



**IALL Scholarships Committee  
2017 Annual Report**

The current members of the Committee are: David Gee (Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, UK), IALL Secretary (Chair); Kurt Carroll (Library of Congress, USA), IALL Treasurer; Lilia Echiverri (University of the Philippines Law Library, Philippines), Board Member; Michel Fraysse (Université Toulouse, France), Board Member; Barbara Garavaglia (University of Michigan, USA), IALL Vice President.

IALL Bursary Awards

This year the Committee advertised three Regular Bursaries which were available to both members and non-members. The Committee also advertised the new benefit for Individual (formerly Personal) members of IALL, the Members-Only Bursary. This relatively new bursary award is available to Individual members of IALL who have been dues-paying Individual members for the current year and the two immediately preceding years. IALL advertised four Members-Only bursaries this year.

The maximum bursary amount for each Regular Bursary and each Members-Only Bursary continued to be US\$2,000. The Members-Only Bursaries, like the Regular Bursaries, are to help defray most of the cost of attending IALL's annual course.

The Scholarships Committee (with the assistance of Michael Lindsey at the University of California, Berkeley) continued to offer the online bursary application forms via the IALL website for both bursaries. The online forms worked well again and the few technical issues that arose during the application period (these were mostly firewall issues) were quickly resolved by Mike Lindsey.

As usual, bursary applications were encouraged and both types of bursary were widely advertised. For example, messages were put up on the IALL Facebook page and on the IALL blog, two encouraging emails were sent to all IALL members and announcements and reminders were sent to a number of regional law library lists by members of the IALL Board.

The Committee was very pleased to receive 17 scholarship applications for the Regular Bursaries for the Atlanta Conference, fewer than for the Oxford Conference in 2016. The following countries were represented: Canada (2 applicants); Ghana (2 applicants); Ivory Coast (1 applicant); Luxembourg (1 applicant); Nigeria (2 applicants); Philippines (3 applicants); Uganda (5 applicants) and USA (1 applicant). As in previous years, the pool of applicants was strong and competitive. Committee members reviewed and discussed the applications via email. The Committee selected 3 Regular Bursary winners for the Atlanta Conference:

- Ms Temenuga Chakarova, Head of the Library at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law, Luxembourg
- Mr Bright Kwaku Avuglah, Senior Library Assistant, University of Ghana School of Law, Ghana
- Ms Willian Frias, Law Librarian, De La Sale University, Philippines

The Committee was also pleased to award 2 Members-Only Bursaries in the third year of this new Individual member benefit. The recipients of the Members-Only bursaries for the Atlanta Conference were:

- Ms Laurie Atkinson, Director Law Library of Victoria and Supreme Court of Victoria Librarian, Australia
- Mr Dennis Kim-Prieto, Reference Librarian at Rutgers Law School, USA

The amounts awarded for both categories of bursary were based on the budget estimates for the accommodation and travel costs submitted by each applicant and were within the overall maximum of US\$2,000 per bursary. The bursary awards also included gratis registration for the conference and optional day. The winners of the Regular bursaries were also awarded free IALL Individual membership for one calendar year beginning 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

#### IALL Stipend Awards

Due to the very international nature of the Association, the IALL Board is aware that many IALL members face financial constraints on attending the IALL Annual Conference. However it had become clear from talking to members that some could potentially attend the conference if they just had a small “top up” or supplement to their own funds. An award of a small stipend of up to US\$500 to enable members to pay for an international visa and/or reciprocity fees could sometimes make the crucial difference. The IALL Board therefore approved the creation and funding of four new stipend awards of up to US\$500 each to cover the cost of an international visa and/or reciprocity fees in order to enable an IALL member to attend the IALL Conference. This was a trial pilot programme to benefit IALL members.

As the applicants did not fulfil the selection eligibility criteria, the Committee did not award any Stipends to attend the Atlanta Conference. The IALL Board will review this initiative at its meetings in Atlanta.

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