



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

Advisory Committee on Communications 2014 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 2012-2013 members are the *Journal* Editor (Mark Engsborg), the Chair (Marci Hoffman), Board member (Bård Tuset), 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 2013-2014, the Committee reports the following activities:

I. International Journal of Legal Information (IJLI)

Mr. Mark Engsborg 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.

In January 2014, IJLI moved from Thomson-Reuters to Hein for the printing and distribution.

A. Electronic Publication and Indexing of IJLI

Currently the *Journal* is available as follows:

- Vols. 1-40 (1973-2012) 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. 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.

- 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 IJLI was selected for inclusion in THE INFORMED LIBRARIAN ONLINE (ILO), <http://www.infosourcespub.com/ilojnltitles.cfm>. The ILO is a current awareness service that professes to bring librarians “all of their professional reading.”
- ProQuest Library Science Database reproduced the IJLI.

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

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.

III. Other Activities

A. Blog Posts

The Board decided to continue requesting blog posts from the Board Members according to a set schedule. In the eleven months from the Barcelona conference to September 1st this year, there have been 22 blog posts.

B. Listserv

The IALL listserv currently has 354 members. Any interested colleagues may now subscribe themselves by following instructions on the website (<http://iall.org/about-iall-2/iall-listserv/>). In addition to the usual announcement of association business, a new and welcome development has been a number of requests for articles or information from librarian colleagues.

C. Facebook

The IALL Facebook page was launched in 2012 and currently has 321 likes. The Facebook page automatically links to the content from the IALL blog and provides a way for interested colleagues to effortlessly stay abreast of the activities of the association.

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Chair
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