

# Papers for the IALL AGM 2021

Held virtually via Zoom on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 during the IALL Toulouse Conference

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# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

## 2021 Annual General Meeting

### Agenda

Held virtually via Zoom on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 during the IALL  
Toulouse Conference.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
4.30pm – 5.30pm PARIS TIME

1. **Welcome to Members.**
2. **Minutes**  
To approve the Minutes of the AGM held in Sydney, 12.15 – 13.15,  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
3. **President's Report**  
To receive the President's Report for 2021.
4. **Secretary's Report**  
To receive the Secretary's Report for 2021.
5. **Nominating Committee for the 2022 Board elections**  
To approve the Board's recommended membership of the Nominating  
Committee for the 2022 IALL Board elections.
6. **Treasurer's Report**  
Status of the 2021 audit of Accounts for the Association for 2021.  
To receive a report from the Treasurer for 2021.
7. **Finance Committee Report**  
To receive a report from the Chair of the Finance Committee for 2021.
8. **Report of the Committee on Communications**  
To receive a report from the Chair of the Committee on Communications  
for 2021.
9. **Report of the Scholarships Committee**  
To receive a report from the Chair of the Scholarships Committee for  
2021.
10. **Report of the Education Committee**  
To receive a report from the Chair of the Education Committee for 2021.
11. **Report of the Conference Committee**  
To receive a report from the Chair of the Conference Committee for  
2021.

- 12. Reports from other law librarianship associations**  
To receive greetings and reports from other law librarianship associations.
- 13. Annual Courses**  
To receive a report from the Conference Committee on arrangements for the 2022 Annual Course held at Stanford Law School, California, USA.
- 14. Questions from the Membership**

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

## DRAFT MINUTES - 2019 Annual General Meeting

Held in the University of New South Wales CBD Campus,  
Level 7, 1 O'Connell Street, Sydney

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
12.15 – 13.15

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### 1. Welcome to Members and thanks to the retiring 2016/2019 Board members

Meeting brought to order at 12.15am. IALL President Jeroen Vervliet welcomed IALL members to the AGM.

The President said he was very sad to report the death of Board member Petal Kinder on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Petal had had a long and distinguished career in Australian court librarianship. She was also a long-standing Board member of IALL from 2004 to 2019, serving from 2010 to 2013 as President.

The President then introduced the officers and members of the 2016-2019 IALL Board.

The President then thanked the members of the 2016-2019 Board who were stepping down in 2019: Daniel Boyer (McGill University, Canada), Lily Echiverri (University of the Philippines), Ryan Harrington (UNCITRAL Law Library, Vienna, Austria) and Gloria Orrego-Hoyos (University of San Andres, Buenos Aires, Argentina).

### 2. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the AGM held in Luxembourg, 11.30 – 12.30, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

The minutes were approved with no comment.

### 3. President's Report

To receive the President's Report for 2019.

The President's Report was approved.

### 4. Secretary's Report

To receive the Secretary's Report for 2019.

The Secretary's Report was approved.

### 5. Treasurer's Report

Status of the 2019 audit of Accounts for the Association for 2018.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

### 6. Finance Committee Report

To receive a report from the Chair of the Finance Committee for 2019.

The Finance Committee's Report was approved.

**7. Report of the Committee on Communications**

To receive a report from the Chair of the Committee on Communications for 2019.

The Committee on Communication's Report was approved.

**8. Report of the Scholarships Committee**

To receive a report from the Chair of the Scholarships Committee for 2019.

The Chair of the Scholarships Committee, Ms Barbara Garavaglia, introduced the IALL bursary award recipients to the AGM.

IALL awarded three regular professional development bursaries to attend the 38th Annual Course in October 2019 in Sydney, Australia to:

- Oludayo John Bamgbose, Law Librarian, Ajayi Crowther University, Nigeria
- Wai-fung Cheung, Librarian, Hong Kong Legislative Council Library, HK
- Lydia Craemer, Librarian, Johannesburg Bar Library, South Africa

Although subsequently Mr Bamgbose was unable to attend the Sydney Conference.

IALL also awarded two Members-Only bursaries to attend the 38th Annual Course in October 2019 in Sydney, Australia to:

- Catherine Cotter, Head Law Librarian, Gerard V. La Forest Law Library, University of New Brunswick, Canada
- David Isom, Faculty Services Librarian, University of San Diego School of Law Library, USA

Although subsequently Ms Cotter was unable to attend the Sydney Conference because of ill health.

Barbara Garavaglia then thanked the committee members for their work during the year and the President thanked Barbara Garavaglia for chairing the committee so well.

The Scholarships Committee Report was approved.

**9. Report of the Education Committee**

To receive a report from the Chair of the Education Committee for 2019.

The Education Committee Report was approved.

**10. Report of the Conference Committee**

To receive a report from the Chair of the Conference Committee for 2019.

The Conference Committee Report was approved.

**11. Elections and New board**

The President said that in accordance with the IALL Constitution, Board elections via an online electoral ballot had taken place over the past year overseen by the IALL Secretary.

The President gratefully thanked the three members of the Nominating Committee, Lesley Dingle, Marci Hoffman and Rene Winter for all their hard work in creating a slate of election candidates for the Board elections.

The President then introduced members to the newly-elected Board of Directors for 2019-22:

Officers:

President: Kurt Carroll, Library of Congress, USA

Vice-President: Kerem Kahvecioğlu, Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey

Secretary: David Gee, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London, UK

Treasurer: Barbara Garavaglia, University of Michigan Law Library, USA

Board Members:

Kristina Alayan: Howard University, USA

Rebecca Bergstøm: University of Oslo, Norway

Heather Casey, University of Georgetown, USA

François Desseilles: University of Liege, Belgium

Michel Fraysse: University of Toulouse, France

Trung Quach: University of Melbourne, Australia

Jean Wenger: Chicago Kent College of Law, USA

In addition:

Immediate Past President: Jeroen Vervliet, Peace Palace Library, The Hague, Netherlands

Editor of the International Journal of Legal Information (ex-officio): Mark Engsberg, Emory School of Law, Atlanta, USA.

The President then reviewed his six years in office. His ambitions had been to make the Board more transparent, to change the structure of the IALL membership base by moving away from Institutional membership and signing a new publishing contract with CUP, and by professionalising the association. He thanked the Board and the membership for their confidence in him. The experience had been very enjoyable and he had learnt a lot through increased professional knowledge gained at the conferences, meeting new friends and visits to new places.

The President said that the membership should bear in mind that the Board did its work as volunteers. He then gave his best wishes to the new President and Board and wished them every success for the future.

## **12. Introduction of representatives from other associations:**

- The American Association of Law libraries (AALL) was represented by its President, Ms Michelle Cosby. Ms Cosby brought greetings from AALL and invited IALL members to the July 2020 AALL Conference in New Orleans.
- The Australian Law Libraries' Association (ALLA) was represented by its President, Kate Freedman, Senior Librarian, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, Australia. She cordially invited IALL members to the September 2020 ALLA conference in Canberra. She announced that in future one of the awarded bursaries to attend an international conference would be named the "Petal Kinder Bursary".
- The Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL/ACBD) was represented by Kim Nayer, Edward Cornell Law Librarian, Cornell University, New York, USA. She congratulated IALL on an outstanding conference and invited IALL members to the May 2020 CALL conference in Hamilton, Canada.
- The New Zealand Law Libraries' Association (NZLLA) was represented by its President, Ms Steph Colling, Team Leader Research, Auckland Libraries, New Zealand. Ms Collings brought greetings from NZLLA and invited IALL members to the 2020 NZLLA Conference.

The President then announced that in view of his distinguished contributions to IALL as a Board member, as the Board Liaison Officer for the Oxford Conference and for his editorship of the IALL Blog, and for organising the Board Strategy Meeting two years ago, the Board has decided to offer Daniel Boyer IALL "Honorary Membership".

The award of Honorary Membership to Daniel Boyer was approved.

## **13. Questions from the Membership**

No questions were raised.

The President then thanked the appointed Volunteer Members of the Committee on Communications (Julienne E. Grant, Joan Policastri and Sergio Stone) and Education Committee (Lucie Olejnikova, Heather Casey and Gabriela Femina) for their work over the past three years. He also thanked Amy Flick for her role as Member at Large on the Committee on Communications. He said that the Board will be asking the membership for new Volunteer Members soon and that if you wish to discuss the matter please approach the new President, Kurt Carroll.

## **14. Annual Courses**

To receive a report from the Conference Committee on arrangements for the 2020 Annual Course in Toulouse, France.

Board member and Chair of the Local Planning Committee, Michel Fraysse, outlined the exciting provisional programme for the 2020 Annual Course in Toulouse, France using a short video. The conference is due to take place between Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The main conference venue will be the Hôtel Mercure Compans-Caffarelli in the centre of Toulouse. The themes of the academic programme will include French

historical law, French private law, French public law and human rights law on the first day; IP law, air law and space law on the second day; and foreign, international and comparative law on the third day. An exciting social programme of library visits is also being planned.

Meeting ended at 1.10pm.



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### **President's Report, September 2020 to September 2021**

This is first report for an AGM as President of the IALL as the 2020 meeting was cancelled following the postponement of the annual course due to the coronavirus pandemic. In lieu of the AGM, a formal board meeting was held in November 2020.

The Board which held office during 2020-21 was constituted as follows, President: Kurt Carroll of the Library of Congress, USA; Vice President: Kerem Kahvecioğlu of the Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey; Secretary: David Gee of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, UK; Treasurer: Barbara Garavaglia of the University of Michigan Law School, USA; Board members: Kristina Alayan of the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, USA; Rebecca Five Bergstrøm of the University of Oslo Law Library, Norway; Heather Casey of Georgetown University Law Library, USA; François Deseilles of the Court of Justice of the European Union, Belgium; Michel Fraysse of the Université Toulouse 1 Capitole Libraries, France; Trung Quach of the Melbourne Law School, Australia; Jean Wenger of the Chicago-Kent College of Law, USA; and one ex officio member: Mark Engsborg, MacMillan Law Library, Emory School of Law, USA.

The fall 2020 board meeting marked the end of the one year term of Immediate Past President: Jeroen Vervliet of the Peace Palace Library. With the closing of this board position as governed by IALL's recent constitutional changes, so ended the formal role Jeroen had been serving as board liaison for the postponed Toulouse annual course. Jeroen graciously agreed to continue offering his time and assistance to Michel Fraysse and the Toulouse Local Planning Committee in a volunteer capacity.

The Board met virtually on 19 November 2020. Annually returning items were discussed, primary of which was the approval of the association's 2021 operating budget. The pandemic caused the cancellation of the current board's strategy meeting. In spring 2021 near monthly board meetings were instituted to maintain momentum and share information amongst members. To date, meetings have been held 14 April, 21 May, 14 July, and 9 September. Additionally, the President and Vice President have met for biweekly meetings since early March.

I accepted invitations to attend the (virtual) annual meetings of the American Association of Law Libraries and the Canadian Association of Law Libraries. Reciprocally I have invited the presidents of the American Association of Law Libraries, Australian Law Librarians' Association, British and Irish Association of Law Librarians, Canadian Association of Law Libraries/Association Canadienne des Bibliothèques de Droit, Juriconnexion, and New Zealand Law Librarians' Association.

Kurt Carroll  
IALL President  
September 2021



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## **IALL Secretary's Report**

### **2020-2021**

The Secretary assisted the IALL Board with organising virtual Board meetings on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021. I also liaised with the Board Officers and Board members frequently over such issues as the format of the conference and handled enquiries regarding membership benefits, subscriptions to the *International Journal of Legal Information* and questions about the IALL website throughout the year. I also planned the pre- and post-Conference Board meetings for the virtual 2021 Toulouse Conference and the virtual 2021 AGM.

Under the requirements of the IALL Constitution, in August 2021 I have started to organise the 2022 Board elections by seeking suggestions from the IALL membership for the possible members of the Nominating Committee.

The Secretary also served on the Scholarships Committee and on the Finance Committee.

David Gee

IALL Secretary

September 2021



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**IALL TREASURER'S AGM REPORT 2021**  
**FISCAL PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2019 – DECEMBER 31, 2019**  
**&**  
**FISCAL PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2020 – DECEMBER 31, 2020**

This fund statement reflects the cash receipts and disbursements of IALL for two fiscal periods: January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, and January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The Association has retained the independent audit firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates of Charlottesville, VA, USA, to examine the IALL's financial records and to certify the accuracy of its financial statements and the soundness of its accounting practices. The firm has prepared IALL's required tax forms and filed them with the US Internal Revenue Service. Our financial records for 2019 and 2020 were reviewed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States.

The Association's finances were healthy in 2019. With revenues of US\$126,119 and expenses of US\$108,270, IALL realized a modest increase in net assets of US\$17,849 in 2019. This increase can be attributed to high attendance at the Sydney annual course. In addition to the annual course, total revenue reflects membership dues and minor royalty and investment income. IALL's total assets at the end of 2019 were US\$403,162, an increase of approximately 4% over 2018. We ended the year with no liabilities.

IALL, like the rest of the world, experienced significant disruptions because of the covid-19 pandemic in 2020. Audits for 2019 and 2020 were pushed to 2021, the in-person annual course in Toulouse, France was cancelled, rescheduled to 2021, and ultimately changed to a virtual course because of the ongoing pandemic. Finances in 2020 were stable despite these disruptions. Revenues in 2020 reflect membership dues, royalty payments, and minor interest on savings and no revenue from the delayed annual course; expenses in 2020 were minimal because of the delayed annual course. With 2020 revenues of US\$52,043 and expenses of US\$10,062, IALL realized an increase in net assets of US\$41,981 (10% over 2019) and ended the year with total net assets of US\$445,143. The increase is attributable to receiving "catch up" royalty payments covering two previous years and to the absence of the expenses of an in-person annual course. We ended the year with no liabilities.

Barbara Garavaglia, IALL Treasurer  
20 September 2021

**International Association of Law Libraries**

Statement of Assets and Net Assets - Cash Basis At  
December 31, 2019

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	ASSETS	
Cash in bank - Checking	\$	47,822
Cash in bank - Savings		229,960
Cash in bank - Savings - Suntrust		<u>125,380</u>
Total assets	\$	<u><u>403,162</u></u>
	NET ASSETS	
Without donor restrictions	\$	<u>403,162</u>
Total net assets	\$	<u><u>403,162</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement of Support, Revenue, and Expenses - Cash Basis For  
the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Without Donor Restrictions
Revenues and other support:	
Membership dues	\$ 13,705
Sponsorship income	45,430
Conference registration fees	66,390
Royalty income	434
Interest income	160
Total revenues and other support	\$ 126,119
Expenses:	
Program Services:	
Promotion and Education of Legal Information:	
2018 and 2019 conference	\$ 63,934
2020 conference advance	867
Joint reception	1,000
Journal	12,409
Board travel reimbursement	11,948
Scholarships	9,190
Total program services	\$ 99,348
Supporting Services:	
Management and General:	
Website hosting/maintenance	\$ 1,066
Credit card and bank charges	5,824
Equipment	1,192
Miscellaneous	840
Total supporting services	\$ 8,922
Total expenses	\$ 108,270
Change in net assets	\$ 17,849
Net assets, beginning of year	385,313
Net assets, end of year	\$ 403,162

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## International Association of Law Libraries

### Notes to Financial Statements At December 31, 2019

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#### NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION:

International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) is incorporated in Washington, DC as a not-for-profit corporation. IALL is a worldwide organization of librarians, libraries, and other persons and institutions concerned with the acquisition of legal information emanating from sources other than from their jurisdictions. The basic purpose of the IALL is to promote on a world-wide cooperative and non-profit basis the works of individuals, libraries, and other organizations concerned with all aspects of legal information, and to facilitate the use of such information.

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

##### Basis of Accounting

IALL prepares its financial statements on the cash basis of accounting; consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned and certain expenses are recognized when cash is disbursed rather than when the obligation is incurred.

##### Cash and Cash Equivalents

IALL considers cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand.

##### Concentration of Credit Risk

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insures all bank accounts maintained by IALL thereby limiting potential credit risk to balances in excess of \$250,000. As of December 31, 2019, IALL had a \$27,782 uninsured cash balance.

##### Income Taxes

No provision is made for income taxes in the financial statements since IALL is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(4). IALL is not classified as a private foundation.

IALL regularly reviews and evaluates its tax positions taken in previously filed information returns with regard to issues affecting its tax exempt status, unrelated business income, and related matters. Based on IALL's evaluation of its positions relating to any relevant matters, no tax benefits or liabilities are required to be recognized in accordance with FIN 48.

#### NOTE 3 - FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES:

The costs of providing the various programs and supporting activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of support, revenue, and expenses – cash basis. Expenses are allocated between programs and supporting services based on direct allocation for each category. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

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### Notes to Financial Statements At December 31, 2019 (Continued)

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#### NOTE 4 - THE SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE:

During the year IALL held its annual conference in Sydney, Australia. In connection with the conference, revenue and expenses for the conference were received and paid through the accounts of IALL as well as through the accounts of the Local Organizing Committee.

#### NOTE 5 - LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS:

The Organization monitors its liquidity so that it is able to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments while maximizing the investment of its excess operating cash. The Organization has the following financial assets that could readily be made available within one year of the balance sheet to fund expenses without limitations:

Cash in bank - Checking	\$	47,822
Cash in bank - Savings		229,960
Cash in bank - Savings - Suntrust		<u>125,380</u>
Total	\$	<u>403,162</u>

#### NOTE 6 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

In preparing these financial statements, management of IALL has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through May 14, 2021, the day the financial statements were available to be issued.

Given the daily evolution of the COVID-19 outbreak and global responses to curb its spread, IALL is not able to estimate the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak on its results of operations, financial condition, or liquidity for future fiscal years.

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Statement of Assets and Net Assets - Cash Basis At  
December 31, 2020

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	ASSETS	
Cash in bank - Checking	\$	89,631
Cash in bank - Savings		230,109
Cash in bank - Savings - Suntrust		<u>125,403</u>
Total assets	\$	<u><u>445,143</u></u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Without donor restrictions	\$	<u>445,143</u>
Total net assets	\$	<u><u>445,143</u></u>

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**International Association of Law Libraries**  
Statement of Support, Revenue, and Expenses - Cash Basis for  
the Year Ended December 31, 2020

		Without Donor Restrictions
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Revenues and other support:		
Membership dues	\$	13,080
Return of 2019 conference funds		7,216
Royalty income		31,574
Interest income		173
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Total revenues and other support	\$	52,043
Expenses:		
Program Services:		
Promotion and Education of Legal Information:		
Board travel reimbursement	\$	4,254
Total program services	\$	4,254
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Supporting Services:		
Management and General:		
Audit fees	\$	3,300
Credit card and bank charges		1,081
Equipment		972
Miscellaneous		455
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Total supporting services	\$	5,808
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Total expenses	\$	10,062
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Change in net assets	\$	41,981
Net assets, beginning of year		403,162
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Net assets, end of year	\$	<u>445,143</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements  
At December 31, 2020

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Cash

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Concentration of Credit Risk

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insures all bank accounts maintained by IALL thereby limiting potential credit risk to balances in excess of \$250,000. As of December 31, 2020, IALL had a \$69,741 uninsured cash balance.

Income Taxes

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Notes to Financial Statements  
At December 31, 2020 (Continued)

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NOTE 4 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

The annual conference that IALL holds was canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in no revenues or expenses for the conference. IALL did receive \$7,216 from their Local Organizing Committee, which was a return of unspent funds for the 2019 conference that was held in Sydney, Australia.

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## IALL Finance Committee AGM Report, 14 September 2021

The Finance Committee chair conferred with the Treasurer via email on financial matters during the year.

The association continues to be financially stable. Expenses were minimal during 2020 because of the pandemic and the cancellation of the in-person Toulouse annual course. There was a net increase of \$41,981.00 for the 2020 year primarily because we received back royalty payments for the journal from Cambridge University Press and conference expenses for the rescheduled Toulouse, Stanford, and Geneva conferences were deferred because the conferences were delayed to 2021, 2022, and 2023 respectively. There were no bursary expenses for the Toulouse virtual annual course.

**Membership:** Renewal invoices and renewal reminders for members are sent automatically by the Wild Apricot database and members routinely receive renewal confirmation and payment receipts. Renewal invoices for the 2021 IALL membership year (January 1–December 31, 2021) were sent via email in November 2020.

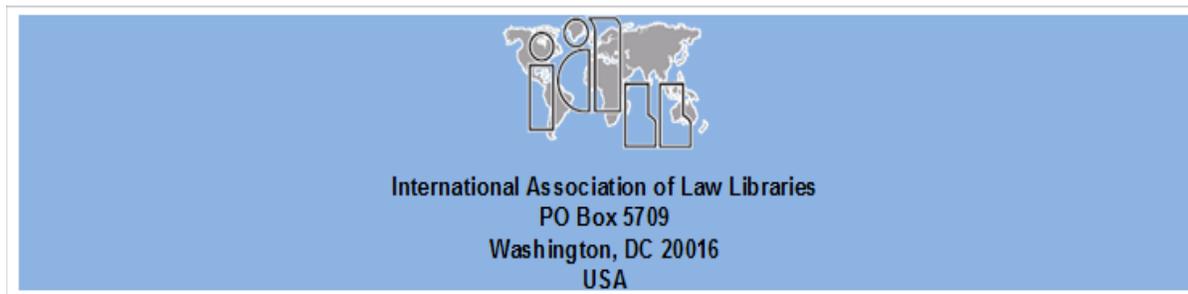
In 2021, the IALL has 164 members in the following membership categories:

- 131 Individual (North America, the EU, EEA, EFTA, Switzerland, Australia & New Zealand)
- 15 Individual (Other countries)
- 10 Retired
- 1 Student
- 6 Life
- 1 Honorary

IALL members are from 27 different countries, broken down by geographic region as follows:

- Africa: 3
- Asia and the Pacific: 6
- Australia: 12
- Canada: 5
- Caribbean: 4
- Europe: 28
- New Zealand: 1
- South America: 2
- Turkey: 2
- United Kingdom: 7
- USA: 94

Kerem Kahvecioglu  
Chair, IALL Finance Committee



## Communications Committee AGM Report 2021

The IALL Communications Committee provides advice and counsel to the Board of the association and also to the Editor of the International Journal of Legal Information (IJLI) and to the IALL webmaster, while developing communications initiatives and IALL publications.

The Committee's 2019-2021 members are:

- François Deseilles (Court of justice of the European Union), Board Member, Chair
- Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm (University of Oslo Law Library), Board Member, Blog editor
- Mark Engsborg (Emory School of Law), Journal Editor
- Amy Flick (Emory School of Law), Member at Large
- Kerem Kahvecioglu (Istanbul Bilgi University), IALL Vice President

The Journal editor serves as an ex officio member of the IALL Board. The Committee usually meets during the IALL annual conference and is in regular contact throughout the year via e-mail.

The IALL's webmaster is Michael LINDSEY (UC Berkeley Law).

*Obviously, the Coronavirus pandemic has affected all our work and activity. The present Communications Committee report is thus shorter than usual as a result. For 2019-2021, the Committee reports the following activities:*

### **I. General aspects**

The chair of the committee drafted a roadmap. The roadmap was first circulated to the President and the Vice-President who gave their comments ( included in the draft roadmap) and then presented at an online board meeting on 19 November 2020. Comments and observations were gathered.

The roadmap has been drafted to gather proposals to foster the structuration and dissemination of information, pending the drawing up of a global strategy for the development and implementation of the association's missions.

While the roadmap was generally well received, only a few actions have been taken since then.

#### **A. Follow-up**

The roadmap was able to improve the transmission of information between the old and new committees and the follow-up (platforms and tools already in use).

#### **B. Sub-committee**

In accordance with our constitution (art. VIII), a sub-committee was set up by the Communication Committee to assist it in its work to modernise our visual identity, to reshape and revamp the Internet media (website, social media) and implement an Intranet interface for members (in relation to the members' database).

The sub-committee will be led by the chair of Communications Committee during Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm's maternity leave and then hand it over to her.

Members of this sub-committee are : Kerem Kahvecioglu (as the board officer liaison), Michael Lindsey (as IT specialist), Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm, François Deseilles.

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The sub-committee is in the process of defining a timeline and has asked the President to send out a call to membership. Members of the association who were already volunteers and wished to continue will be contacted. It will also be assisted by Jean Wenger (Chicago-Kent College of Law), Board Member, for her current experience in planning this kind of change.

### II. Existing and (re)developing communication channels

#### A. Blog

One of the committee members, Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm, has been very active in redeveloping the blog, encouraging board members and managing the publication of posts.

Since the last annual course in Sydney, 15 contributions have been published. The blog has provided some insights on legal and documentary issues from around the world. The blog will continue to provide an incentive for colleagues to visit the site regularly. The posts will be included mainly in the redeveloped **newsletter** which is currently being redesigned and reorganised.

An editorial policy and guidelines for guests are being developed to make this forum as open as possible. The President has been asked to make a call to the membership once the internal rules have been developed.

#### B. Social medias

The committee has tried to promote the use of social medias both professionally and for information sharing. An agreed indicative list of sources for social media feeds endorsed by the association (and which can be included in information sharing) is being developed by the board.

Social medias to “show case” the life of the association and be able to reach potential members : the IALL **Facebook** page has 2815 likes. There are also 2847 followers. The IALL **Twitter** account was created in June 2017 in order to increase the communication channels and communication with our members and other stakeholders. The IALL Twitter account has 245 followers. Those channels automatically links to the content from the IALL blog posts and provides a way for interested colleagues to effortlessly stay abreast of the activities of the association.

There has been an improvement on social medias to gather our members and allow them to show their “true” membership on professional networks. The [LinkedIn account](#) under the name of the association has been recovered and restarted. The creation of an **Instagram** account is under discussion and will probably be more consistent with the relaunch of on-site annual courses.

#### C. Listserv

The IALL members’ listserv currently has 639 subscribers (representing an increase of 8.50% since 2019). The listserv has become a supplement to the INT-LAW list for seeking assistance from colleagues around the world for solving difficult reference questions.

#### D. International Journal of Legal Information (IJLI)

The *International Journal of Legal Information* (IJLI) is published by Cambridge University Press (CUP). The latest issue is volume 49 (Spring 2021).

IJLI’s editorial board is:

- Mark Engsberg, Editor
- Amy Flick, International Calendar Editor
- Caroline Osborne, Book Review Editor

Mark Engsberg continues his editorship of IJLI and secures sufficient submissions to publish in each issue.

CUP has been exploring new methods of publishing, one of which focuses on academic institutional agreements that provide access for authors to publish, and for those institutions to access the CUP platform. As IALL is not an academic institution, instead a professional association, it does not fit this model and it is uncertain if CUP will retain us as a client. Similar concerns are being held by other associations which use CUP as their publishing vehicle.

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Another forthcoming challenge will also be to support and encourage diversity and to set a volunteer advisory board. The board has suggested to broaden the discussion on that issue, perhaps in the form of a working group.

### E. Website

The website is the primary tool for accessing information on the organization and its activities.

Recent changes include a contact form to avoid spams to the members of the IALL Board of Directors, update of the Committees information, update on the IJLI webpage.

A short-term upgrade has been done (https-server-redesign) by M. Lindsey. This upgrade has solved the ongoing mail issues the association has seen where conference and membership emails did not arrive.

A long-term upgrade and revamp project is underway to improve the features and provide more up-to-date content and information for the members (*cf. sub-committee supra*).

### F. Wikipedia

A trio of volunteers has already prepared a Wikipedia entry, however it was rejected. The board supports the idea of an edit-a-thon during a convenient month to produce open access articles about law libraries and legal information in the broadest meaning of the word and about associations, institutions, groups and projects with the same goal in the world.

In this regard, it is intended to move forward with the presentation (with critical apparatus and footnotes) of the association on a Wikipedia page in several languages and at least in those mentioned currently on IALL's website in addition to English: Deutsch, Français, 中文, Italiano, Español, Hindi, Türkçe, 日本語, русский.

François Deseilles

Chair, Communications Committee

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## IALA Scholarships Committee 2020-2021 AGM Report

The purpose of the Scholarships Committee is to administer the funds made available by the Association for programs of financial assistance and its work includes formulating programs, advertising and selection of recipients. At present the Association offers [professional development bursaries](#) to enable law librarians who are normally unable to benefit from Association activities to attend the IALA annual conference. This program is described on the Scholarships page of the Association [website](#).

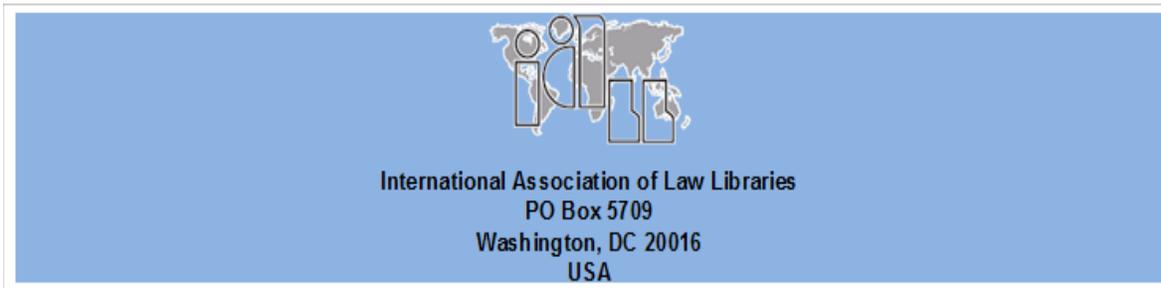
The current members of the Committee are:

- *David Gee* (Institute of Advanced Legal Studies), IALA Secretary, Chair
- *Kristina Alayan* (University of Maryland, School of Law), Board Member
- *Heather Casey* (Georgetown University Law Library), Board Member
- *Michel Fraysse* (Université Toulouse), Board Member
- *Barbara Garavaglia* (University of Michigan), IALA Treasurer

The IALA Board made the difficult decision to postpone the 2020 Annual Course which was scheduled for October in Toulouse, France because of the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic. As a consequence, no conference bursaries were offered in 2020.

The IALA Board decided to offer a virtual Annual Course from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 from Toulouse, France. The Board decided not to offer our usual conference bursaries as the course was virtual and no travel costs and no accommodation costs would be incurred by attendees. However, exceptionally conference fee waivers were offered to IALA members via the IALA Treasurer. The IALA Treasurer and members of the Scholarships Committee organised the arrangements for offering conference fee waivers for the virtual 2021 Annual Course in Toulouse, France.

David Gee  
Chair, IALA Scholarships Committee



## **IAL Education Committee 2020-2021 AGM Report**

The IALL Education Committee initiates and leads collaborative efforts among members and colleagues to address challenges in international and foreign legal research education.

### **Board members on the Education Committee**

Kristina Alayan (University of Maryland), Chair  
Rebecca J Five Bergstrøm (University of Oslo)  
Heather Casey (Georgetown University Law Center)  
Michel Fraysse (Université Toulouse)

The Education Committee benefits from the opportunity to engage with IALL members in person during the Annual Course. With the temporary delay and suspension of the in-person Toulouse Annual Course, the committee struggled to develop and sustain sufficient momentum while its members – along with the association, institutions, and our respective countries – grappled with the unpredictable and ongoing global pandemic.

Various programming initiatives were attempted (e.g., hosting an online course on a topic of interest that tied into the upcoming annual course). Either due to lack of responsiveness from potential speakers and/or the committee members' own limited bandwidth, these efforts were ultimately unsuccessful. A partnership with the Project 20/20: From Transition to Transformation initiative was considered, but various logistical challenges disrupted a sustainable outcome.

Most recently, committee members are committed to hosting online social events in coordination with the annual course to provide attendees with the opportunity to come together and engage with one another both personally and professionally. The topics are in the process of being developed along with securing hosts and co-hosts to facilitate different events across multiple time zones (e.g., French cuisine, book club, libraries during COVID).

The committee is eager to collaborate with members and welcomes creative ideas and volunteers to support the work of the committee in service of the association and profession more generally.

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## Conference AGM Committee Report September 2020 to September 2021

The current members of the Committee are: Kurt Carroll, IALL President and Committee Chair; Kristina Alayan, François Deseilles, Trung Quach, and Jean Wenger.

This year a great amount of effort and hard work has been undertaken by the members of the Toulouse Local Planning Committee (LPC) to adapt IALL's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Course on International Legal Information to a virtual event. I cannot credit the committee, led by board member Michel Fraysse and members Véronique Bolze, Morgan Proust, Caroline Hourdry, Marie-Françoise Bremond, and Virgine Daney, enough for their dedication to presenting this course which had been proposed as an in person course to be held in 2020 and shepherded by former board liaison and IALL Past President Jeroen Vervliet. Hosting an annual course is a tremendous effort and the Toulouse team has essentially prepared two courses: the postponed 2020 in person course and this year's virtual program. The association is most grateful for you carrying on despite the disappointment of 2020 and the challenges posed by the pandemic.

Preparations are well underway for IALL's 40<sup>th</sup> annual course to be held in person at Stanford Law School, California, USA 9-12 October 2022 with the theme *US and International Approaches to Law, Justice, and Technology: Learning from the Past and Strategies for the Future*. The IALL 2022 Local Planning Committee Co-Chairs, in consultation with Barbara Garavaglia, IALL Board Liaison, and working closely with Beth Williams, the Director of the Robert Crown Law Library, have been diligently working to ensure a successful 2022 IALL program. The following highlight some of the work the LPC has accomplished thus far:

- Reserved the venue for the conference, which includes adjacent exhibit space (Paul Brest Hall, directly across the courtyard from the law school and law library);
- Placed soft holds on venues for the opening reception and closing dinner;
- Identified the topic of a pre-conference workshop: art law and art law research, to include a tour of the unique artworks featured in the law school;

In November 2020 the IALL board formally approved the proposal for the association's 41<sup>st</sup> annual course to be held in Geneva, Switzerland 8-12 October 2023. Presented jointly by the Graduate Institute Library, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Library, and the UN Library Geneva. The Local Planning Committee, chaired by Charlotte Mohr (ICRC) and including Brigitte Troyon Borgeaud (ICRC), Yves Corpataux (Graduate Institute), Sonia Crenn (ICRC), and Sigrun Habermann (UN), has confirmed the venue for the course will be the Graduate Institute's Pictet auditorium.

Institutions have made inquiries for hosting future IALL courses in 2024 and 2025, however, no proposals have been received to date. Institutions wishing to submit a proposal may contact me or refer to IALL's criteria for hosting an annual course on our website <http://iall.org/annual-conference-2/criteria-for-future-conference-venues/>.

Kurt Carroll  
Chair of the Conference Committee  
September 2021