



## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

### **Advisory Committee on Communications 2011-2012 Annual Report**

The IALL Advisory Committee on Communications provides advice and counsel to the Editor of the *International Journal of Legal Information* and the Director of the IALL web site, while developing other IALL print and electronic publication and communications initiatives. The Committee's 2011-2012 members are the *Journal* Editor (Mark Engsberg), the Chair (Marcia Hoffman), Board members (Anita Soboleva and Bård Tuseth), and three members-at-large (Silke Sahl, Aslihan Bulut, and Mary Rumsey). Both the *Journal* editor and the Chair serve as *ex officio* members of the IALL Board of Directors, if they are not already full members. The Committee usually meets during the IALL annual conference and is in regular contact throughout the year via e-mail.

For 2011-2012, the Committee reports the following activities:

#### **I. International Journal of Legal Information (IJLI)**

Mr. Mark Engsberg continues his editorship of IJLI, which began with the first issue of volume 33 (2005).

Ms. Aslihan Bulut, Harvard Law Library, has undertaken the compilation of the International Calendar since 2009.

Mr. Thomas W. Mills of the Cornell Law Library continues as the Book Review Editor and Ms. Rebecca L. Emerson is the Editorial and Administrative Assistant.

Since 1997, the *Journal* has been printed and mailed without charge to the Association through the generosity of Thomson-West. We are in year three of a three-year contract with Thomson-West.

#### **A. Electronic Publication and Indexing of IJLI**

Currently the *Journal* is available as follows:

- Vols. 1-38 (1973-2010) are available in PDF on William S. Hein & Co.'s HeinOnline service (<http://heinonline.org/>). Direct access to past volumes of the *Journal* on HeinOnline is provided through the "Journal" page of the IALL website.
- Selected full-text coverage of the *Journal* from vol. 22 (1994) to date is available in Westlaw and WestlawNext.
- Full text coverage of the *Journal* from Vol. 34; No. 2, Spring 2006 is available in LexisNexis lexis.com. Mr. Engsberg continues to liaise with LexisNexis regarding the inclusion of back issues.
- Indexed in LegalTrac commencing Feb1, 1982 - current.

- Indexed in HW Wilson's, *Index to Legal Periodicals* since October 1995 with full text coverage from May 2005.
- Indexed in the *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals* since v. 1 of the former title (*International Journal of Law Libraries*). Articles published in volumes since 1985 are linked to the full-text in HeinOnline.

The Committee continues to monitor the *Journal's* inclusion in indexes of legal and library literature to ensure that the *Journal* is indexed in a timely fashion and to see where else it might be indexed.

## **II. Website**

We have now been on the new server for over a year, since March 2011. By all accounts, this arrangement has worked well with no problems. The domain name "iall.org" is registered through Network Solutions through September 2013 and the new server IP and administrator have been updated.

The website is the primary tool for accessing information on the organization and its activities. Many other short-term and long-term upgrades and projects are underway to improve the functionality of the site and provide more up-to-date content and information for the members. For example, an editable registration form for the Annual Conference, an electronic form for submitting website award nominations, and support for a web survey on comparative research support services in law libraries around the world. The Committee will be considering a project to provide information on legal research and law librarianship via the website to our members.

## **III. Listserv**

The IALL members list currently has 233 subscribers. In February, the list was cleaned up and 81 inactive addresses were removed. The addresses had probably stopped working because members over the years had changed jobs or email addresses without updating their subscription to the listserv. Because it proved very difficult to track down new and valid addresses to replace the ones that had to be removed, the best course of action seemed to update the listserv subscriptions when IALL-memberships are renewed.

During the first 8 months of 2012, 33 messages have been posted to the members list. This works out to around one message a week.

The corporate law librarian list is dormant. It has eleven members, but only six of these are functioning addresses. Only one message has been sent to the list this year, a message from the list administrator alerting the members that the list's address had changed.

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