



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

Communications Committee 2017 AGM Annual Report

The IALL Communications Committee 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 2016-2017 members are Mark Engsborg (The *Journal* Editor), Kerem Kahvecioglu (the Chair and Board Member), Daniel Boyer (Board Member), Amy Flick, Joan Policastri, Julienne Grant, Sergio Stone. The Journal editor serves as an ex officio member of the IALL Board of Directors. The Committee usually meets during the IALL annual conference and is in regular contact throughout the year via e-mail.

In 2016 and 2017, the Committee reports the following activities:

I. International Journal of Legal Information (IJLI)

Mr. Mark Engsborg continues his editorship of IJLI. The journal has just published the first issue of volume 45 with Cambridge University Press.

Ms. Amy Flick, Emory University School of Law Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library, is responsible for compiling the calendar of international events as a successor for Aslihan Bulut.

Mr. Thomas W. Mills of the Notre Dame Law Library continues as the Book Review Editor and Ms. Rebecca L. Emmerson was the Editorial and Administrative Assistant until 2017.

The journal is printed and distributed by Cambridge University Press since 2016 with the change of publisher comes a change in format and revamped cover.

The IALL appointed its inaugural Editorial Board for the IJLI. The three-member board will consist of the Editor, Mark Engsborg, along with **Teresa Miguel-Stearns**, director of the Yale Law Library at Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut, and **Marylin Raisch**, Associate Director for Research & Collection Development, Georgetown Law Library at the Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D.C. The Editorial Board members will serve three-year terms and may be re-appointed for two consecutive terms. The Editorial Board will assist the Editor in promoting the IJLI, soliciting article submissions for the Journal, and judging articles for the forthcoming annual Best IJLI Article contest.

II. Website

The domain name "iall.org" is registered through Network Solutions.

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. Recent changes include the ability to accept bursary applications via the website.

III. Other Activities

A. Blog Posts

Since the new IALL website launched, board members and members of the Communications Committee have contributed posts on law and law librarianship. Twelve contributions have been published between the annual courses in Oxford and Atlanta. The blog has provided some insights to what is going on in the association or covered other interesting issues from around the world. Hopefully the blog will continue to provide an incentive for colleagues to visit the site regularly.

B. Listserv

The IALL members' listserv currently has 534 subscribers, which is up 10 % from last year. The list serve has become a supplement to the INT-LAW list for seeking assistance from colleagues around the world for solving difficult reference questions.

C. Facebook

The IALL Facebook page has 2,823 likes. This includes likes of the page and likes of individual posts, so there are not 2,823 individuals interested in IALL. 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.

D. Twitter

IALL Twitter account created in June 2017 in order to increase communication channels and communication with our members and other stakeholders in a timely manner via social media. The IALL Twitter account has 42 followers.

E. Newsletter

Petal Kinder edits the quarterly IALL Newsletter as successor for Ruth Bird.

F. Thanks

The IALL Communication Committee sincerely thanks Bård Sverre Tuseth, Ruth Bird, Aslihan Bulut and Silke Sahl for all their invaluable work that they have done for the IALL.

Kerem Kahvecioglu
Chair
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