

Papers for the IALL AGM 2023

Held on Tuesday 10 October 2023 at the IALL Geneva Annual Course

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

2023 Annual General Meeting

AGENDA

Held at Geneva Graduate Institute, Maison de la paix – Auditorium Ivan Pictet
Geneva, Switzerland

Tuesday 10 October 2023
1:30 – 2:30pm

1. **Welcome to Members**
Introduction of Board members and new IJLI editor
2. **Minutes**
To approve the Minutes of the AGM held during the Stanford Annual Course on 11 October 2022
3. **President's Report**
To receive the President's Report for 2023
4. **Secretary's Report**
To receive the Secretary's Report for 2023
5. **Treasurer's Report**
To receive the Treasurer's report for 2023
6. **Finance Committee Report**
To receive a report from the Chair of the Finance Committee for 2023
7. **Communications Committee Report**
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8. **Scholarships Committee Report**
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9. **Report of the Education Committee**
To receive a report from the Chair of the Education Committee for 2023
10. **Report of the Conference Committee**
To receive a report from the Chair of the Conference Committee for 2023
11. **Introduction from representatives from other associations**
12. **Annual Courses**
To receive a report on the arrangements for the 2024 Annual Course in Oslo, Norway
13. **Questions from the Membership**

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

2022 Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

Held at Paul Brest Hall, Stanford University, Stanford, California USA

Tuesday, 11 October 2022

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

1. Welcome to Members and introduction of Board members

The meeting was brought to order at 1:30pm (California Time). IALL President Kurt Carroll welcomed everyone to the annual course and thanked the Local Planning Committee for all their work, especially Beth Williams, Taryn Marks, and Sergio Stone.

Kurt also thanked the sponsors. The conference booklet sponsor was LexisNexis. The conference bag sponsor was Intelligize. The exhibitor sponsors were: HeinOnline, Trade Law Guide, Taxnotes, Wildy & Sons, CEB, CasaliniLibri, Stanford, Edward Elgar, Bloomsbury, BankruptcyData, and LLMC Digital. The conference silver sponsors were ICLR and vLex. The gold sponsor was Brill. The platinum sponsor was Wolters Kluwer.

2. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the AGM held virtually during the Toulouse, France annual course, 7 October 2021

The minutes from the AGM in Toulouse were approved.

3. President's Report

To receive the President's Report for 2022

Kurt introduced the President's Report and thanked the outgoing Board members and welcomed the new Board. He suggested all reports be approved at the end.

4. Secretary's Report

To receive the Secretary's Report for 2022

Kurt noted that Secretary David Gee could not attend this annual course. David was involved in organising the election of the new board, including assembling the Nomination Committee – consisting of Marci Hoffman (chair), Robin Gardner, Silke Sahl. Kurt thanked the Nomination Committee for their work.

Kurt introduced the new incoming board: President Mark Engsberg, Vice President Kerem Kahvecioglu, Secretary Trung Quach, Treasurer Jean Wenger, and general board members: Rebecca Bergstrom, Vanessa Blackmore, Yee Xin Chai, Sonia Crenn, Claudia Holland, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, and David Wills.

5 & 6. Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee Report

Status of the 2022 audit of Accounts for the Association for 2021

To receive a report from the Treasurer for 2022

To receive a report from the Chair of the Finance Committee for 2022

Treasurer Barbara Garavaglia introduced and discussed the Treasurer's Report and the Finance Committee Report. She noted that IALL is audited every year. We use an accounting firm to help prepare our reports. IALL's finances are healthy. There was no expense 2020 because there was no conference. There was a net increase \$36k in 2021.

Membership has remained stable – 173 members, 12 retired members, 15 members smaller jurisdictions. In total, memberships from 28 different countries.

7. Report of the Committee on Communications

To receive a report from the Chair of the Committee on Communications for 2022

Francois Desseilles noted the creation of sub-committee to revamp website. He acknowledged the technical assistance from Michael Lindsey. He acknowledged Rebecca Bergstrom's work on the IALL blog.

Kurt recognised and thanked Michael Lindsey at Berkeley for all his assistance with the IALL website and various other contributions.

8. Report of the Scholarships Committee

To receive a report from the Chair of the Scholarships Committee for 2022

On behalf of David Gee, Kristina Alayan thanked the scholarship committee for their work. She discussed the work of the committee in granting non-member and members only bursaries to attend the annual course.

9. Report of the Education Committee

To receive a report from the Chair of the Education Committee for 2022

Kristina Alayan acknowledged the other members of committee. She discussed the work of the committee during the Toulouse annual course. Encouraged members to get involve I the work of the education committee.

10. Report of the Conference Committee

To receive a report from the Chair of the Committee for 2022

Kurt Carroll introduced the Conference Committee Report and discussed the work of the committee. Kurt announced the 2024 annual course will be in Oslo with tentative dates of 15-20 June 2024. He provided guidance for those wanting to host future annual courses.

The 2023 Geneva annual course dates are 8-11 October 2023.

All reports were approved by the membership.

11. Introductions from representatives from other associations

Kurt introduced representatives from other associations who are in attendance and invited the officers to address the membership.

Beth Adelman, President of AALL, addressed the membership. She thanked IALL for welcoming her. She invited IALL members to attend AALL Conference in Boston in 15-17 July 2023 – theme ‘looking forward’.

Megan Guthrie from BIALL was introduced but she was not in the room.

Kim Nayyer from CALL was introduced and addressed the membership. She extended her deep appreciation of out-going board for their dedicated service and leadership and welcomed incoming board. There will be news soon about the 2023 CALL conference which is being finalised.

12. Annual Courses

To receive a report on arrangements for the 2023 Annual Course to be held in Geneva, Switzerland.

Sonia Crenn and Charlotte Mohr from the Local Planning Committee for the Geneva provided a presentation on next year’s annual course. The host of the 2023 course will be the Library of International Committee of the Red Cross. The theme will be: ‘Like Clockwork? Multilateralism and International Law in Geneva’. They discussed the venue, program, speakers, and cultural events. The membership was treated to a video presentation showcasing Geneva and its importance for international law.

13. Introduction of the 2022-2025 IALL Board

Kurt acknowledged and thanked outgoing board. He announced that David Gee is formally retiring and that the Board has awarded David with IALL life membership for his many years of service.

He wished good luck to incoming board. Kurt will remain on the Board for one year as immediate past president.

14. Questions from the Membership

No questions were asked.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Introduction

This is my first report to the membership as President of the International Association of Law Libraries. The report covers the period from October 2022 through September 2023.

Board Composition

The Board, which held office during 2022-2023 was constituted as follows:

Officers

President:	Mark Engsborg, Emory University School of Law, USA
Immediate Past President:	Kurt Carroll, Law Library of Congress
Vice President:	Kerem Kahvecioglu, Istanbul Bilgi University Library, Turkey
Secretary:	Trung Quach, High Court of Australia
Treasurer:	Jean Wenger, Chicago-Kent College of Law, USA

Members of the Board of Directors

Claudia Holland	Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Germany
David Wills	Squire Law Library, University of Cambridge, UK
Lyonette (Lyo) Louis-Jacques	University of Chicago Law School, USA
Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm	University of Oslo, Norway
Sonia Crenn	International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland
Vanessa Blackmore	New South Wales Law Courts Library, Australia
Yee Xin Chai	Singapore Management University, Singapore

Members who left service on the Board in 2022 include:

Barbara Garavaglia	University of Michigan Law School, USA
David Gee	Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London, England
Francois Desseilles	Court of justice of the European Union, Luxembourg
Heather Casey	Library of Congress, USA
Kristina Alayan	University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, USA
Michel Fraysse	Universite Toulouse 1 Capitole Libraries, France

I wish to thank the departing members of the Board for their service and dedication to the Association, and I wish them well in their future endeavors – some of which I hope includes attending future IALL conferences.

Strategy Meeting

According to long standing Board policy, the new Board convened early in its first term for a Strategy Meeting. The meeting was held on March 16-17, 2023 in Cambridge, UK. The venue was the University of Cambridge. Local organization was provided by new Board member, David Wills. Thank you, David, for helping to facilitate this productive meeting.

All Board members were present in person for the Strategy Meeting except for Lyo Louis-Jacques who attended via Zoom. At the Strategy Meeting, the Board examined nearly every aspect of IALL's goals and functions. There were many new initiatives proposed and discussed, as well as decisions to review longstanding practices and even key portions of the IALL constitution. Some of the most important outcomes from the Strategy Meeting are:

- The development of a new **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement**. This is a longer-term project requiring a great deal of research and discussion. This project is being led by Board member Yee Xin Chai. The Board plans to discuss a draft of the DEI statement at the Geneva pre-conference Board meeting and will reveal the new DEI Statement to the membership at the earliest opportunity.
- **Creation of a New Logo**. This initiative is being led by board member Rebecca Bergstrom. It was decided that the Association needed to refresh its very old logo to upgrade and modernize its look across multiple platforms and documents. The Board agreed that an updated logo will help the IALL electronic presence and other print and electric documents appear more updated and relevant. The process involved input from many people, including the IALL general membership, who voted on their favorite logo from among several samples. The new logo will be revealed at the Annual General Meeting in Geneva on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Following the exciting reveal, the new logo will appear on the IALL website and on its other social media platforms and official letterhead.
- Similarly, the Board agreed to **review and update the IALL mission statement**. Each committee will contribute ideas, and the Board will review and discuss them at the pre-conference Board meeting in Geneva on October 7, 2023. The new mission statement will be shared with the membership as soon as possible after it has been adopted by the Board.
- The Board agreed that it was also time to **review the nominations process** for officers and regular board members. Following an election, the Board has often reviewed its procedures to ensure the highest level of transparency in its electoral process. It is understood that any change to the nominations and/or election process will require a change to the IALL constitution. The review of the nomination process is being led by Trung Quach, Rebecca Bergstrom, and Claudia Holland.
- The Board also discussed the **process for selecting a new Editor of the IJLL**. This important task was spearheaded by Kurt Carroll. The discussion concluded with an agreement to post the job description as soon as possible after the Strategy Meeting, and that the application deadline would be April 30, 2023. I am very pleased to report that the process attracted a number of well-qualified applications, three of which became finalists. From among those finalists, the unanimous choice was Julienne (Julie) Grant. Julie works at the University of Illinois – Chicago Law Library. She accepted the position and took over as Editor in August 2023. Julie will be at the Geneva Annual Course and will attend the Pre-

and Post-Conference Board Meetings in an *ex officio* capacity. She will also be introduced to the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

Courtesy Visits to Other Conferences

I was invited to attend the annual meetings of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), the British and Irish Association of Law Libraries (BIALL), and the Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL). I personally attended AALL in Boston, Massachusetts. I was unable to attend BIALl or Call, but IALL was ably represented by Kerem Kahvecioglu, IALL Vice President, at BIALl in Belfast, Ireland from June 14-16, 2023. Also, IALL was represented by Jean Wenger, IALL Treasurer, at CALL in Hamilton, Ontario from May 28-31, 2023. Following IALL's long tradition of reciprocity with these and other sister library associations, I have invited the president of AALL, BIALl, CALL, the Australian Law Library Association (ALLA), and the New Zealand Law Library Association (NZLLA) to the IALL Annual Course in Geneva.

Presidential Visit

From September 5-9, 2023 I traveled to Oslo, Norway to review and advise the Local Planning Committee as they prepare to host the forthcoming Annual Course in Oslo, scheduled for June 16-20, 2024. These brief President's meetings are one way the Association ensures consistent high standards and continuity of the overall IALL conference format for each of its conferences. I am pleased to report that the Oslo conference is well along in its planning and preparations and that it is shaping up to be a truly fantastic experience for IALL delegates next June.

Appreciation

At this point, I wish to extend many thanks to the Board officers and members for their friendship, their innovative thinking, their care and enthusiasm for the IALL, their generous acceptance of me in this new leadership role, and particularly for their hard work over the past year. I am very excited about working with this excellent Board and about the overall direction of and future for IALL.

Conclusion

As I conclude this report, I recall that I have been a member of IALL for most of my professional career. Eighteen years of that time I served as Editor of the International Journal of Law Libraries, which means I have served on the Board in an *ex officio* capacity for those 18 years, too. I have also been closely involved with helping to organize three conferences (Yale 2002, Buenos Aires 2014, and Atlanta 2017). Even though I have so many years with IALL, I learned quickly that I still have much to learn about what it means to be President of this Association. This is why I wish to single out Kurt Carroll for special thanks for his advice, guidance, assistance, and for providing many copies of documents and email messages for me to use as templates over the past year. Most of all, I wish to thank him for his extraordinary, good-humored patience throughout my ongoing reliance on him as I find my way forward in this new role. Thank you, Kurt. I promise to take off the training wheels very soon!

Mark Engsberg, President
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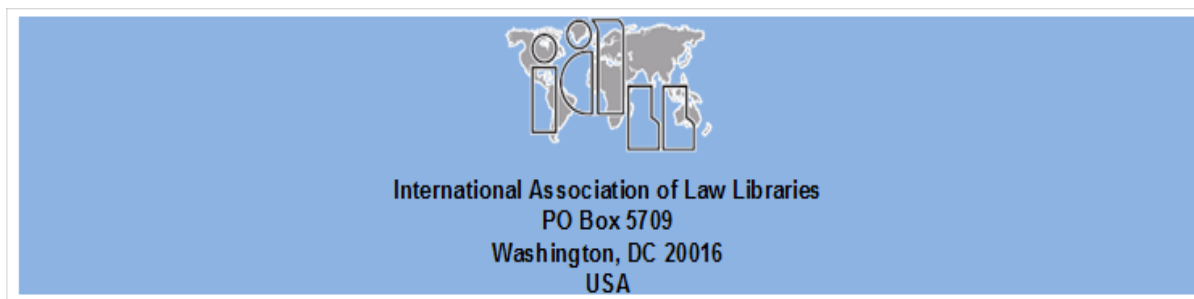
SECRETARY’S REPORT 2023

As Secretary, I assisted with the administration of IALL Board functions in 2023. This included organising meetings, preparing agendas, taking minutes, and recording Board votes. I prepared and distributed the documents for the Annual General Meeting. I ensured that relevant documents are recorded in IALL archives. I also handled enquiries regarding membership and the IALL website throughout the year.

Under the requirements of the IALL Constitution, I will be supervising Board elections – the next one will be in 2025. In preparation for the next election, I will be working with Board members Rebecca Bergstrom and Claudia Holland to lead a review of the nomination process for electing new Board members. Our task is to improve transparency of the nomination and election process. Any changes may require a change to the IALL Constitution.

I also served on the Scholarships Committee and the Finance Committee.

Trung Quach, Secretary
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TREASURER'S REPORT 2023

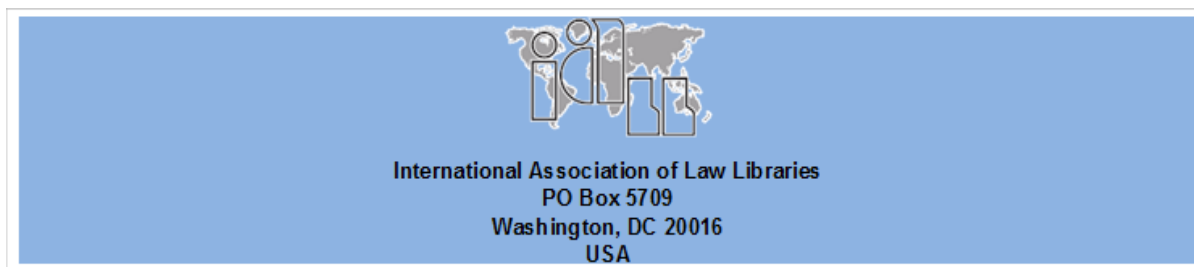
FISCAL PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2022 – DECEMBER 31, 2022

This IALL Treasurer's report reflects the unaudited cash receipts and disbursements of IALL for the fiscal period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. The Association has retained the independent audit firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, PLLC of Charlottesville, VA, USA, to examine IALL's financial records and certify the accuracy of its financial statements and the soundness of its accounting practices. The firm is preparing IALL's required tax forms and will file them with the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates will review our financial records for 2022 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. The audit report is forthcoming. IALL is not anticipating significant changes.

The Association's finances were stable in 2022. With income of US\$130,659 and expenses of US\$92,147, IALL realized an increase in net assets of US\$38,511. IALL's total assets at the end of 2022 were US\$525,210. However, we ended the year with a forthcoming liability for the in-person Annual Course at Stanford, as the preceding figures exclude the Stanford invoice, which was received and paid in 2023.

Revenues in 2022 reflect membership dues, course registrations, royalty payments, and minor interest on savings.

Jean M. Wenger, Treasurer
International Association of Law Libraries
September 2023



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2023

The Finance Committee chair conferred with the Treasurer via email as needed during the year.

The Association continues to be financially stable. There was a net increase of US\$38,511 for the 2022 fiscal year from membership dues, journal royalties, registrations for the Annual Course, and interest on savings. The 2022 Annual Course at Stanford was successful, with an outstanding program and strong attendance, sponsorship, funding, and local venue support. For the 2022 Annual Course at Stanford, IALL provided three regular bursaries and two member-only bursaries.

Membership: Renewal invoices and renewal reminders for members are sent automatically by the Wild Apricot database, and members routinely receive renewal confirmation and payment receipts. Renewal invoices for the 2023 IALL membership year (1 January–31 December 2023) were emailed in November 2022.

As of 24 September 2023, IALL has 188 members in the following membership categories:

- 147 Individual (North America, the EU, EEA, EFTA, Switzerland, UK, Australia & New Zealand)
- 20 Individual (Other countries)
- 10 Retired
- 1 Student
- 8 Life
- 2 Honorary

IALL members are from 33 different countries, broken down by geographic region as follows:

- Africa: 6 [Ghana, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Uganda]
- Asia and the Pacific: 8 [Federated States of Micronesia, Hong Kong, India, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea]
- Australia: 12
- Canada: 8
- Caribbean: 3 [Costa Rica, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago]
- Europe: 31 [Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Switzerland]
- Middle East: 1 [Israel]
- New Zealand: 1
- South America: 2 [Brazil, Chile]
- Turkey: 1
- United Kingdom: 10
- USA: 105

Kerem Kahvecioglu, Chair of the Finance Committee
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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 2023

The IALL Communications Committee provides advice and counsel to the Board of the association and to the Editor of the International Journal of Legal Information (IJLI) and to the IALL webmaster, while developing communications initiatives and IALL publications.

The Committee's members 2022 - 2023 are:

- Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm (University of Oslo Law Library), Board Member, Chair and Blog editor
- Claudia Holland (Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law), Board member
- Lyonette Louis-Jacques (University of Chicago Law Library), Board Member
- Kerem Kahvecioglu (Istanbul Bilgi University), IALL Vice President
- Julienne E. Grant (University of Illinois Chicago School of Law), Journal Editor

The Journal editor serves as an ex officio member of the IALL Board. The Committee usually meets during the IALL annual conference and is in regular contact throughout the year via e-mail. The committee met on zoom in August to discuss matters related to the function of the committee.

The IALL's webmaster is Michael Lindsey (UC Berkeley Law).

International Journal of Legal Information

In the summer of 2023, Mark Engsberg stepped down from his long-held position as Editor of the IJLI. Julienne Grant, University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, Louis L. Biro Law Library, was selected to be the new editor. Dennis Prieto, Rutgers Law School, Rutgers Law Library, guest edited vol. 51, no. 1 (Spring 2023) before Julienne began her tenure. She is now readying vol. 51, no. 2 (Summer 2023) for publication. Cambridge University Press remains the publisher of the IJLI.

Amy Flick, Emory University School of Law, Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library, continues as editor of the IJLI's "International Calendar" section. Caroline Osborne, West Virginia University College of Law, George R. Farmer, Jr. Law Library, remains the editor of the "Book Reviews" section.

Web and visual identity

The sub-committees' members are:

- Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm (chair)
- Jean Wegner
- Kerem Kahvecioglu (board officer liaison)

Website

Jean and Rebecca did a full review of the content on IALL.org. The content of the webpage was divided into what to; keep, update and archive. They also investigated possible new features.

This was the basis for further work with the IALL webpage. Michael Lindsey helped and set up an IALL staging server where it was possible to try out new structure and new themes. After several different tests, the Easy Business Pro Theme chosen. Work with migration was initiated summer 2023.

The work with the webpage will continue and planned launch is before opening of registration of the Oslo conference. We will focus on creating a member only area after launch of the website.

IALL logo

IALL logo needed modernisation. Rebecca contacted a local designer who could create several drafts. The entire board has been involved in reviewing the different suggestions and the selection was narrowed down to three logos.

The members of IALL were invited to vote over which logo would be the new IALL logo. Link to ballot was sent out to the email registered on each member in the IALL membership database. We got ninety-two responses. They were distributed as follows:

27 (29.3%) for option 1

14 (15.2%) for option 2

51 (55.4%) for option 3

The new logo will be incorporated in the new website design and in material used for the next annual course.

Social media

IALL is present in X (previously known as twitter), Facebook and LinkedIn. The committee will prioritise LinkedIn, based on the possibility to reach out to a broader professional group.

	LinkedIn	Facebook	X (Twitter)
Number of followers	209	2800	305
Number of posts since Stanford	22	18	33
New followers	82	13	18

Newsletter

The newsletter has changed format and will be sent out as a twice-a-year letter from the IALL President to provide updates and highlight activities.

Blog

The blog has published twelve posts since Stanford. The posts are of diverse topics and are marketed through social media.

It is a goal to publish a new blogpost every two weeks. Each member of the board contributes with at least one blog post each per year. It is expected that bursary award receivers contribute with a blog post after their attendance at the annual course.

We have drawn up guidelines for writing for the blog. They are loosely based on the In Custodia Legis blogging guidelines.

Content can be, but are not limited to:

- Blog posts with a scholarly angle,
- Narrative blog posts (e.g., “A Day in a Law Librarians life, around the world”),
- Promotion of non-commercial sources (e.g., open access publications by members or projects that members contribute to),
- Informal posts (e.g., pictures of architecture, books), and
- Members reports on sessions, both from the annual course and other conferences of interest (see e.g., IALL 2021 Recap: Public and International Law in the Digital Age | DipLawMatic Dialogues).

The editor welcomes and encourage members to contribute to the blog.

Listserv

Previous board member Barbara Garavaglia has administered the listserv. A member of the ComCom or the treasurer will take charge of the listserv.

Diversity

The committee will continue the work with the rest of the board to increase diversity and accessibility in IALL and to our resources. A key step for accessibility is to strive to implement Universal Web Design, which is essential for those who use a braille display or use text to speech technology.

Communication strategy and best practices

Communications roadmap

The committee will revise the existing draft of IALLs communication roadmap. It will focus on what the committee consider prioritised areas.

Marketing strategy and best practises

The committee will work on a marketing strategy for IALL. IALL is 75 years next year and should be boasted in different medias. Taking that as a starting point the ComCom also will develop a best practice for how and when to communicate.

LPC Communication best practises

The committee has discussed how to ease the work of future LPCs regarding communication. We have decided on creating a best practice guideline for LPCs. It can be a support for LPCs on how, where and when to promote and communicate about upcoming courses.

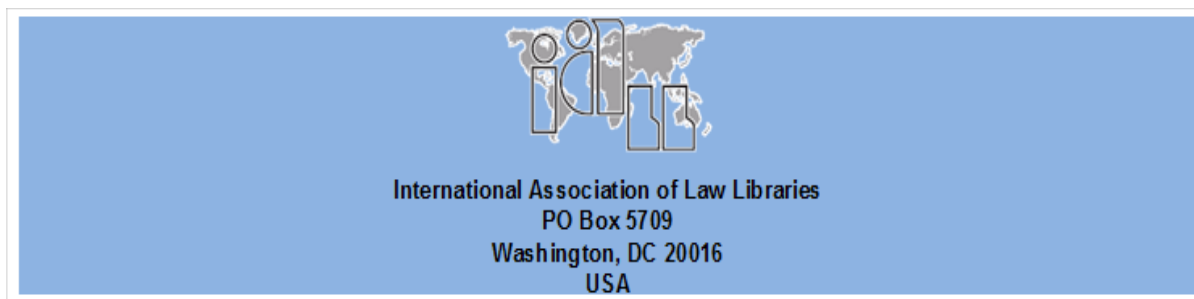
Membership involvement

The marketing campaign and social media work might be organised as one or two projects where members outside the board will be involved in sub-committees.

The committee has planned to survey the membership on how they prefer to receive information from the Association.

The Blog editor strongly encourages anyone who would like to write for the blog to reach out.

Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm, Chair of the Communications Committee
International Association of Law Libraries
September 2023



SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE REPORT 2023

The members of the Scholarships Committee are:

- Vanessa Blackmore (Law Courts Library, Sydney), Chair
- Sonia Crenn (International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva), Board Member and Local Planning Committee member IALL Geneva 2023
- Claudia Holland (Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg), Board Member
- Trung Quach (High Court of Australia, Canberra), IALL Secretary
- Jean Wenger (Chicago-Kent College of Law), IALL Treasurer

IALA awards two distinct types of bursaries to help defray most of the cost of attending IALL's annual course:

1. **Regular Bursaries** which are available to non-members and members; three such bursaries of up to a maximum of US\$3,000 each will be awarded.
2. **Members-Only Bursaries** for current Individual members who have paid their dues for the current year and at least the two immediately preceding calendar years; three such bursaries of up to a maximum US\$2,500 each will be awarded.

In 2023 an additional category of bursaries was added:

3. **Local Bursaries** available to non-members and member librarians who live or work in Switzerland; four such bursaries for US\$250.00 discount off the cost of the Course registration will be awarded.

IALA bursaries are not open to officers or members of the Board of Directors of the Association.

The Scholarships Committee (with the assistance of Michael Lindsey at the University of California, Berkeley) continued to offer the online bursary application forms via the IALL website for all bursaries. The online forms worked well again and the few technical issues that arose during the application period (these were mostly firewall issues) were quickly resolved by Michael Lindsey.

As usual, bursary applications were encouraged and advertised. For example, messages were published on the IALL blog, and announcements and reminders were sent to a number of regional law library lists by members of the IALL Board. 23 applications from a broad range of countries were received for regular bursaries.

After all applications were received and assessed, the Scholarships Committee recommended to the IALL Board that four **regular professional development bursaries** be awarded to attend the 41st Annual Course in October 2023 in Geneva to:

- Dwaymian Brissette, Law Librarian/ Information Services Manager-Library Services & Communications, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, Castries, Saint Lucia
- Amy Duxfield, Research Librarian, Crown Law Office, Wellington New Zealand
- Jeremy F. Flores, Senior Executive Assistant, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Manila, Philippines
- Khulekani Khumalo, Chief Library Officer, Department of International Relations and Cooperation, Pretoria, South Africa

This recommendation was made considering that the full range of members and local bursaries will not be awarded, the Geneva conference budget will be balanced, and this would contribute to bringing more diversity to participants to the conference. The Board voted in favour of this recommendation.

IALL also awarded **one Members-Only professional development bursary** to attend the 41st Annual Course in October 2023 in Geneva to:

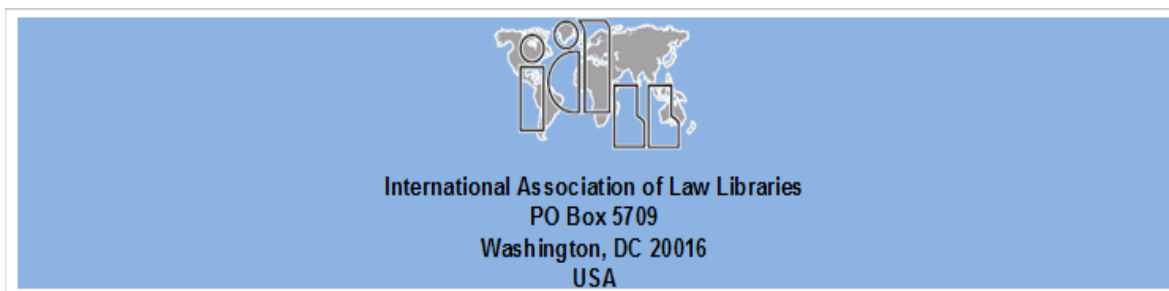
- Caroline Osborne, Professor of Law and Director of the Law Library, West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown, United States.

IALL also awarded **one local bursary** to attend the 41st Annual Course in October 2023 in Geneva to:

- Danilo Reyes, Fellow, World Intellectual Property Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

The bursary awards also included gratis registration for the conference for bursary winners in categories 1 and 2. The winners of the Regular bursaries were also awarded free IALL Individual membership for one calendar year beginning 1st January 2024, which includes a complimentary subscription to the *International Journal of Legal Information* for one year beginning in January 2024.

Vanessa Blackmore, Chair of the Scholarships Committee
International Association of Law Libraries
September 2023



EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2023

The remit of the IALL Education Committee is *to initiate and lead collaborative efforts among members and colleagues to address challenges in international legal research education.*

IAL Board Members on the Education Committee are:

- Yee Xin Chai (C J Koh Law Library)
- Vanessa Blackmore (New South Wales Law Courts Library)
- Lyonette Louis-Jacques (D'Angelo Law Library)
- David Wills (Squire Law Library) – Chair

Following IALL's Annual Course at Stanford, a new membership for the IALL Education Committee was established by the meeting of the Board on Thursday 13 October 2022 with David Wills and Yee Xin Chai agreeing to be members. At the IALL Strategy Meeting on 16/17 March 2023, Vanessa Blackmore and Lyonette Louis-Jacques also joined the Committee.

To date, the Committee has met on two occasions to discuss plans and consider a direction of travel with regard to IALL's education-related matters. Those meetings were held virtually on 13/14 July 2023 and 14 September 2023.

The Committee has discussed a number of issues. Consideration has been given to enhancing the wording of the 'charge' (remit) of the committee, subject to agreement and approval of the IALL Board. The Committee wishes to better represent its intentions with regard to promoting and encouraging equality, diversity and inclusivity concerning its activities and to encouraging the broadest participation regardless of language and geographical location.

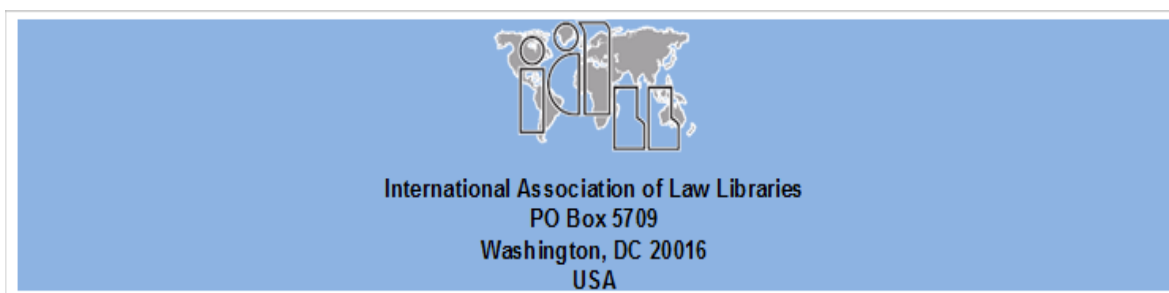
Over the next two years and subject to further discussion, some specific focuses for the Committee might relate to:

- (i) acting in an advisory capacity with regard to the programmes for the Annual Courses where education-focussed issues were concerned;

- (ii) supplementing the annual meetings by engaging with IALL members during the rest of the year offering virtual events that would be a benefit to members, which would add to the profile and work of the Association more generally.
- (iii) considering ways in which the Education Committee could play a part in broadening and encouraging new members to join the Association.

A number of different approaches, to the virtual engagement mentioned above, have been discussed with a possible emphasis on opportunities to start developing a programme of podcasts and webinars. These discussions are at an early stage and further conversations will be needed with the IALL Board and the Communications Committee in order to see what is technically feasible and what would be most beneficial to the Association as a whole and, most importantly, to the members of IALL.

David Wills, Chair of the Education Committee
International Association of Law Libraries
September 2023



CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2023

The current members of the Committee are:

- Mark Engsborg, IALL President and Committee Chair
- Jean Wenger, IALL Treasurer
- Rebecca Bergstrøm
- Sonia Crenn

At the IALL Board Strategy Meeting in Cambridge, UK in March 2023, the Board decided that the Conference Manual needed to be updated. Kurt Carroll and Rebecca Bergstrom volunteered to be responsible for the manual's update, and Kurt would notify the Board when it was ready in order to get feedback from the other Board members.

Last year's Conference Committee report included a prelude to our 41st annual course presented at Stanford University in the USA. It was a very successful course and was well-attended, particularly by many in the US who do not otherwise have institutional support for travel to IALL courses abroad. Sincere thanks go to the members of the Stanford local planning committee, co-chaired by Sergio Stone and Taryn Marks, Stanford Law Library Director, Beth Williams, who was an enthusiastic supporter of the event, and to retired IALL Board member, Barbara Garavaglia, who served as Board Liaison.

The 41st annual course is a return to Switzerland, having hosted an IALL meeting in Lausanne in 2001. Following Kurt's visit in June 2022, he informed the Board that planning was well underway for our annual course to be held in Geneva in October 2023. Three famous institutions: the Graduate Institute Library, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Library, and the UN Library Geneva will present the course. The Local Planning Committee includes Sonia Crenn (ICRC), Charlotte Mohr (ICRC), Clara Kiraly (ICRC), Yves Corpataux (Graduate Institute), and Rachel Forman (UN). Focusing on Geneva's role in multilateralism and international law, the course promises to be a highly enriching experience.

The 42nd annual course is scheduled to be in Oslo, Norway in June 2024. This will be the first IALL conference in Norway, and a first IALL course held at that time of year. I have already heard many positive remarks from members about the early summertime (and over the summer solstice) for the Oslo conference. The June dates do not conflict with teaching schedules, which is particularly appreciated by US members.

I made a visit to Oslo in early September 2023 and was greatly impressed by the advanced state of preparation for the event. The Oslo conference's main venue and host will be the University of Oslo Law school, now housed in an attractive, convenient and brand new building hear the heart of the city. The LPC is under the leadership of IALL Board member Rebecca Bergstrøm, and she is supported by seven other creative, enthusiastic, and dedicated committee members:

- Hilde Westbye, Director
- Anne Gunn Berge Bekken, Section manager Public Services.
- Karen Danbolt, Head Librarian, Legal History
- Fredrik Løken, Senior Librarian
- Tormod Andersen, Academic Librarian
- Halvor Kongshavn, Senior adviser (retired May 2022)
- Sigrid Østbye, Academic Librarian

Board Liaison for the Oslo conference is Jean Wenger. The conference will span many eras in Norway's legal history, that overall plan of which is reflected in the conference working title of "From Longships to Autonomous Ships." There will be a pre-conference workshop and an Optional Day offered as add-ons to the regular conference program.

At the time of the writing of this report, I am working closely with Board member Yee Xin Chai to secure a proposal for the 43rd annual course in Singapore. There are some delicate institutional and personal politics that we must navigate, though we hope to have a proposal within the next few months. It is our hope that the full Board will be able to review and vote on the proposal at the pre-conference Board meeting in Oslo in June 2024. If approved, the location and institution hosting the 2025 course will be announced at the AGM in Oslo.

I am also in the very early stages of working on one possible location for the 44th annual course. For that course, IALL should return to North America, if possible. My discussions at this stage are much too early and too tentative to report on at this point, though I did want to mention that there are a number of institutions in North America which have expressed varying levels of interest in hosting a future IALL annual course. I am more than confident that in 2026, IALL will again be in North America.

Inquiries and consideration to host an IALL course are addressed as they are received. Institutions wishing to submit a proposal may contact the IALL President or refer to IALL's criteria for hosting an annual course on our website <http://iall.org/annual-conference-2/criteria-for-future-conference-venues/>.

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