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GENERAL INFORMATION

This Newsletter contains an update about the Institute's activities of the past months and those that are forthcoming. Hyperlinks allow for easy connection to the relevant page on the IISL website.

We recommend that you regularly visit the [IISL website](http://www.iislweb.org) for the latest information about the Institute and its activities.

We would like to call your particular attention to the following:

- The approved 2010 General Assembly report and the draft 2011 General Assembly report are attached to this newsletter.
- Please send your detailed suggestions for the revisions of the [IISL Statutes and Bylaws](#) before **21 December** to Prof. Jakhu ram.jakhu@mcgill.ca and copy the Executive Secretary secretary@iislweb.org
- Those who would like to serve as IISL observer at the [UNCOPUOS](#) Legal Subcommittee or the full committee (dates in this newsletter) should please contact secretary@iislweb.org without delay, but in any case before the end of **January 2012**.
- Solicitation of nominations for the 2012 [IISL Awards](#): Guidelines and instructions are available online. Members are invited to propose nominations by January 15.
- The deadline for [online submission](#) of abstracts for the [2012 IISL Colloquium](#) to be held during the [63rd IAC](#) in Naples, Italy, next October is **29 February**.
- Make sure to **activate your profile** on the [IISL members website](#) so you can see other members' profiles, contact data and interact with your peers!

Awards 2011

The IISL presented several [awards](#) to distinguished members of the space law

community during the Annual IISL Dinner last October.

Firstly, a Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to [H.E. Judge Abdul G. Koroma](#), member of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), for his extraordinary career of more than 40 years in jurisprudence, diplomacy and international organizational leadership. In particular, Judge Koroma has faithfully served as a judge of the world final rounds of the IISL's Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition since 1997, making him the longest-sitting judge on that final rounds court.

Secondly, another Lifetime Achievement Award was given to [Dr. Ernst Fasan](#) of Austria, in recognition of more than half a century of membership in and support of the IISL and the advancement of space law, which included being a co-founding member of the IISL in 1960.

Thirdly, an Award of Appreciation was presented to [Prof. Datuk Dr. Mazlan Othman](#) for her continuing interest in, cooperation with, and support for the International Institute of Space Law and its objectives, in particular as Director of the UN Office of Outer Space Affairs.

Fourthly, a Distinguished Service Award was handed to [Prof. Joanne Irene Gabrynowicz](#), Director of the National Center for Remote Sensing, Air and Space Law of the University of Mississippi, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Space Law and Director of the IISL, on account of her dedication to the interests of space law and the IISL.

Finally, [Mr. Scott Hatton](#) was presented with a Certificate of Gratitude for his continuing and diligent efforts as IISL webmaster since 2007, including the recent migration of the website of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition.

The [Dr. I.H.Ph. Diederiks-Verschoor Award](#) for the best paper by a young author paper at the IISL Colloquium was awarded to **Ms. Irina Kerner** (Germany) for her paper on "*Supranational Space: Why the Powers of the EU are Not Quite Parallel.*"

Elections 2011

Election of Directors

At its recent General Assembly in Cape Town, South Africa on 5 October 2011, a number of positions on the [Board of Directors](#) of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) were open for (re-) election.

As a result of the elections, firstly **Prof. Vladimir Kopal** and **Prof. Jose Monserrat** were elected as Honorary Directors, in recognition of their longstanding and very valuable contributions to the IISL over the past decades.

Secondly, **Mr. K.R.S. Murthi** (India; currently Senior expert in the Office of Advisor to the Prime Minister on Public Information Infrastructure and Innovations, and IISL Board Member since 2003) was elected as a new Vice President of the Institute. This is the first time that an Asian national holds a position as officer of the IISL.

Thirdly, **Mr. Dennis Burnett** (United States; currently VP Trade Policy and Export Control at EADS North America) was newly elected to the Board, in the position of Treasurer.

Fourthly, **Prof. Mahulena Hofmann** (Czech Republic; currently Holder of the SES Chair in Satellite Communications and Media Law, University of Luxemburg) was elected as a new Board Member, whilst **Prof. Elisabeth Back-impallomeni**, **Prof. Stephan Hobe** and **Prof. Frans von der Dunk** were re-elected to the Board.

Election of New Members

The Board approved last October the nomination of the following new members to the IISL:

- ANISIMOV, Mr. Artiom, USA
- BOGGAN, Mr. Garry H., USA
- KLEIMAN, Mr. Mathew J, USA
- MAHMOUDI, Dr. Seyed Hadi, Iran
- OBERST, Mr. Gerald E., Jr., Belgium
- RACE, Dr. Margaret S., USA
- RUHAENI, Mrs. Neni, Indonesia
- SEKHULA, Adv. Phetole Patrick, South Africa
- SMITH, Mr. Stephen E., USA
- STEVENS, Mr. Neil, UK

IISL CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

54th Colloquium in Cape Town, South Africa 3-7 October 2011

The 54th IISL Colloquium included 5 sessions addressing the following topics: (1) Nandasiri

Jasentuliyana Keynote Lecture on Space Law & Young Scholars (2) Legal issues of commercial human spaceflight (3) Africa: Space Law and Applications - Past, Present, and Future (4) Environmental Aspects of Space Law and of Space Activities (5) Recent Developments in Space Law.

In addition, the 26th IAA-IISL Scientific/Legal Roundtable was held on the topic "Space Debris Environment Remediation," and reflected the results of the completed International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) Cosmic Study chaired by H. Klinkrad and N. Johnson. The IISL also organised a joint session with the IAF on 'Legal Framework for Collaborative Human Space Missions'.

A report of the Colloquium will be available on the website.

20th Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition

The 20th [Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition](#) was successfully concluded at the recent International Astronautical Congress (IAC) in Cape Town, South Africa, 3-7 October 2011. In doing so, the competition was once more confirmed as the only moot court competition on issues of space law which is globally recognized and enjoys broad participation.

The [World Finals](#) on October 6, judged as always by three Judges from the International Court of Justice (ICJ), Judge Koroma, Judge Tomka and Judge Xue, resulted in a victory of the team of Florida State University, winner of the North-American round, over the team of the National University of Singapore, winner of the Asia-Pacific round. The University of Saint Petersburg, winner of the European round, finished third in the competition, in which overall 42 teams participated.

Photos of the competition can be viewed on the [Lachs FaceBook page](#).

In addition, an African Introductory Round was held with three teams participating, from Mount Kenya University of Nairobi, Kenya; Obafemi Awolowo University of Ile-Ife, Nigeria; and the University of Pretoria, South Africa. The team from Obafemi Awolowo University emerged as the winner.

The success of the African Introductory Round also means that as of the current academic year, an official fourth preliminary round will be organised in Africa.

The IISL is very grateful to the Moot Court Committee, led by co-chairs Dr. Mejía-Kaiser and Dr. Tennen, for their tireless efforts in safeguarding and strengthening the excellent

reputation of the competition, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in Cape Town.

The IISL also wants to express its appreciation to the following organizations that supported the World Finals and the African Introductory Round: [ECSL/ESA](#), [JAXA](#), [SWF](#), [IAF](#), [South African Space Association](#), [Department of Trade and Industry \(South Africa\)](#), [ENS Law firm](#) and [Martinus Nijhoff Publishers](#). The IISL would like to specially thank the ECSL/ESA, JAXA and SWF for the continuous support to the regional winners to travel to the World Finals.

6th Eilene M. Galloway Symposium on Critical Issues in Space Law, Washington DC, 1 December 2011

The IISL and the National Center for Remote Sensing, Air, and Space Law hosted 6th Eilene M. Galloway Symposium on Critical Issues in Space Law: A Comparative Look at National Space Laws and Their Implications at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C. on December 1st. A report and several of the papers presented will be published in the IISL proceedings. A blog about the symposium can be found on [Res Communis](#).

IISL/ECSL Symposium at COPUOS, 19 March 2012

On the occasion of the 51st Session of the Legal Subcommittee of the UN COPUOS in March 2012, the IISL and ECSL will organize the annual Symposium for delegates of the Legal Subcommittee. The topic for 2012 is "Transfer of ownership of space objects: Issues of responsibility, liability and registration". The presentations of the previous Space Law Symposium on "A new look on the delimitation of airspace and outer space" are available on the UNOOSA website. The papers of these symposia will be published in the IISL Proceedings.

Toulouse Space & Law Forum, France, 25-28 June 2012

The [Toulouse Space & Law Forum](#) is an initiative of CNES, the Midi-Pyrenees Region and the University Toulouse1-Capitole. The IISL will co-organize the space law sessions. The Forum focuses on the legal aspects triggered by the whole chain of service providers, from the spacecraft to the end users. It will provide a forum for presentations and discussions of the latest research results and practical applications and will stimulate interdisciplinary and international collaboration.

The key areas which will be addressed during the conference include:

- Legal constraints: rights, freedom, privacy protection,
- Licensing requirements for space activities:

national laws, regulatory regimes and international treaties,

- Space activities, private agreements and public procurements,
- Space ventures and financing opportunities,
- Lessons from emerging countries,
- Intellectual property rights,
- Responsibilities of service providers, data suppliers, users and other players,
- Evidence from space: use of satellites data as legal evidence,
- Service providers' obligations.

Deadline for abstract submission is: 15 January 2012

ISPRS 22nd Congress, Melbourne, Australia, 25 August – 1 September 2012

The theme for the [22nd Congress of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing](#) is "Imaging a Sustainable Future." Images, whether of the visible or non-visible spectrum, whether aerial or satellite, or whether of agriculture or cultural heritage, are a fundamental resource for sustaining the future of humankind..

The IISL is co-organizing and provides chairpersons for 3 sessions in this congress:

- General Legal Issues Concerning Space Law and EO Satellite Data
- Treaty Monitoring and Law Enforcement By Means of Space-borne Remote Sensing
- The Value of Evidence of EO Satellite Data in Court Cases: Theory and Practice

55th Colloquium in Naples, Italy, 1 – 5 October 2012

Session program

Note: Members interested in any rapporteur position should contact the Executive Secretary before 15 January 2012.

Abstracts must only be submitted [online](#) before 29 Feb. 2012.

1. Nandasiri Jasentuliyana Keynote Lecture on Space Law & 4th Young Scholars Session

Co-chairs: Mrs. Tanja Masson-Zwaan, Prof. Elisabeth Back Impallomeni

2. The Interaction between Private International Law and Space Law and its Impact on Commercial Space Activities

Co-chairs: Mr. Martin Stanford, Prof. Paul Larsen

3. The International Legal Regulation of Outer Space within the Scope of Public International Law

Co-Chairs: Prof. Stephan Hobe, Mr. Jean-François Mayence

4. Legal Evidence from Outer Space

Co-Chairs: Dr. Marco Ferrazzani, Mr. Ray Purdy

5. *Recent Developments in Space Law*

Co-chairs: Mrs. Corinne Jorgenson, Dr. Ranjana Kaul

27th IAA-IISL Scientific/Legal Roundtable

The topic of the IAA-IISL roundtable will be: "Optical Communication." It will address technical development and regulatory aspects of optical communication such as frequencies and protection from interception during data transmission.

Chairs: K-U. Schrogl, W. Mendell, Rapporteur: N. Rohner-Willsch.

Joint IAF/IISL session

"Policy and Law of Human Space Missions"

Chairs: Mr. Cristian Bank, Lesley Jane Smith,

Rapporteur: Luise Weber-Steinhaus.

Moot Court - IISL Dinner

Arrangements for the World Finals of the 21st Competition are being made. The 2012 competition problem is titled "[Case Concerning On-Orbit Collision, Non-Cooperative Satellite Removal, and Damages](#) (Republic of Verona v. Commonwealth of Montague).

The upcoming year will be distinguished by the inclusion of a new African regional round. The World Finals then will count with the presence of 4 regional winning teams to compete in Naples, Italy next October.

The 2012 problem, calendars for the competition and more information are available [online](#).

The Manfred Lachs Moot Court Committee is seeking for IISL members willing to judge. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Martha Mejia-Kaiser, lachsmootchair2@iislweb.org

PUBLICATIONS / COMMITTEES / CONNECTIVITY

IISL Proceedings

The [Proceedings](#) for 2010, including the papers of the Colloquium held in Prague and numerous other IISL (related) events have been published. An [order form](#) is available on the IISL website.

As the Institute offers now much more than just the colloquium papers, it is a continuous challenge to get some papers on time for publication. The Editor, Mrs. Corinne Jorgenson requests all authors, Colloquium session chairs as well as IISL program committee chairs to please provide all the available papers, symposia programs and reports to her within three months following the events. For the Cape Town Colloquium, we ask all authors to provide their revised paper, if needed, before December 31st, 2011. Thank you for your cooperation.

IISL members are entitled to purchase the Proceedings at a [discount](#).

Back issues are available from William S. Hein & Co., 1285 Main Street, Buffalo NY 14209, tel 1-800 828 7571 or 716-882 2600, fax 716 883 8100 (Volumes from 1980-1992 are out of print).

Issues **from 1993*** are available from AIAA Publications Customer Service, P.O. Box 960, Herndon, VA 20172-0960, USA.

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W: <http://www.aiaa.org/content.cfm?pageid=320> (select 'IISL' under 'organisations').

**Some proceedings may be out of print.*

Other Publications

New Perspectives on Space Law

This is the first [e-book](#) published by the IISL and contains the papers of the participants in the Young Scholars Session of the 53rd Annual Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space held in 2010 in Prague, Czech Republic. The publication was edited by Mark J. Sundahl & V. Gopalakrishnan, and was kindly facilitated by [ISRO](#), which also provided some hard copies. The IISL is most grateful for the support of all parties who made this book a reality..

Members' publications

Several IISL members have published books in recent months, as authors, editors or co-editors, below is a selection. Please keep us informed about your books and we will add them to the list.

- Gabriella Catalano Sgrosso, "[International Space Law](#)"
- Francis Lyall, "[International Communications – the International Telecommunication Union and the Universal Postal Union](#)"
- Frans von der Dunk, "[National Space Legislation in Europe](#)"
- Ram Jakhu, "[The Need for an Integrated Regulatory Regime for Aviation and Space](#)"
- Ram Jakhu, "[National Regulation of Space Activities](#)" (note: this book has received the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) [Book Award](#) in Social Sciences)
- Lesley Jane Smith & Ingo Baumann, "[Contracting for Space](#)"
- Christian Brünner, "[Outer Space in Society, Politics and Law](#)"

IISL Members database

Reminder: Activate your profile on the [members website](#)

As has been reported before, the IISL website has been expanded with an online members database, where members can verify and update their personal data, and register for IISL events. This new tool has now been further improved with the possibility for each member to upload a profile and photo, indicating areas of interest, main publications etc. As soon as a member has activated a profile, access is given to all other profiles that have been uploaded. This will allow members to contact each other, interact and network, and will further improve the services of the IISL to its members. If you have any questions about this new feature, please contact us as secretary@iislweb.org.

Please make sure to regularly save the information as you upload your profile, this will prevent losing the information while you upload it – it is preferable to upload the information in steps.

Social Media

The IISL is active on LinkedIn and Facebook and encourages you to join us there for up-to-date news and to liaise with colleagues and friends from the IISL community.

On [LinkedIn](#), we admit only members to the group (currently 75+). On Facebook, we have 2 pages, one [IISL](#) page and one [Mootcourt](#) page, which have between 300+ and 250+ 'fans' respectively. Please help us keep these pages 'lively' by sharing news, activities, publications, events etc.

IISL Committees

Last year, the Executive Secretary invited all members to participate in the various IISL committees. All the committees are up and running and if you are interested in joining any of the IISL committees or have questions, please email secretary@iislweb.org.

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