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*NOTICE*

*With immense sadness, the IISL Board of Directors informs you that Lt. Col F. Kenneth (Ken) Schwejze passed away suddenly on June 24th, 2003.*

*He was a dedicated member of IISL, a supportive colleague and above all a dear friend; we will miss him dearly.*

*An obituary is attached to this Newsletter.*

**INTRODUCTION**

The Board of Directors met on March 16th, 2003 in Paris. The deliberations and decisions of the Spring Meeting are reflected in this Newsletter.

**SPACE LAW CONFERENCE BEIJING, CHINA, 6-8 APRIL 2003**

Unfortunately, due to SARS, we had to postpone the Beijing Space Law conference which we had been preparing for over a year with the CISL. We are closely monitoring the situation, so that we can reschedule the conference as soon as possible. We sincerely apologize to our Chinese colleagues of the CISL (China Institute of Space Law) for this situation, but are confident that we will have an even better meeting in the very near future!

Related hereto, the winner of the first Chinese national round for the Moot Court Competition, Tsinghua University, who was to travel to Sydney to defend China in the Asia Pacific Round, could not leave the country due to SARS. We sincerely

hope that another team from Tsinghua will participate in 2004,

**EVENTS SUPPORTED BY IISL**

IISL has supported several events this year (without any financial commitment):

- At the initiative of Ricky Lee, an IISL space law symposium was organized on 6 May 2003 in Sydney, Australia (during the Asia Pacific moot court), and was hosted by the School of Law, University of Western Sydney.
- IISL endorsed a symposium organised by ELSA (European law students association) in Bremen in November 2002.

**THE 46th IISL COLLOQUIUM, 29 SEP - 3 OCT. 2003, BREMEN, GERMANY**

**Sessions:** Since we had a record number (70) of good abstracts, it was decided to request an extra session. We will now have 2 sessions on Tuesday, 2 on Wednesday and 1 on Friday.

- IISL.1. Legal Aspects of Applications and Private Space Activities  
Chairmen: Maurice Andem (Finland), Hermann Ersfeld (Germany); Rapporteur: Philippe Achilleas (France) (19 papers)
- IISL.2. Space Treaties, Law and Policies and Telecommunication Issues  
Chairmen: H. Peter Van Fenema (Netherlands), Lesley-Jane Smith (Germany); Rapporteur:

Martha Mejia-Kaiser (Mexico) (18 papers)  
 - IISL.3. Space Law and International Security  
 Chairmen: John B. Gantt (USA), Yuri Kolossov (Russia); Rapporteur: Liara Covert (Canada) (14 papers)  
 - IISL.4. Space Traffic Management and Navigation  
 Chairmen: José Monserrat Filho (Brazil), Lubos Perek (Czech Republic); Rapporteur: Sylvia Ospina (Colombia) (14 papers)  
 - IISL.5. New Issues Relating to Nuclear Power Sources  
 Chairmen: Stephan Hobe (Germany), Marcia Smith (USA); Rapporteur: Gerardine Goh (Singapore) (5 papers)

Each session will have a discussion of about 30 minutes at the end of the presentations, and the shortest session will be held on Friday. That will be followed by a **longer discussion** to round off the colloquium

**Plenary Session:** our member Jim Keravala, President & CEO of Transplanetary Ltd, UK and the IISL President are organizing a Plenary on the topic: "**Emerging Profitability in Space Ventures**". Several outstanding speakers have confirmed: *Stéphane Chenard*, Vice President, Euroconsult, France, *Wilfried Bornemann*, Director, Navigation & Constellations, Astrium Earth Observation, Navigation & Science, Germany, *Roscoe Moore III*, President, PeerSat Inc, USA, *Robert Z. Dalal*, Chief Executive Officer, Space Imaging Inc, USA, *Ramin Khadem*, Chief Financial Officer, Inmarsat Ventures plc, UK, and *K. R. Sridhara Murthi*, Executive Director, Antrix Corp. Ltd,

#### Meeting schedule

Board of Directors:	Monday 3.30-6.00 pm
Session 1	Tuesday morning
Moot court semi-final	Tuesday 1 pm (closed sess)
Session 2	Tuesday afternoon
Session 3	Wednesday morning
IISL Plenary	Wednesday noon
Session 4	Wednesday afternoon
Moot court finals	Thursday afternoon
IISL Dinner	Thursday evening
Session 5 and GA	Friday morning
IAF Gala Dinner	Friday evening

#### Practical information:

- All authors have been informed by the IAF whether their paper was accepted. Please follow the instructions closely, and PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SIGN THE PROPER COPYRIGHT FORM!

- Please note that all authors should re-submit their abstracts for the IAF Book of Abstracts and the CD-ROM that IAF will produce; instructions were included with the author's kits sent by AIAA.
- Authors are strongly urged to use the proper format requested by the AIAA. Papers which are not formatted according to the instructions will not be printed in the Proceedings. The AIAA (Betty Guillie) can be reached at 1801 Alexander Bell Drive, suite 500, Reston, VA 20191, USA, Tel 1-703 2647573, Fax 1-703 2647551, e-mail [bettyg@aiaa.org](mailto:bettyg@aiaa.org), <http://www.aiaa.org>
- Authors who qualify may request their paper to be considered for the **Dr. I.H.Ph. Diederiks-Verschoor Award for Best Paper**; please contact the Secretary! (regulations were circulated to all authors with the authors instructions)
- Authors should bring ± 75 copies of their papers for distribution at the Colloquium. *DO NOT leave these papers at the AIAA preprint room but bring them directly to the IISL Session!* Papers should be put on the table before or after each session and NOT during the session following the presentation of any paper.
- Each speaker will have 15 minutes to present his/her paper.
- Each session will have a discussion of about 30 minutes at the end of the presentations.
- The shortest session will be held on Friday, and that will be followed by a longer discussion to round off the colloquium
- The Secretary will check in September how many authors will be present, and thus reschedule the sessions as necessary.
- In order to be considered for publication, a paper must be presented at the Colloquium, either by the author himself, or, in summary, by another person.
- An author whose paper is published in the Proceedings, as well as all IISL Members, may buy the Proceedings at a reduced price.

#### 12th MANFRED LACHS SPACE LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The 12th Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition will be held during the Bremen Colloquium. Semi-finals will be held on Tuesday 30 September (a CLOSED session). The Finals will be held on Thursday 2 October at the prestigious Court of Appeal (Landgericht). Three Judges of the ICJ will judge the Finals. The Sterns and Tennen award for Best Oralist, the Eilene M. Galloway Award for Best Brief, and

the Manfred Lachs Trophy will be awarded as usual.

Mexico and Canada were invited to take part in the US round, which is now called the North American round, but neither has been able to field a team this year. In Europe, the competition has been enlarged as well, and included Poland. In the Asia Pacific round, there were also several new countries represented: China and Malaysia.

In Europe, 5 teams participated, in the USA 5 as well, and in the Asia-Pacific region there were 13 teams. The winners of the preliminary rounds are respectively the University of Bremen, Germany, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC, USA, and the University of Auckland, New Zealand. The team with the highest score for written briefs will go directly to the Finals, the other two teams will meet first in the Semi Final.

Astrium and DLR will sponsor the IISL dinner on Thursday evening. The University of Bremen is also involved with the organization. The dinner will be held as the famous Ratskeller.

The travel/accommodation arrangements and social programme of the Judges are being finalized.

#### AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

It was decided to present two Certificates in Bremen: one to Ms JoAnn Clayton Townsend and one to Dr Kai-Uwe Schrögl.

#### ELECTIONS

In 2003 the terms of office of the following will expire: F von der Dunk (*Treasurer*), He Qizhi, V. Kopal (*Vice-President*), T. Kosuge, T. Masson-Zwaan (*Secretary*), N. Matte (*Vice-President*), J. Monserrat, S. Ospina, and A. Terekhov.

The nomination committee consists of: Prof. F. Lyall (chair), Ms. Joann Clayton and Dr. Ram Jakhu. It will give its report in Bremen.

#### NEW MEMBERS

The following members were elected:

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#### UNCOPUOS

- Several members served as official **IAF observers** for the Legal Sub-Committee (24 March–4 April 2003) and/or the Plenary Session (11-20 June 2003).

- IISL and ECSL organized the traditional IISL/ECSL symposium for delegates to the Legal Subcommittee of COPUOS on 24 March 2003 on the topic: **Reinforcing the Registration Convention**. We were pleased that Ambassador Peter Jankowitsch had agreed to chair the Symposium. The Secretary had coordinated the programme, with the Treasurer, Prof Kerrest, and Dr Lafferranderie. Speakers this year were Dr. Frans von der Dunk, Mr. Kay-Uwe Hörll, Germany, Prof. Sylvia Ospina, Colombia, Prof. Joanne Gabrynowicz, USA, and Dr. Gabriel Lafferranderie, ECSL. Prof. Vladimir Kopal as Chairman of the Legal Subcommittee gave concluding remarks, and all participants were invited to a cocktail, sponsored by the IISL and ECSL.

- IISL was invited by the UN to present a report on its activities to the COPUOS. Dr Ram Jakhu has written the report.

- The IISL has submitted a report for the UN Highlights in Space Report. The report was prepared by Prof Hobe and Dr. Doyle.

The Board expresses many thanks to all those who helped in writing and presenting these reports.

47TH IISL COLLOQUIUM

4-8 OCT. 2004, VANCOUVER, CANADA

The following sessions will be held:

### **SESSION 1 - New developments in National Space Legislation**

The session will focus on new developments at the level of national space legislation, dealing with such issues as the involvement of private entities, the regulatory and/or participatory roles of governments, and the impact of international co-operation at the domestic level. Papers should specifically address developments regarding further implementation of existing national space legislation, and initiatives to establish new national space legislation.

Chairmen: Dr. Frans von der Dunk, The Netherlands, and Dr Louis Haeck, Canada

### **SESSION 2 - International Law and Practice of Agreements on Cooperation regarding Space Activities**

Since the adoption by the UN General Assembly of the Declaration on International Cooperation of 1996, a large practice has developed as to cooperative agreements, also involving developing states. Papers should focus on multilateral and bilateral agreements formalizing cooperation amongst governments and space agencies. Regarding multilateral agreements, authors could address for instance those regarding telecommunications, the ISS (including the MoU's at the level of space agencies) or GNSS (Navigation Systems). Regarding bilateral agreements they could focus on agreements relating to specific space projects, for instance regulating the use of spaceports by foreign governments and operators (Alcantara, Bajkonour) or on the use of remote sensing data: Landsat, Envisat, SPOT, RadarSat.

Chairmen: Mr. Marco Ferrazzani, ESA/Italy and Mr Paul Fauteux, Canada

### **SESSION 3 - A General Convention on Space Law?**

Papers should consider aspects of the desirability or otherwise of the elaboration of a general convention to codify existing space law, the questions of procedure and substance that would arise, and the possible progressive development of space law through such an instrument.

Chairmen: Prof. Dr. Nicholas M. Matte, Canada, and Dr Lucy Stojak, ISU/Canada

### **SESSION 4 - Other Legal Matters**

Papers may address all other legal matters. Authors are specifically invited to address recent developments in the field of Commercialization and Privatization of Space Activities

Chairmen: Dr. Sylvia Ospina, Colombia and Dr Pierre Nadeau, Canadian Space Agency, Canada.

A **Scientific/Legal Roundtable** will also be held in Vancouver.

- **Members who are interested to serve as RAPORTEURS, please contact the Secretary as soon as possible!!**

**Moot Finals & IISL Dinner:** Dr Ram Jakhu, Dr Louis Haeck and Dr Pierre Nadeau are coordinating preparations on behalf of the IISL Board.

#### ACTIVITIES/ PUBLICATIONS

- Proceedings Colloquia: The Proceedings of the Colloquium in Houston have been published.
- Standing Committee on the Status of International Agreements Relating to Activities in Outer Space, the report will as usual be available at the Colloquium
- History: Dr Doyle's IISL history from 1982-present has been delayed, but should be available in Houston.

#### INPUT FOR NEWSLETTERS

The Board invites Members to submit relevant information to the Secretary for inclusion in the Newsletter. In order to be included in the next Newsletter, which will be issued after the Bremen Colloquium, such information must be received by the Secretary before 15 November 2003. The Board reserves the right to decide what information will be published.

#### HOW TO ORDER PROCEEDINGS

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