of a paper for the Colloquium does not imply publication).

An author whose paper is published in the Proceedings, as well as all IISL Members, may buy the Proceedings at a reduced price

### **7TH MANFRED LACHS SPACE LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

The 7th Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition will be held on Thursday, 1 October 1998, 2.30-5.30 p.m. Monash University will host the competition, and the IAF Local Organizing Committee is helping in the organization. The finals will take place in the Supreme Court ceremonial room, which is within minutes from the Congress Centre. A reception will follow in the same location from 5.30-7.30 p.m. Three judges of the ICJ have been invited to judge the Finals. The search for a sponsor for the travel of the judges is on-going. The 1998 problem (Freedom v. Bravatia) deals with the Commercial Exploitation of the Moon (The Rover Games Project) and was written by D. O'Donnell and J. Gantt. Copies may be obtained from the Secretariat.

Preliminary competitions have been held in Paris, organized by the European Centre for Space Law (ECSL), and in the US, organized by the Association of US IISL Members. Both these organizations will sponsor the participation of their winners in the Melbourne Finals. The winner of the US Preliminary was the University of North Carolina; the winner of the European preliminary was the University of Helsinki. During the Finals in Melbourne, North

Carolina will be the Applicant, and Helsinki the Respondent.

An Award for the Best Oralist, sponsored by the Law offices of Sterns and Tennen, will again be awarded. The Award for the Best Memorial will again be sponsored by Prof. Gorove's Journal of Space Law. The Board is grateful to Ms Sterns, Mr Tennen and Prof. Gorove.

### **FINANCIAL SITUATION**

The interim financial report of the Treasurer, Dr. Lafferranderie, shows the following balance on March 30, 1998:

- FF 15.065

- US\$ 39.414, most of which has been placed in short term bonds.

### **DUES**

A Call for payment of the membership dues for 1998 is enclosed with this newsletter for those who have not yet paid them. In addition, Members who are in arrears of dues for one or more of the years 1995-96-97 will find a reminder enclosed with this Newsletter. Since early 1998, many persons have paid dues for more than one year, an option expressly provided for on the dues invoice. Also, several members paid their back dues. This resulted in a higher amount of income from dues than expected.

The Board is looking into the possibility of paying dues by credit card, and will keep the membership informed of the results.

### **CERTIFICATES**

The Board decided to give a lifetime achievement award to Prof. Carl Q. Christol in Melbourne. A special certificate will be awarded to the Law Offices of Sterns and Tennen for their long-standing support of the moot court competition and other activities.

### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The terms of office of the following Directors expire in 1998:

Dr. G. Lafferranderie (France, Treasurer),  
Prof. F. Lyall (Scotland)

A nomination committee of Ms. Marcia Smith, (Chairman), Dr. A. Terekhov and Dr. L. Tennen has been appointed.

The mandate of the Committee is 1) to propose nominations for the 2 vacancies on

the Board and 2) to propose a nomination for the office of Treasurer.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

The following new members were elected at the 1998 Spring Meeting:

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### **UNCOPUOS**

Dr. E. Fasan and Dr. S. Doyle represented the IAF at the Legal Sub-Committee meeting.

### **JOINT IISL/ECSL WORKSHOP**

As in previous years, the IISL organized a symposium for the delegates and staff of the Legal Subcommittee session; the Coordinator of the 1998 program was, as usual, Dr. E. Fasan. Rapporteur was Mr. P. McDougall. The topic was "Review of the Status of the Outer Space Treaties". The speakers were: Dr. S. Doyle, Dr. G. Lafferranderie/ Mr. A. Farand, Mr. F. von der Dunk, and Dr. L. Perek. The Chairman of the Legal Subcommittee, Dr. Mikulka, gave some concluding remarks.

In 1999, no IISL/ECSL Symposium will be held, and the Legal Subcommittee will meet only for one week (see below)

### **UNISPACE III**

The third UNISPACE conference will be held in Vienna, July 19 - 30, 1999. IISL has been invited to participate by organizing a four day Workshop. This workshop will have specific topics that are attractive for a broad audience. Each panel or session will work on the basis of a working document prepared by two or three authors. The approach will be interdisciplinary. Conclusions and recommendations will be forwarded to the Conference. The Workshop might begin with a session with the central theme "The Review of the UN Space Treaties". The IISL has designated a task force headed by Dr. Doyle, to develop the programme of the IISL contribution to this major event for consideration at the next Board meeting in October.

### **THE 42ND IISL COLLOQUIUM AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS 4-8 OCTOBER 1999**

#### Sessions and Chairmen:

Session 1: Legal Aspects of Space Station Utilization (patents, property rights, crew, commercial uses, debris, international cooperation, private sector,...)

Chairmen: Prof. Dr. I. Diederiks-Verschoor (The Netherlands) & Prof. Dr. H.A. Wassenbergh (The Netherlands, t.b.c.)

Session 2: New developments relating to legal aspects of telecommunications (LEOs, tethered structures, geostationary platforms in the stratosphere, and recent ITU regulations)

Chairmen: Ms. Marcia Smith (USA) & Dr. L. Perek (Czech Republic)

Session 3: Legal implications of expanding privatization in space (national law aspects, interaction between government and industry,...)

Chairmen: Prof. J. Galloway (USA, t.b.c.) & Ms T. Masson-Zwaan (The Netherlands)

Session 4: Other issues of Space Law, including legal aspects of launching space objects from non-terrestrial sites.

Chairmen: Dr. J Monserrat, Filho (Brazil) & Dr. L. Tennen (USA, t.b.c.)

The case for the 8th Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition in Amsterdam

is currently being prepared. Contact has been established with local authorities to organize the logistics of the competition, and universities will be contacted in the summer for participation in the regional preliminary competitions.

The International Institute of Air and Space Law at Leiden University has agreed to host an IISL dinner.

### **ACTIVITIES/ PUBLICATIONS**

- Proceedings Colloquia: the Turin volume has been published, and the new publication contract with AIAA is being finalized.

- Reprint of the first three volumes of IISL Proceedings: a number of sets is still available and may be ordered from the secretariat..

- Standing Committee on the Status of International Agreements Relating to Activities in Outer Space, Dr. Terekhov: the report will as usual be available at the Colloquium, and will, at the suggestion of Prof. Christol, include UN Resolutions (name, number and date, as well as voting results for the DBS resolution).

- UN Contract for Highlights in Space Report: the IISL has again prepared a report on legal developments under contract with the UN. Copies of last year's report are available from the President's office in Vienna.

- Membership certificates: the certificates are being finalized and will be sent to all paid-up Members.

- Special event organised every two years: The Board intends to organize a special Asian IISL event in 2001. The event could be in the form of a workshop, with support from local institutions and entities.

- Brochure: A new brochure is in the process of being printed with help of Prof Kosuge and should be available in Melbourne.

- History Booklet: Dr Doyle is working on the IISL history from 1982-present. The booklet, "40 Years IISL" will be finalized in July so that it can be printed for Melbourne.

- Proposal for a new Study Group: Regarding a proposal to set up a new IISL group to study legal problems concerning international space stations, the Board has decided not to pursue this idea at the moment. One of the sessions of the Amsterdam Colloquium will however specifically deal with Space Stations.

### **INPUT FOR NEWSLETTERS**

The Board invites Members to submit relevant information to the Secretary for inclusion in future issues of the Newsletter. In order to be included in the next Newsletter, which will be issued after the Melbourne Colloquium, such information must be received by the Secretary before 15 November 1998. The Board reserves the right to decide what information will be published.

### **HOW TO ORDER PROCEEDINGS**

IISL members are entitled to purchase copies of the Proceedings at a discount.

- The Proceedings of the first three Colloquia have been reprinted by the IISL; please see the attached order form.
- The Proceedings of the 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> IISL Colloquia are out of print. The Proceedings of the 9<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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, fax 301/843-0159. Issues from 1979-1984 retail for US\$50 an issue (US\$25 for IISL members); the 1985 issue is out of print; issues from 1986-1993 retail for US\$59.50 an issue (US\$29.50 for IISL members). Issues from 1994-1996 retail for US\$84.95 an issue (US\$64.95 for IISL members). The new 1997 issue (Turin) retails for \$79.95 for IISL Members. All orders outside the US and orders inside the US under \$100 must be prepaid. Shipping and handling fees for up to 4 copies are \$4.75 for the USA and Canada and \$25 elsewhere. An order form may be obtained from the IISL Secretary.

### **NOTE**

The 2nd Announcement of the **49th IAF Congress**, Melbourne, Sep. 28- Oct. 2, has been mailed to all IISL members. Additional information may be obtained from: The Secretariat of the Local Organizing Committee, ICMS Pty Ltd, 84 Queensbridge

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