International Association of Law Libraries organized their 26th Annual Course in International Law Librarianship at National Centre of Performing Arts, Nariman Point, Mumbai, India between 1st and 5th December, 2007.

The inaugural function was held on Saturday, 1st December 2007 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. The Conference was inaugurated by Hon’ble Justice Y.V. Chandrachud, Former Chief Justice of India.

The function began with Indian Classical Dance followed by traditional Indian style of lighting of lamp by the Hon’ble Justice Y.V. Chandrachud, Mr. Jules Winterton, Mr. Holger Knudsen and Mr. Halvor Kongshavn.

The formal welcome address by Mr. Jules Winterton, President of IALL was followed by the inaugural address by the Hon’ble Mr. Justice Y.V. Chandrachud, former Chief Justice of India.

Folk and Bollywood Dances of India followed the address by the Hon’ble Chief Guest.

Kala Parichaya group of Dr. Sandhya Purecha performed the Cultural programme.

The academic sessions were held between 2 December and 4 December 2007. The first lecture of the academic session was delivered by Hon’ble Mr. Justice B.N. Srikrishna, former Judge, Supreme Court of India, on Introduction to Indian Legal System.

The other speakers were Hon’ble Dr. Justice S.Radhakrishnan, Judge, Bombay High Court, Hon’ble Dr. Justice D.Y.Chandrachud Judge, Bombay High Court, Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy, Vice Chancellor of S.N.D.T. Women’s University, Ms. Flavia Agnes, Lawyer and Women’s rights activist, Dr. V.V.
Tulzapurkar, Senior Counsel, Bombay High Court, Mr. Shiraz Rustomjee, Environmental Lawyer, Bombay High Court, Mr. Nishith Desai, International Legal & Tax Expert of Nishith Desai Associates: International Legal & Tax Counseling Firm. Mr. Pavan Duggal, Cyber Law Expert and Advocate, Supreme Court of India. Mr. Talwant Singh, General Secretary INDLII, Mr. Surendra Malik, Chief Editor of Supreme Court Cases, India and Mr. Rakesh Kumar Srivastava, Chief Librarian of Supreme Court of India.

Professor Carl Monk, President of International Association of Law Schools spoke about his Association.

The IALL Annual General Meeting was held on 3 December 2007. The Publishers’ Session was also held on the same day with speakers from Westlaw International, HeinOnline and Eastern Book Company.

On 5 December 2007 there was a trip to Elephanta Island, UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are rock cut cave temples dating to 4th - 9th Century dedicated to Lord Shiva the Hindu God. Most impressive is a six-metre high carving of Shiva: TRIMURTI statue which represents the three incarnations of creation, destruction and preservation.

The Social Events included Mumbai City Tour which visited the important places of Mumbai. The Bombay Heritage Walk covered historic landmarks and architectural gems of Mumbai. The Library visits included the Mumbai University Library, the Asiatic Library, State Central Library, David Sassoon Library and K.R. Cama Oriental Institute Library.

There were dinners at the Khyber Restaurant at Khala Ghoda, Fort and the Sachin Tendulkar’s Restaurant near the Gateway of India which was the venue for IALL Annual Dinner.