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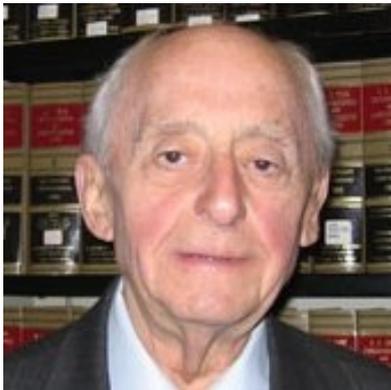
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IN MEMORIAM



The International Institute of Space Law (IISL) is sad to note the passing on 27 January 2014 of our friend and colleague Vladimír Kopal.

An Honorary Director and former Vice President of the IISL, Prof. Dr Kopal was Professor of International Law at Plzeň University at the Czech Republic. In 2010, he received the IISL's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Alongside his IISL award, Professor Kopal received recognition from the International Astronautical Federation for his dedication to the development of international cooperation in space activities for peaceful purposes, a golden medal of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences for his contributions to the progressive development of international law; and a golden medal of the Hermann Oberth Society for the development of international cooperation in space activities.

Prof. Kopal was an icon of the IISL, as well as its sister organisations IAA and IAF, and will be dearly missed by the entire space community.

The IISL invites members to write on the [online condolence register](#). Please send your contribution to memoriam@iislweb.org.

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.

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

- **Call for rapporteurs to the 57th IISL Colloquium on the Law of outer Space in Toronto, Canada. If you are interested please contact PJ Blount, Assistant Executive Secretary at: assistant@iislweb.org before **April 1st****
- **Make sure to update your contact details and to activate your profile on the [members website](#) so you can see other members profiles, contact data and interact with your peers! If your email address has changed, please ask us to update this first, so you can continue to access the database!**

IISL CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

IISL/ECSL Symposium at UNCOPUOS, 8 April 2013

On the occasion of the 52nd Session of the Legal Subcommittee of the UNCOPUOS this March, the IISL and ECSL organized the annual Symposium for delegates of the Legal Subcommittee. The topic was "The UNIDROIT Space Protocol" and included 6 presentations. The [presentations](#) are available online.

The papers of this symposium will be published in the 2013 IISL Proceedings.

56st Colloquium in Beijing, 23-27 September 2013

The 56st Colloquium was held in Beijing, China. Five sessions were held, as well as the IISL/IAA Scientific Legal Roundtable on "Space and the Polar Regions - Issues of Satellite Applications, Policies and Regulations", and a joint IISL/IAF Session. The Jasentuliyana Keynote lecture was delivered by Prof. Tare Brisibe, on "A Normative System for Outer Space Activities in the Next Half Century". The IISL was pleased to contribute for the first time to the UN/IAF Workshop by providing speakers on legal topics of relevance for the workshop participants.

The papers presented in Beijing will be published in the 2013 IISL Proceedings.

22nd Manfred Lachs Moot Court Competition

The 22th World Final of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition took place in Beijing, China, on 26 September 2013. This event took place at the Beijing Institute of Technology School of Law and was organized in the framework of the IISL Colloquium on Space Law.

The 2013 Moot Court Problem addressed the *Case Concerning the Operation of a Lunar Station (Lydios v Endymion)*. The Problem was authored by Prof. Setsuko Aoki from Japan. Fifty-eight teams from around the world registered and submitted memorials and about 150 persons judged memorials and/or oral pleadings.

Two days prior to the World Final, the four teams representing North America, Europe, Asia Pacific and Africa competed in two Semi-Finals for the selection of the Finalists. The World Final was judged by Judges Leonid Skotnikov, Xue Hanqin and Julia Sebutinde from the International Court of Justice, and resulted in a victory of the team of Georgetown University, winner of the North American round, over the team of the International Institute of Air and Space Law, Leiden University, winner of the European round. The National Law University, Delhi, India and University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa were Semi-Finalists.

The IISL expresses its thanks to the Moot Court Committee, led by co-chairs Dr. Mejía-Kaiser and Dr. Tennen, as well as the organizers of the four regional rounds for their tireless efforts in safeguarding and strengthening the excellent reputation of the competition.

The IISL is grateful to JAXA, ECSL/ESA, the Secure World Foundation and the South Africa Aerospace Industry Support Initiative for their substantive efforts to sponsor the regional winners to attend the World Finals. The following organizations generously sponsored the 22nd World Finals and IISL Dinner: Chinese Society of

Astronautics, China Institute of Space Law, Beijing Institute of Technology, and Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Photos of the [World Finals](#) of the moot court and of the [Annual Awards Dinner](#) are posted on Facebook.

IISL General Assembly

The annual General Assembly was held on Wednesday 25 September 2013 in Beijing. All documents for the meeting were placed on a special password protected online directory, the details of which were communicated to all members by email. The draft minutes of the meeting have also been placed on that site. The next General Assembly will be held in Toronto, Canada, on Wednesday 25 September 2014.

8th Eilene M. Galloway Symposium on Critical Issues in Space Law, Washington DC, 5 December 2013

The 8th Eilene Galloway Symposium, originally founded by IISL and the University of Mississippi, was held on December 5 at the Cosmos Club in Washington DC. The topic of the Symposium was "Disruptive (Game Changing) Space Technologies, Laws and Policies." The IISL is grateful to the National Center for Remote Sensing, Air and Space Law at the University of Mississippi School of Law represented by Prof. Gabrynowicz, for its years of support to the Symposium, and is pleased to have found other sources of funding to continue the successful series of symposia honouring its former Vice-President Mrs. Eilene Galloway. A report and several of the papers presented will be published in the 2013 IISL proceedings.

IISL/ECSL Symposium at UNCOPUOS, 24 March 2014

On the occasion of the 54th Session of the Legal Subcommittee of the UNCOPUOS this March, the IISL and ECSL organizes the annual Symposium for delegates of the Legal Subcommittee. The topic is "Regulatory Needs for Very Small Satellites". Presentations will be as follows:

Status and overview on very small satellites: definition, purposes and projects
Abe Bonnema, Innovative Solutions in Space (ISIS) Delft, The Netherlands

Small satellites for scientific-technical development and capacity-building
Lulu Makapela, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), South Africa

International space law and the authorization on the national level

*Philippe Achilleas, University of Paris XI Sud,
France*

*Frequency management on the international and
at the national level*

*Yvon Henri/Attila Matas, International
Telecommunication Union (ITU)*

Requirements for debris mitigation

*Christophe Bonnal, representing the Inter-Agency
Debris Coordination Committee (IADC)*

A best practice case study

Otto Koudelka, TU Graz, Austria

The papers of this symposium will be published in
the 2014 IISL Proceedings.

Global Applications Conference (GLAC), Paris, 2-4 June 2014

The IISL is a cooperating partner in the [GLAC](#),
organised by IAF/UNESCO from 2-4 June 2014. It
helps coordinate and chair the legal and
regulatory sessions in cooperation with ITU, and
has defined one session on small satellites and
one on harmful interference.

57th Colloquium in Toronto, Canada, 29 September– 3 October 2014

The sessions program is as follows:

1. Nandasiri Jasentuliyana Keynote Lecture on
Space Law & 6th Young Scholars Session
Co-chairs: Tanja Masson-Zwaan, Skip Smith
2. Up, up and away: Future legal regimes for
long-term presence in space
Co-chairs: Jean-François Mayence, Francis Lyall
3. The ISS IGA: Lessons learned and looking to
the future
Co-Chairs: Joanne Gabrynowicz, Motoko
Uchitomi
4. Legal issues associated with private human
flight, including space and ground facilities, traffic
management and spaceports
Co-Chairs: Steven Freeland and TBD
5. Recent Developments in Space Law
Co-chairs: Philippe Clerc, Lesley-Jane Smith

29th IAA-IISL Scientific/Legal Roundtable

"Misuse of Earth Observation Data"

Co-Chairs: Frans von der Dunk, Rainer Sandau
Rapporteur: Marc Haese

Joint IAF/IISL session

**"Legal Framework for Cooperative Space
Activities"**

Chairs: Cristian Bank, Berndt Schmidt-Tedd,
Rapporteur: Luise Weber-Steinhaus

23rd Manfred Lachs Moot Court Competition

Arrangements for the World Finals of the 23rd
Competition are being made. The 2013
competition problem is titled "Case Concerning
Satellite Electromagnetic Interference". The World
Finals will have the presence of 4 regional
winning teams to compete in Toronto, Canada
next October.

The 2014 problem, calendars for the competition
and more information are available [online](#). The
Manfred Lachs Moot Court Committee welcomes
IISL members willing to judge. If you are
interested, please contact Dr. Martha Mejia-
Kaiser, lachsmootchair2@iislweb.org.

9th Eilene M. Galloway Symposium on Critical Issues in Space Law, Washington DC, December 2014

The 9th edition of the Eilene Galloway Symposium
will take place this December at the Cosmos
Club. The program is being developed. Parties
interested in sponsoring the 2014 event are
invited to contact the Executive Secretary at
secretary@iislweb.org

3rd IISL-IAA Space Law & Policy Symposium, India, December 2014

This Symposium is being planned for the end of
this year and will address the legal aspects of
climate change, in the context of discussion of
this topic in the IAA Heads of Space Agencies
Summit. After the United States and France, the
idea is to have this 3rd IISL-IAA Space Law and
Policy Symposium in India (Trivandrum) as follow-
up to the successful IAA-IISL conference in
Bangalore in 2005.

EVENTS WITH IISL PARTICIPATION

Symposium during the European round of the Manfred Lachs moot court, Wroclaw, Poland, 16 May 2014

The European regional round of the moot court
will be held in Poland, the birth country of Manfred
Lachs, for the first time. To celebrate that,
Wroclaw University Faculty of Law is organising a
Symposium in honour of Manfred Lachs on Friday
16th May. There will be some presentations about
his life and work by Prof. Francis Lyall and Prof.
Malgosia Fitzmaurice (Judge Lachs' daughter),
who will send a written/video presentation. There
will also be some speeches on Polish space
activities.

Space Security and Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities, CUPL, Beijing, China, 25 May 2014

The China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) will host this international conference. Specific subjects for presentation may include:

Space Security: peaceful use of outer space, the development of weapons and disarmament, the demilitarization of space, and international mechanism for space security.

Long-Term Sustainability: the legal regulation of space tourism, the legal status of orbital stations and facilities, the innovation of space activities and sustainability, and the impact space debris in regard to liability for damages and sustainability.

This event will be held in conjunction with the Asia Pacific Regional Round of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (23-24 May). Speakers of the conference may receive an invitation to serve as judge in the Round. Interested participants are welcome to send an abstract (300-500 words) **before April 1**.

McGill's Manfred Lachs International Conference on Global Space Governance, Montreal, 29-31 May 2014

The IISL has agreed to serve as a [collaborating institution](#) in support of this Conference organized by the McGill Institute of Air and Space Law in Montreal from 29-31 May. IISL members enjoy a reduced registration fee, on the condition that they register **before 1 May**. All information about what promises to be an interesting and intellectually stimulating event can be found [here](#). The names of confirmed speakers and chairs will be published around 18th March.

ELECTIONS / MEMBERSHIP / AWARDS

Elections Board of Directors

According to the new Statutes and for the first time, an Election Committee was created at the General Assembly in Naples, in charge of managing the new election process. It was composed of Mrs. Morozova (Chair), Mrs. M. Smith and Mr. Bruenner. It was also the first time the Institute used electronic voting, while paper ballot was also available. There was a total of 291 eligible voters, 88 members voted: 86 electronically and 2 by paper ballots. This reflects a considerable increase of voting members compared to the past voting taking place during the general assembly.

The results were as follows: For the officers positions, President - 1 candidate – Mrs. Masson-Zwaan – 88 votes; Executive Secretary - 1 Candidate – Mrs. Jorgenson – 75 votes. For the Board of Directors, 4 positions were available and 5 candidates, so the 4 with the most votes were elected: Prof. Marchisio - 77 votes, Prof. Freeland

- 72 votes, Dr. Bittencourt - 59 votes, Dr. Hashimoto - 58 votes, Dr. Zhang - 53 votes.

The IISL Board expressed sincere thanks to Mrs. Morozova, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Bruenner for taking up this task involving a new process, and thanked Mr. Hatton as well as Mr. Blount for their help.

Prof. Lyall was elected as Honorary Director in recognition for his long-standing contributions and expertise.

Election of New Members

The Board approved last October the nomination of the following new members of the IISL, including the first group of “prospective members”, a new category of membership for students and young professionals created under the new Statutes:

Individual members:

1. Nancy Eskenazi (USA)
2. Elisa Celia Gonzalez Ferreiro (Spain)
3. Italo De Feo (Italy)
4. Carlo Golda (Italy)
5. Albert Lai (USA)
6. Jingzhu Li (China)
7. Christopher Newman (United Kingdom)
8. Jingjing Nie (China)
9. Igor Porokhin (Russia)
10. Maria Pozza (New Zealand)
11. MYS Prasad (India)
12. Mukund Rao (India)
13. Yu Zhang (China)

Prospective members:

Moot court participants: Phillippe Carous (France/Belgium), Kalla Girish (India), Alexia Katsiginis (South Africa), Himesh Kharel (Nepal), Nandini Paliwal (India), Gmeleen Tomboc (Philippines) and Adam Wesolowski (USA)

Direct applicants: Leah Hamilton (New Zealand), Shripad Jagdale (India), Ryan Laird (UK), Ryo Okubo (Japan), Khafayat Yetunde Olatinwo (Nigeria)

IISL Awards

The 2013 IISL awards were granted to Dr. Marietta Benkoe of the University of Cologne/ Journal of air and space law (Lifetime Achievement Award), Dr. Martha Mejia-Kaiser of the IISL Moot court committee (Distinguished Service Award), and Philippe Clerc, Legal Adviser of CNES (Award of Appreciation).

The Diederiks-Verschoor award was granted to Elena Carpanelli and Brendan Cohen for their paper titled “*The Notion of Damage Caused by a Space Object under the 1972 Liability Convention.*”

A modification in the rules was made, changing the maximum age of applicants to 30.

[PUBLICATIONS / COMMITTEES / CONNECTIVITY](#)

IISL Proceedings

The 2012 IISL Proceedings, the second volume published by Eleven International Publishing, has been published last fall. We are now working on the 2013 volume.

If you wish to purchase the proceedings, please visit [Eleven International Publishing](#). The regular price for a printed hardcover book is 110 Euros; the Proceedings are now also available as e-books.

IISL-members are entitled to a **40% discount** on the retail price. To order, please contact Eleven International Publishing via sales@budh.nl.

The 2013 Proceedings are currently in preparation. The process of making previous issues available online is nearing completion.

Pioneers of Space Law

The IISL is proud that Nijhoff/Brill published IISL's new book, "[Pioneers of Space Law](#)", edited by Prof. S. Hobe.

IISL Members may purchase the book with a **special discount of 25%**, action code 50666.

Connectivity

Reminder: Update your contact details and activate your profile on the [members website](#).

As reported before, the IISL website has been expanded with an online members database (www.iislweb.net), 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 feature, please contact PJ Blount, Assistant Executive Secretary at: assistant@iislweb.org

Social Media

The IISL is active on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter, 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 115).

On Facebook, we have 2 pages, one [IISL](#) page (1156 fans) and one [Mootcourt](#) page (945 fans).

On Twitter, the [IISL](#) account has 1504 followers, and the more recent [Mootcourt](#) account has 275 followers.

Please help us keep these pages 'lively' by sharing news, activities, publications, events etc.

IISL Committees

If you are interested in joining any of the IISL committees or have questions, please email PJ Blount at: assistant@iislweb.org.

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1. <http://www.iislweb.org> / <http://www.iislweb.org/lachsmoot/>

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