



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

Advisory Committee on Communications 2010-2011 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 2010-2011 members are the *Journal* Editor (Mark Engsborg), the Chair (Marci Hoffman), Board members (Anita Soboleva and Bård Tuseth), and two members-at-large (Silke Sahl and Aslihan Bulut). The membership has been enlarged to include Mary Rumsey as another member-at-large. 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 2010-2011, the Committee reports the following accomplishments and activities:

I. International Journal of Legal Information (IJLI)

Mr. Mark Engsborg continues his editorship which commenced with the first issue of volume 33 (2005). The Board decided in Spring 2011 to remove the journal from the Cornell Digital Commons platform and remove all freely available content from the website.

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. Emmerson is the Editorial and Administrative Assistant. Their excellent and timely work is gratefully appreciated.

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

A. Electronic Publication and Indexing of IJLI

Currently the *Journal* is available as follows:

- Vols. 1-36 (1973-2008) are available in facsimile on William S. Hein & Co.'s Hein Online service (<http://heinonline.org/>). Direct access to past volumes of the *Journal* on Hein Online 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's INTJLI database.
- Full text coverage of the *Journal* from Vol. 34; No. 2, Spring 2006 is available in LexisNexis lexis.com. Mr. Engsborg 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

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. IALL Website

In March 2011, the website was moved to an outside server in order to provide more security and better back-up of the content. Maintenance and development work is now handled by Michael Lindsey. Since March, the entire site was moved to the new server and the structure was cleaned up and improved in the following ways:

- 1) The code was cleaned up and rewritten in HTML 5 scrubbed to hew more closely to HTML/CSS/JavaScript best practices. This should help with search results and maintenance as well as making any future development easier for our developer.
- 2) The database is backed up each day at 5:00 a.m.
- 3) All links have been crawled to ensure accuracy.
- 4) A new RSS feed for the calendar was installed.
- 5) A new search engine was designed using Google rather than Atomz.
- 6) A new sitemap was created and added to the site

The domain name "iall.org" is registered through Network Solutions through September 2013 and the new server IP and administrator have been updated.

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.

III. Listserves

Currently there are four listserves:

1. The Members list
2. The Private and Corporate Law Librarians list
3. The IALL Board list
4. The IALL Communication Committee list

The IALL members email list has been updated in order to include all current IALL members and remove any past members.

A few statistics:

- Current members: 328
- Messages sent to list (year to date): 34
- Messages promoting the 2011 conference: 13

A discussion is underway to examine the purpose of the list and ways to encourage subscription.

In the coming year, the Committee looks forward to continuing to work with and support the editor of the *Journal* and those associated with the website, in expanding its efforts to promote the Association, and develop new projects to improve communications within IALL and to those outside the Association. The Committee will also be undertaking some longer term projects to improve the content and functionality of the website.

The Committee and the Association wishes to thank Ms. Germain for her support as Web Director, Mr. Skenderija for his timely and highly skilled technical support with the website, Ms. Pajerek for loading the *Journal* onto the Cornell Digital Commons site.

Marci Hoffman
Chair
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