News from the Board

The 2018 IALL Course in Luxembourg

As was announced earlier this year the IALL 37th Annual Course on International Law and Legal Information will be held in Luxembourg from 30th September – 3rd October 2018.

The Course, titled “Law in Luxembourg – where local tradition meets European and international innovation” will be hosted by the Max Planck Institute.

The conference website is ready for viewing at: http://iall.org/conf2018/

The Max Planck Institute (MPI) Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law was established in the fall of 2012 and comprises two departments at present – the Department of International Law and Dispute Resolution and the Department of European and Comparative Procedural Law. The MPI Library, which was also founded in 2012, continuously develops its specialised collection and offers its services to a growing number of researchers.

Professor Burkhard Hess and Professor Hélène Ruiz Fabri, Directors of the Institute together with Juja Chakarova, the Library Director, have oversight of the programme. Martina Winkel is Chair of the Local Planning Committee (LPC) which incudes Librarians and Administrative personnel from the MPI. They are in the process of putting together some exciting sessions covering both tradition and innovation in the areas of business, finance, technology, education and law. For further details of the program see: http://iall.org/conf2018/program/

In tandem with the theme of innovation a Pre-Conference workshop will be held exploring the use of Robots in Libraries. The workshop will present the inventory test results of a robot called Tory used by the MPI Library. A live demonstration of Tory will also be presented. The results of a recent survey “Robots in Libraries” will be shared with participants who will take part in a brainstorming session on the future use of robots in libraries

Registration is now open and Early Bird closes on 15th June. The maximum number of participating delegates is set at 120 persons so we encourage you to register early. The Registration form and information may be viewed here: http://iall.org/conf2018/registration/
IALL Scholarships Program 2018

David Gee, IALL Secretary, has written an entry for the IALL Blog about the IALL Scholarship/Bursary Program that commenced in 2001. There are two main types of Bursaries being offered this year:

IALL Regular bursaries and Members-Only bursaries

This year IALL is again offering THREE Regular Bursaries of up to US$2,000 each by competition to help law librarians attend the forthcoming IALL Annual Course in Luxembourg. These bursaries are available to both Individual IALL members and non-members. Full information and an application form are online at http://iall.org/scholarship-information/.

The Association is also offering FOUR Members-Only Bursaries of up to US$2,000 each by competition to help law librarians attend the forthcoming IALL Annual Course in Luxembourg. These bursaries are only available to IALL Individual members who have been dues paying members for the current year and the two immediately preceding years. Full information and an application form are online at http://iall.org/scholarship-information/.

The closing date deadline for applications for both types of Annual Course bursary is Monday 14th May 2018.

IALL Stipend Awards

In addition this year IALL is again delighted to offer FOUR Stipend Awards of up to US$500 each to specifically cover the cost of an international visa and/or reciprocity fees in order to enable a current IALL member to attend the IALL Annual Course.

Due to the very international nature of the Association, the Board is aware that many IALL members face financial constraints on attending the IALL Annual Course. However it has become clear from talking to members that some could potentially attend the course if they just had a small “top up” or supplement to their own funds. An award of a small stipend of up to US$500 to enable members to pay for an international visa and/or reciprocity fees can sometimes make the crucial difference.

Full details about these Stipend Awards and an application form are now available on the IALL website at http://iall.org/stipends/.

The closing date deadline for applications for the Stipend Awards is Monday 14th May 2018.

Questions or inquiries? Please contact David Gee, Chair of the IALL Scholarships Committee at David.Gee@sas.ac.uk.

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