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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 for the latest information about the Institute and its activities, <http://www.iislweb.org/>

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

- The deadline for registration and payment for the IISL Dinner in Naples, Italy, is September 25. Please RSVP online at <http://www.iislweb.net> at 'Events', and pay at <http://www.iislweb.org> with PayPal. *In advance registration and payment is required, thank you for your cooperation.*
- At the occasion of its 50th Anniversary in 2010, the IISL conducted two Strategy meetings resulting in an extended list of actions and recommendations, some of which were converted into Board decisions during the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 Board of Directors meetings. You will find in this newsletter a status report of the progress accomplished so far.
- We would like to inform you that PJ Blount, Research Counsel and Instructor of Law at the University of Mississippi School of Law has become the new Assistant Executive Secretary and we welcome him on board. We would like to thank Mark Sundahl for his valuable contribution the past couple of years and we are pleased that he is staying very active as Co-Coordinator of the IISL Colloquium.
- Make sure to activate your profile on the members website <http://www.iislweb.net> so you can see other members profiles, contact data and interact with your peers!

IISL STRATEGY BOARD ENDORSED DECISIONS STATUS REPORT

At the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Institute, the IISL Executive Secretary suggested the Board of Directors to conduct a Strategy Meeting so it could address short, medium and long-term goals as well as the vision for the IISL. It would also provide some guidelines and goals for the work of the various committees. The Board agreed and Corinne Jorgenson prepared and led the two Strategy Meetings in the Spring and Fall 2010. The discussion emulated a lot of debate and many points were raised. Recommendations were voted upon during the Board of Directors meetings in the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011. A year later, we would like to provide a status report on the implementation of the various Board decisions.

1. Relevance of the IISL

It was agreed that the IISL should take an active role in showing leadership in the development of space law in all its aspects: international, private, commercial, contractual, etc. The IISL needs to assume this leadership. The Institute has a unique position and can be a major player to solve the legal problems that will confront mankind in the further exploration and use of outer space.

Board Decision: Increase marketing efforts so the Institute has a wider and more efficient reach. This effort includes creating an IISL brochure and all Board Members to provide their CVs for the website.

Status: The work on an IISL brochure is in progress and PJ Blount is now leading this project. All Board Members CVs are available on the IISL Website since last year.

Board Decision: Look into what communities and institutions the Institute wants to target, what big meetings/conferences around the globe the Institute wants to associate with, create partnerships, etc.

Status: A report was made and presented to the Board and follow-on actions are currently in progress.

Board Decision: Expand the IISL contributions to the UN. This could include participating at a higher level in the Capacity building workshops and other workshops organized. The Institute could make a statement/paper and encourage membership applications within OOSA/COPUOS.

Status: The IISL President is inviting systematically in her annual report and during her oral presentation, the delegates to join the IISL as members and several have followed through. A number of Board members participated in the Capacity building workshop in Thailand.

Recently, the IISL officially proposed the contribution of the Institute to the Expert Group D on Regulatory Regimes and Guidance for Actors in the Space Arena of the Working Group on the Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of COPUOS.

Board Decision: Create a “speakers’ bureau” not limited to Board members where experts can be identified.

Status: The IISL has created an online interactive membership database where members can describe their field of interest and expertise. Many reminders were sent the past couple of years to members to activate their profile.

2. Membership

Board Decision: Create two separate surveys to individual members and institutional members.

Status: An extensive survey has been completed last year by Jose Monserrat Filho and Sylvia Ospina. A total of 16% of the membership, 67 out of 404 members, participated in the survey. This was the first ever consultation of IISL members. Many of the replies and suggestions were taken up in the recent revisions of the statutes and bylaws. It was suggested that a survey could be done every 5 years.

Board Decision: Create a Membership Committee to streamline applications for membership and expand the membership of the Institute.

Status: A Membership Committee was created last year, co-chaired by Patricia Sterns and Ranjana Kaul. This committee needs more members so if you are interested to join please email Ranjana Kaul at the newly created dedicated email address: membership@iislweb.org.

Board Decision: Organize a regional standalone “Practitioners Forum”.

Status: A report was presented on the possibilities of an IISL “Practitioners Forum.” More work and volunteers are needed and this is currently a work-in-progress.

3. Financial

The Board highlighted that in order to keep growing the Institute needs to bring some financial return through its activities, including symposia and colloquia. The board also discussed the matter of expanding fundraising

and sponsorships opportunities.

Board Decision: Streamline the accounting system

Status: During the past year, there has been a major revision of the Institute’s finances and the new Treasurer has introduced a new accounting system. The membership list has been cleaned up and incorporated into this new accounting system. All the records are being digitized.

Board Decision: Create a sponsorship committee

Status: Although there have been several calls to the membership to participate in IISL committees, there have been no volunteers so far to participate actively in such a committee. The IISL Treasurer with a team of officers will work on creating IISL sponsorship packages.

4. Proceedings

The main point that was highlighted was that the IISL did not own the copyright of its proceedings. The Editor of the Proceedings, Corinne Jorgenson also highlighted that there was a need for a Publications Committee.

Board Decision: Create a Publications Committee
A Publications Committee was created last year co-chaired by Joanne Gabrynowicz and Haifeng Zhao.

Board Decision: Look into other publishing options.

Status: This year, a team composed by Marietta Benkö, Tanja Masson-Zwaan, Corinne Jorgenson and Joanne Gabrynowicz investigated the possible options and presented its recommendations to the Board. It was decided that Eleven International Publishing would publish the IISL Proceedings. The IISL now retains the copyright of the book. The 2011 IISL Proceedings is the first volume published by Eleven International Publishing.

5. IISL Visibility at IAC

It was highlighted that the IISL contributes 7% to the technical program of the IAC and the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) 33%. So both organisations represent approximately 40% of the IAC Congress. In this context, the Institute and its members should take leverage of this significant level of contribution aiming at increasing the IISL recognition and visibility.

In addition, it was underlined that the Institute does not receive a financial return to its contribution while it also brings a non-negligent part of the registered participants and a non-negligent part of the program preparation workload, between the IISL Colloquium, the joint sessions with IAA and IAF, the Plenary Event and the Moot Court World Semi-Finals and Finals.

Board Decision: Ensure the visibility of the Institute at the IAC.

Recommendations include making sure the IISL is represented suitably in all IAC marketing materials, ensuring it is correctly presented and perceived as an independent organization, ensuring the title of the Institute's Colloquium keeps its official title with IISL and its reference number, ensuring that the visibility of the IISL President and Board of Directors is equivalent to that of other organisations, etc.

Status: The Executive Secretary has been negotiating with IAF this past year on these various items.

PUBLICATIONS / COMMITTEES / CONNECTIVITY

IISL Proceedings

We are delighted to announce that the 2011 IISL Proceedings, the first volume published by Eleven International Publishing, is now published. This is an exciting moment for the International Institute of Space Law and we hope you will enjoy the new format.

If you wish to purchase the proceedings, please visit [Eleven International Publishing](#). The price for non-members is 110 Euros and IISL members are entitled to a 40% discount off the regular price.

As the Institute offers much more than just the colloquium papers, it is a continuous challenge to get some papers on time for publication. The Editor, 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 Naples IISL Colloquium, we ask all authors to send a PDF AND WORD version of their final paper (which can be an updated version of the manuscript) in ONE column instead of two, with footnotes (not endnotes) and in 11 pt Times New Roman **before 5 November** to Mariska Duindam of Eleven International Publishers at M.Duindam@budh.nl. Thank you for your cooperation.

Information about back issues is available on the IISL website.

Reminder: Activate your profile on the members website at <http://www.iislweb.net> .

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 tool has 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

uploaded a profile, access is given to all other profiles that have been uploaded. This allows 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 PJ Blount, Assistant Executive Secretary at: assistant@iislweb.org.

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 90). On Facebook, we have 2 pages, one [IISL](#) page and one [Mootcourt](#) page, each of which has around 500 (!) 'fans'.

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 but the Sponsorship Committee and we are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in joining any of the IISL committees or have questions, please email PJ Blount at: assistant@iislweb.org.

Election of New Members

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

- Hiroataka Watanabe, Japan
- Melissa K. Force, United States
- Michael J. Listner, Esquire, United States
- Nathan J. O'Konek, United States

Awards Committee

A call for awards nominations has been issued in the December Newsletter with an e-mail reminder to the membership in January and an extension of the deadline. All members are requested to actively suggest possible awardees including from the general membership.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Awards Committee, chaired by Ram Jakhu, that Corinne Jorgenson receives the Distinguished Service Award. The Award will be given at the Annual Awards Dinner in Naples.

IISL CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

IISL/ECSL Symposium at COPUOS, March 2012

On the occasion of the 51st Session of the Legal Subcommittee of the UNCOPUOS last March, the IISL and ECSL organized the annual Symposium for delegates of the Legal Subcommittee. The topic was "Transfer of ownership of space objects: Issues of responsibility, liability and registration". The papers of this symposium will be published in the 2012 IISL Proceedings. The program and presentations are available on the [UNOOSA website](#).

Conference 'Space Law and Contemporary Issues: A Focus on the Asia-Pacific Region', Hyderabad, India, 24 June 2012

A one-day conference was organized in cooperation with NALSAR University of Law after the Asia Pacific round of the Manfred Lachs moot court. Sessions addressed 'Policy and Legal Approaches for Regional Space Cooperation', 'Long Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities', 'Regulatory Regimes for Outer Space Activities', 'Space Law and Contemporary issues', and 'Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Trends and Challenges'. The presentations were compiled in a publication that will be released soon.

2nd IISL-IAA Space Law and Policy Symposium, Toulouse Space Show, France, 25-28 June 2012

The IISL co-organized the successful 2nd IISL-IAA Space Law and Policy Symposium held in Toulouse at the occasion of the Toulouse Space Show. The Symposium focused on the Sustainable Use of Outer Space, and featured a Keynote and four sessions, addressing 'Institutional parameters: observers' perspectives', 'Sustainable use of the radio spectrum', 'Responding to Space Situational Awareness and space debris', and 'Transposing sustainability into effective legal solutions'. Speakers from academia, industry, insurance and national and international institutions contributed. The [program and presentations](#) are available on the the IISL website.

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

The sessions program is as follows, all sessions take place in room TS10/Sirius:

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

Co-chairs: Tanja Masson-Zwaan, Elisabeth Back Impallomeni, Rapporteur: Olavo De Oliveira Bittencourt Neto (Tuesday 2 Oct., morning)

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

Co-chairs: Martin Stanford, Paul Larsen, Rapporteur: Olga Stelmakh (Tuesday 2 Oct., afternoon)

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

Co-Chairs: Stephan Hobe, Steven Freeland, Rapporteur: Elena Carpanelli (Wednesday 3 Oct., morning)

4. Legal Evidence from Outer Space

Co-Chairs: Marco Ferrazzani, Ray Purdy, Rapporteur: Michael Chatzipanagiotis (Wednesday 3 Oct., afternoon)

5. Recent Developments in Space Law

Co-chairs: Corinne Jorgenson, Ranjana Kaul, Rapporteur: Sergiy Negoda (Friday 5 Oct., morning)

IISL Plenary Event

The IISL organizes a Plenary session, "Towards a Code of Conduct which makes the use of space safe and equitable", on Thursday 4 Oct., from 9-10 a.m., room TBC.

Moderators: Ken Hodgkins, U.S. Department of State, USA, Kai-Uwe Schrogl, European Space Agency, France.

27th IAA-IISL Scientific/Legal Roundtable

Topic: "Optical Communication." The Round Table will address technical development and regulatory aspects of optical communication such as frequencies and protection from interception during data transmission.

Chairs: Kai-Uwe Schrogl, Wendell Mendell, Rapporteur: Nicola Rohner-Willsch (Thursday 4 Oct., morning)

Joint IAF/IISL session

"Legal Framework for Cooperative Space Endeavours"

Chairs: Cristian Bank, Lesley Jane Smith, Rapporteur: Luise Weber-Steinhaus (Friday 5 Oct., afternoon, room Sala Egadi)

ESA-IISL Event "ESA for Space Lawyers"

ESA's Legal Counsel Marco Ferrazzani is inviting IISL members for an informal gathering at the ESA booth in the Exhibition Hall on Tuesday 2 October from 13:00-15:00. Several talks about ESA current and planned activities of interest for space lawyers will be given, and the posters of the IISL young scholars will be shown on screen. Light lunch snacks will be served and there will be time to network and interact with ESA staff and the IISL young scholars. **Seats limited, reservation required** on <http://www.iislweb.net> at 'Events'.

Manfred Lachs Moot Court Competition

This year, four regional winners will compete for the first time, as a new regional round was created in Africa. Three judges of the International Court of Justice will join us in Naples to judge the World Finals of this 2st competition. The Semi-finals will be held on Tuesday, 2 October at the Congress Centre (closed session). The Final Round will be held on Thursday, 4 October, afternoon, at Palazzo Du Mesnil, Università degli studi di Napoli "L'Orientale".

IISL Dinner

The IISL Annual Awards Dinner for members and guests will be held on Thursday 4 October following the Moot Court Competition at the restaurant Zi Teresa in Naples.

The deadline for registration to the IISL Dinner in Naples, Italy, is September 25. Please RSVP online at <http://www.iislweb.net> , at 'Events'.

The cost for the dinner is € 50 per person, and € 35 for students and young professionals up to 35 years old. Payment can be made via the PayPal button on our website, <http://www.iislweb.net> at the bottom of the home page, or by making a transfer to our bank, clearly mentioning your name (IISL, ABN Amro Bank, BIC: ABNANL2A, IBAN: NL30ABNA0464594421).

We will be happy to assist you, please let us know if you need any help. We appreciate your understanding.

IISL General Assembly

The annual General Assembly will be held on Wednesday 3 October in Naples. **Several important items will be on the agenda, including a revision of the Statutes and Bylaws and Board elections.** All documents for the meeting are placed on a special password protected online directory, the details of which have been communicated to you by email. Please check the site regularly for updates, as documents are added regularly. Please bring your own copies to the meeting; printed versions will not be provided, in order to respect the environment.

Eilene M. Galloway Symposium on Critical Issues in Space Law, Washington DC, 6 December 2012

The 7th Eilene Galloway Symposium will be held on December 6 at the Cosmos Club in Washington DC. The topic will be "Regional and Global Space Organizations and the Law". A report and several of the papers presented will be published in the IISL proceedings.

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