



International Association of Law Libraries

President's Annual Report September 2017

This is my first report as President of the IALL as published during my second election term ending (2016 – 2019). It covers the period between the Oxford Conference of July/August 2016 and the days preceding the Atlanta conference of 2017.

The Board

Since the 2016 International Association of Law Libraries Board Member-election, and from the 2016 Oxford Annual Course onwards till 2019, the Board of the International Association of Law Libraries consists of the following Officers.

President: Jeroen Vervliet, Peace Palace Library Director; Vice-President: Barbara Garavaglia, Director, University of Michigan Law Library; Secretary: David Gee, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London; Treasurer: Kurt Carroll, Library of Congress, Washington.

The following Members made up the Board of Directors since the above mentioned elections: Daniel Boyer, Nahum Gelber Law Library, McGill University, Montreal; Lily Echiverri, University of the Philippines; Michel Fraysse, Conservateur en chef – Law Librarian, Université Toulouse 1 Capitole Libraries; Ryan Harrington, Librarian, UNCITRAL Law Library, Vienna; Kerem Kahvecioglu, Istanbul Bilgi University; Petal Kinder, BarNet Jade, Sydney, Australia; Gloria Orrego-Hoyos, Law School, Universidad de San Andrés; Buenos Aires and Mark D. Engsborg (ex-officio), MacMillan Law Library, Emory School of Law, Atlanta.

Board Meetings

The Board met on Saturday 30 July 2016 in Oxford and on Friday 5 August 2016; annually returning items have been discussed, as well as strategic issues, especially the New Constitution, and the changes in the membership structure, the International Journal of Legal Information, the subscription-based model for IJLI for institutions.

Strategy Meeting. An extra and formal Board Meeting fully dedicated to Strategy Issues took place in Montreal, Canada, on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 February 2017. A lot of contact, ordinary business, happened through regular frequent email.

The Annual General Meeting in 2016

The AGM was held on 3 August 2016. Scholarship and bursary recipients were announced. Regular reporting took place. Sponsors shown our gratitude.

Representation

I accepted an invitation to attend the Canadian Association of Law Libraries in May 2017, the Chinese & American Forum on Legal Information & Law Libraries in June 2017, the American Association of Law Libraries annual conference in Austin in July 2017. At all of these conferences I spoke or lectured (briefly or extensively) about the International Association of Law Libraries, or canvassed for IALL (and this year's course), e.g. at AGMs and at the "International Attendees Joint Reception" (at AALL).

IALL's 35th Annual Course in Oxford, 2016

IALL's Annual Course, "Common Law Perspectives in an International Context", was held at the Bodleian Law Library in Oxford. The Local Planning Committee consisted of: Ruth Bird, Bodleian Law Librarian, Daniel Boyer, Board Liaison, David Gee, Elizabeth Wells, Hannah Chandler, Katherine Jackson, Loyita Worley, David Wills, and Margaret Watson. The 35th Annual Course took place from the 31st July until the 3rd August 2016 in Keble College. There were around 150 delegates and 25 book vendors who took part in the 35th IALL Annual Course. Ruth Bird, resigning from the Board, was elected as a Life Member of IALL by a unanimous vote of the Board.

The proposed 2017 Annual Course in Manila, the Philippines

The Board of the International Association of Law Libraries has decided to withdraw from Manila, the Philippines, as the venue for the 2017 Annual Course of the International Association of Law Libraries.

The considerations for the proposal to withdraw can be summarized under the following headings: political circumstances in the Philippines, implications thereof for IALL, the image of IALL being endangered if preparations had continued, necessity of avoidance of signs of IALL-support for the regime and complicity of IALL, the freedom of speech at the conference possibly being jeopardized and democratic values not obviously guaranteed, and the safety of delegates.

The 2017 Annual Course in Atlanta, USA

The 2017 IALL Annual Course "Civil Rights, Human Rights, and Other Critical Issues in U.S. Law" will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, from October 22-25, 2017, with the Optional Day on Thursday, October 26, 2017, organized by the Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library at Emory University School of Law, celebrating its centennial anniversary. The Local Planning Committee consists of Christina Glon (Chair), Mark Engsborg, Amy Flick, Avery Le, and Jason LeMay.

After the AALL general meeting in Austin in July 2017 I travelled to Atlanta for the final preparatory work as expected from the President.

The projected 2018 Annual Course in Luxembourg

In cooperation with the Max Planck Institute for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law in Luxembourg, and its Library Director, Juja Chakarova, and with the support of the European Court of Justice, and the 'Bibliothèque nationale de Luxembourg' the International Association of Law Libraries will organize its Annual Course on "Luxembourg and the Law in Europe and Worldwide" from Sunday 30 September till Wednesday 3 October 2018. I went to Luxembourg from 6 September to 8 September 2017 for preparatory work. A Board Liaison still needs to be appointed.

Jeroen Vervliet

IALL President

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