

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

This is my first report as President of the IALL as published during my second election term ending (2016–2019). It covers the period between the Oxford Conference of July/August 2016 and the days preceding the Atlanta conference of 2017.

THE BOARD

Since the 2016 International Association of Law Libraries Board Member-election, and from the 2016 Oxford Annual Course onwards till 2019, the Board of the International Association of Law Libraries consists of the following Officers:

- President: Jeroen Vervliet, Peace Palace Library Director;
- Vice-President: Barbara Garavaglia, Director, University of Michigan Law Library;
- Secretary: David Gee, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London;
- Treasurer: Kurt Carroll, Library of Congress, Washington.

The following Members made up the remaining members of the Board of Directors:

- Daniel Boyer, Nahum Gelber Law Library, McGill University, Montreal;
- Lily Echiverri, University of the Philippines;
- Michel Fraysse, Conservateur en chef – Law Librarian, Université Toulouse 1 Capitole Libraries;
- Ryan Harrington, Librarian, UNCITRAL Law Library, Vienna;
- Kerem Kahvecioglu, Istanbul Bilgi University;
- Petal Kinder, High Court of Australia, Canberra;
- Gloria Orrego-Hoyos, Law School, Universidad de San Andrés; Buenos Aires, and
- Mark Engsberg (*ex-officio*), Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board met on Saturday July 30, 2016 in Oxford and on Friday August 5, 2016; annually returning items were discussed, as well as strategic issues, especially the New Constitution and the changes in the membership structure, the INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION (IJLI), and the subscription-based model for IJLI for institutions.

Strategy Meeting: An additional Board Meeting fully dedicated to Strategy Issues took place in Montreal, Canada, on Wednesday and Thursday, February 22 and 23, 2017. Prior to the conference and afterwards, much Board communication and ordinary business happened through frequent email.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN 2016

The AGM was held on August 3, 2016. Scholarship and bursary recipients were announced. Regular reporting took place as well as recognition of our sponsors.

REPRESENTATION

I accepted an invitation to attend the Canadian Association of Law Libraries annual conference in May 2017, the Chinese & American Forum on Legal Information & Law Libraries in June 2017, and the American Association

of Law Libraries annual conference in Austin in July 2017. At all of these conferences I spoke about the International Association of Law Libraries, or canvassed for new IALL members and for attendance at IALL annual courses (and this year's course), such as at each group's business meeting, as well as at the "International Attendees Joint Reception" (at AALL).

IALL's 35TH ANNUAL COURSE IN OXFORD, 2016

The Bodleian Law Library in Oxford and IALL's Annual Course "Common Law Perspectives in an International Context" were selected in 2014. The Local Planning Committee consisted of:

- Ruth Bird, Bodleian Law Librarian
- Daniel Boyer, Board Liaison
- David Gee
- Elizabeth Wells
- Hannah Chandler
- Katherine Jackson
- Loyita Worley, and
- Margaret Watson.

The 35th Annual Course took place from July 31 until August 3, 2016 in Keble College, Oxford. There were approximately 150 delegates and 25 vendors who took part in the 35th IALL Annual Course. At the post-conference Board Meeting, Ruth Bird, resigning from the Board, was elected as a Life Member of IALL by a unanimous vote of the Board.

THE PROPOSED 2017 ANNUAL COURSE IN MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES

The Board of the International Association of Law Libraries has decided to withdraw from Manila, the Philippines, as the venue for the 2017 Annual Course of the International Association of Law Libraries. The considerations for the proposal to withdraw can be summarized under the following headings: political circumstances in the Philippines, implications thereof for IALL, the image of IALL being endangered if preparations had continued, necessity of avoidance of signs of IALL-support for the regime and complicity of IALL, the freedom of speech at the conference possibly being jeopardized and democratic values not obviously guaranteed, and the safety of delegates.

THE 2017 ANNUAL COURSE IN ATLANTA, USA

The 2017 IALL Annual Course "Civil Rights, Human Rights, and Other Critical Issues in U.S. Law" will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, from October 22–25, 2017, with the Optional Day on Thursday, October 26, 2017, organized by the Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library at Emory University School of Law, which is also celebrating its centennial anniversary. The Local Planning Committee consists of:

- Chris Glon (Chair)
- Mark Engsberg
- Amy Flick
- Michael Umberger, and
- Avery Le.

After the AALL general meeting in Austin in July 2017 I travelled to Atlanta for the final preparatory work as expected from the President.

THE PROJECTED 2018 ANNUAL COURSE IN LUXEMBOURG

In cooperation with the Max Planck Institute for International, European, and Regulatory Procedural Law in Luxembourg, and its Library Director, Juja Chakarova, and with the support of the European Court of Justice, and the 'Bibliothèque nationale de Luxembourg' the International Association of Law Libraries will organize its Annual Course on "Luxembourg and the Law in Europe and Worldwide" from Sunday September 30 till Wednesday

October 3, 2018. I went to Luxembourg from September 6 to September 8 2017 for preparatory work. A Board Liaison still needs to be appointed.

Jeroen Vervliet
IALL President
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