

Board of Directors: Nominator form
Members – IISL

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Please, specify the reasons why the nominee deserves to be considered for the position (Maximum length: 500 words)	<p>I strongly, and without reservation, nominate Dr. Martha Mejia-Kaiser to serve on the IISL Board of Directors. The basis of my nomination is two-fold: Dr. Mejia-Kaiser's knowledge of, and experience in, the international community; and, her record of commitment and service to the IISL. Dr. Mejia-Kaiser was born in Mexico, attended law school in Canada, and, lives in Germany. Her papers are published in Spanish and English. Working in the Mexican Foreign Affairs Ministry is part of Dr. Mejia-Kaiser's professional experience. She understands, from experience, the different, and important, influences that can shape and guide space law in different nations. The aggregate of Dr. Mejia-Kaiser's background makes evident her success as an active participant in the international community. Equally evident is Dr. Mejia-Kaiser's commitment and service to the IISL. There are many things in Dr. Mejia-Kaiser's CV that can attest to this. However, I want to focus on an extraordinary act of her service that I had the opportunity to observe directly. In May 2016, I had the honor of serving as the Chief Judge in the Manfred Lachs Moot Court Competition for the Asian Pacific Regional Finals at the National Law School of India University in Bangalore, India. Dr. Mejia-Kaiser was there as the Co-Chair of the IISL Manfred Lachs Moot Court Committee. However, her title comes nowhere close to describing the depth and breadth of the work she did that week on behalf of the IISL. Dr. Mejia-Kaiser literally functioned as a one-person event organizing committee. She did everything: identified and recruited the other judges and arranged their accommodations; planned the Judges' Orientation dinner; planned the awards dinner, including the catering and acquiring award trophies; drafted and organized the Semi Final and Final competition schedules for dozens of teams; arranged argument venues; recruited timekeepers and bailiffs; and, organized CVs, bios, and other materials for a competition briefing book. Dr. Mejia-Kaiser was always available to answer faculty and student questions and to attend to their needs. She seemed to be everywhere at just the right moment: guiding teams from one room to the next; assuring each room had a timekeeper and bailiff; making sure sessions began and ended on time. Dr. Mejia-Kaiser began every day right after breakfast and continued well into the evening each day. I offered to assist her but she always replied that she had it all planned out and things would go more efficiently if she were left to carry out the plan. She was right. Because she had performed the same role for many other competitions in different locales, she had the benefit of experience to know how it would all turn out. Then to top it all off: Dr. Mejia-Kaiser's service was fully funded by herself, including her international airfare. It is for all these reasons that I happily nominate Dr. Mejia-Kaiser to serve on the IISL Board of Directors.</p>