

Papers for the IALL AGM 2024

Held on Tuesday 18 June 2024 at the IALL Oslo Annual Course

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AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

Tuesday 18 June 2023 from 10:30am to 11:30am

Location: [Domus Juridica – University of Oslo](#), Kristian Augusts gate 17
Oslo, Norway

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1. **Welcome** (Mark Engsberg)

2. **Recognize VIP Guests from Sister Organizations** (Mark Engsberg)

- AALL – Cornell Winston
- ALLA – Laurie Atkinson
- BIALL – Dunstan Speight
- CALL - Alexia Lomankis

3. **Officer Reports**

- President (Mark Engsberg)
- Treasurer (Jean Wenger)
- Secretary (Trung Quach) - To approve the minutes from the 2023

4. Committee Reports

- Education (David Wills)
- Finance (Kerem Kahvecioglu)
- Scholarship (Vanessa Blackmore)
- Communication (Rebecca Bergstrom)
- Conference (Mark Engsberg)

5. Sneak Peek at 2025 Conference Venue, Houston, TX (Monica Ortale)

6. Gold Sponsor Spotlight (Wolters Kluwer)

7. Election Announcement (Mark Engsberg)

8. Any Other Business (Mark Engsberg)

9. Questions from Membership



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

Tuesday 10 October 2023 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm

Location: [Geneva Graduate Institute](#), Maison de la paix, Auditorium Ivan Pictet
Geneva, Switzerland

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1. Welcome to Members

Mark Engsberg introduced the Board members and Julie Grant as the new journal editor.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held during the Stanford Annual Course on 11 October 2022 was approved.

3. President's Report

Mark Engsberg discussed the President's Report. He noted the Board initiatives that were developed during the strategy meeting in Cambridge in March 2023. These include:

- The development of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) statement for IALL
- The new IALL logo
- Updating the IALL mission statement, which will be announced at the next annual course
- Reviewing the nomination and election process, which may require an amendment to the IALL Constitution
- The selection of a new IJLI editor, which has been completed

Mark mentioned his visit to Oslo, the site of the next annual course. He thanked Kurt Carroll for completing his duties as Past President.

4. Secretary's Report

Trung Quach had nothing to add to the Secretary's Report.

5. Treasurer's Report

Jean Wenger discussed the Treasurer's report. She thanked Barbara Garavaglia (former treasurer) for all her assistance. Jean noted the final auditor's report has not yet been completed. Once completed, it will be included with the report. Overall, finances have been stable for 2022. The invoice for the Stanford Annual Course was paid in 2023 and will be included in the 2023 report.

6. Finance Committee Report

Kerem Kahvecioğlu had nothing to add to the Finance Committee Report.

7. Communications Committee Report

Rebecca Bergstrøm discussed the Communications Committee Report. She noted that Julie Grant (journal editor) is now serving on the committee. She discussed the work of the website subcommittee. She encouraged members to contribute the IALL blog and write articles for the journal.

Rebecca discussed the process of creating the new IALL logo and provided a presentation on the new logo. The new logo will be used starting in the new year on the website and letterheads.

8. Scholarships Committee Report

Vanessa Blackmore discussed the Scholarships Committee Report. She thanked her fellow committee members for their work. She discussed the process for granting bursaries. For the regular bursary, there were 23 applications from 15 different countries. She acknowledged the regular bursary recipients. The committee also awarded one members-only bursary and one local bursary. Vanessa discussed the eligibility for the members-only bursary and encouraged members to apply.

9. Report of the Education Committee

David Wills had nothing to add to the report except to report that the wording of the committee's remit has been changed with the approval of the Board.

10. Report of the Conference Committee

Mark Engsborg discussed the Conference Committee Report. He noted the next course will be in Oslo, but the location for the 2025 course has not yet been finalized.

11. Approval of Committee Reports

The membership approved all the committee reports.

12. Acknowledgement of Representatives from Sister Organizations

Mark Engsborg acknowledged representatives from sister organizations who are attending the course:

- Laurie Atkinson (ALLA)
- Yemisi Dina (CALL)
- Diane Miller (BIALL)
- Nuraddeen Safana (Nigerian Association of Law Libraries)
- Jeremy Flores (Philippine Group of Law Librarians)

13. Annual Courses

Mark Engsborg had nothing to add from what was stated in the Report of the Conference Committee.

14. Questions from the Membership

The Board answered questions from the membership, including questions about the walking to the conference venue, the makeup of the delegates, availability of PowerPoints, group photos, etc.

15. Oslo presentation

Rebecca Bergstrøm and Hilde Westbye provided a presentation and preview of the Oslo course in 2024. This included a promotional video, a program preview, and the introduction of the local planning committee.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2024

Introduction

This report covers the period from October 2023 through June 2024.

Board Composition

The Board, which held office during 2023-2024, was constituted as follows:

Officers

President	Mark Engsborg, Emory University School of Law, USA
Vice President:	Kerem Kahvecioglu, Istanbul Bilgi University Library, Turkey
Secretary:	Trung Quach, High Court of Australia
Treasurer:	Wenger, Chicago-Kent College of Law, USA

Members of the Board of Directors

Vanessa Blackmore:	New South Wales Law Courts Library, Australia
Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm:	University of Oslo, Norway
Yee Xin Chai:	Singapore Management University, Singapore
Sonia Crenn:	International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland
Lyonette (Lyo) Louis-Jacques:	University of Chicago Law School, USA
David Wills:	Squire Law Library, University of Cambridge, UK
Claudia Holland:	Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Germany

Member who left service on the Board in 2023

Immediate Past President: Kurt Carroll, Law Library of Congress

I wish to thank Kurt Carroll for his service and dedication to the Association, and I wish him well in his future endeavors. I look forward to seeing Kurt at future IALL conferences.

Courtesy Visits to Other Conferences

I was invited to attend the annual meetings of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), the British and Irish Association of Law Libraries (BIALL), and the Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL). I will personally attend AALL in Chicago, Illinois in July 2024. I was unable to attend BIALl or CALL in 2024, but IALL was ably represented by David Wills, IALL Board Member, at BIALl in Leeds, UK immediately prior to the IALL 2024 Annual Course from June 12-14, 2024. Also, IALL will be represented by Lyonette Louis-Jacques, IALL Board Member, at CALL in Montreal, Canada, from June 25-28, immediately following the IALL 2024 Annual Course in Oslo, Norway.

Following IALL's long tradition of reciprocity with these and other sister library associations, I have invited the presidents of AALL, BIALl, CALL, the Australian Law Library Association (ALLA), and the New Zealand Law Library Association (NZLLA) to the IALL Annual Course in Oslo, Norway. To further the Board's efforts to diversify IALL membership, I also invited the current president of the Nigerian Association of Law Libraries (NALL). Unfortunately, NALL was unable to send a delegate this year due to an austerity-related travel moratorium imposed by the Nigerian government. We are hopeful that next year NALL will be able to send a delegate to the Annual Course, hosted in Houston, Texas.

Presidential Visit

From September 5-9, 2023 I travelled to Oslo, Norway to review and advise the Local Planning Committee as it prepared to host the forthcoming Annual Course in Oslo, scheduled for June 16-20, 2024. These brief President's meetings are one way the Association ensures consistent high standards and continuity of the overall IALL conference format for each of its conferences. I am pleased to report that the Oslo conference is fully prepared, and that the Board anticipated it to be a truly fantastic experience for IALL delegates.

Areas of Special Focus

1. The development of a new **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement**. This is a longer-term project requiring a great deal of research and discussion. This project is being led by Board member Yee Xin Chai. The Board discussed a draft of the DEI statement at the Geneva pre-conference Board meeting and plans to reveal the new DEI Statement to the membership at the earliest opportunity.

2. Similarly, the Board agreed to **review and update the IALL mission statement**. The Board will review and discuss the new text at the pre-conference Board meeting in Oslo on June 15, 2024. The new mission statement will be shared with the membership as soon as possible after it has been adopted by the Board.
3. The Board continues its **review of the nominations process** for officers and regular board members. It is understood that any change to the nominations and/or election process will require a change to the IALL constitution. The review of the nomination process is being led by Trung Quach, Rebecca Bergstrom, and Claudia Holland.

Conclusion

This concludes the President's Annual Report for the period of October 2023 to June of 2024. Normally, there is an entire year between these reports; however, because the Oslo Annual Course falls only about eight months from the Geneva Annual Course, some of the initiatives the Board began in October in Geneva have not been completed. The Board intends to complete the three areas of special focus soon – perhaps soon enough to share the outcome(s) at the Annual General Meeting during the Oslo Annual Course. We request the indulgence of the membership as we finish our work on these important initiatives. Likewise, the Board welcomes suggestions and input on these three items as well as on other matters pertaining to the administration of IALL.

Mark Engsberg, President
International Association of Law Libraries
May 2024



TREASURER'S REPORT 2024

FISCAL PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2023 – DECEMBER 31, 2023

This IALL Treasurer's report reflects the unaudited, estimated statement of cash receipts and disbursements of IALL for the fiscal period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. The Association has retained the independent audit firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, PLLC of Charlottesville, VA, USA, to examine IALL's financial records and certify the accuracy of its financial statements and the soundness of its accounting practices. Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates will review our financial records for 2023 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. The firm will prepare IALL's required tax forms and will file them with the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Per past practice, IALL has requested and received an extension to file the FY2023 taxes. The FY2023 Audit Report will be completed after the FY2023 taxes are filed.

The Association's finances were stable in 2023. IALL's total assets at the end of 2023 were US\$382,192. Revenues in 2023 reflect membership dues, course registrations, royalty payments, and minor interest on savings. However, IALL realized a decrease in net assets of US\$143,024 due, in part, to the receipt and payment of the invoice for the successful 2022 Stanford Annual Course in FY2023.

Once again, we thank our members and sponsors for their continued participation and support, which helps ensure the Association's financial stability. The dedicated Local Planning Committee in Oslo deserves our thanks and congratulations for a successful conference.

Jean M. Wenger, Treasurer
International Association of Law Libraries
May 2024



SECRETARY'S REPORT 2024

As Secretary, I assist with the administration of IALL Board functions. This includes organising meetings, preparing agendas, taking minutes, and recording Board votes.

I have prepared and distributed the minutes and reports from the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Geneva. These minutes and reports (and the ones from previous AGMs) are available on the IALL website at: [About IALL > Archives > AGM Papers](#).

In preparation for this year's annual course, I have prepared the agenda and will be taking the minutes at the pre-conference and post-conference Board meetings.

I also ensure that all relevant documents are recorded in IALL archives.

Under the requirements of the IALL Constitution, I will be supervising Board elections – the next one will be in 2025. In preparation for the next election, I will be working with Board members Rebecca Bergstrøm and Claudia Holland to lead a review of the nomination process for electing new Board members. Our task is to improve transparency of the nomination and election process. Any changes may require a change to the IALL Constitution.

I also serve on the Scholarships Committee and the Finance Committee.

Trung Quach, Secretary
International Association of Law Libraries
May 2024



EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2024

IALL Education Committee: remit

The current remit of the IALL Education Committee is *to initiate and lead collaborative efforts among members and colleagues to address challenges in international legal research education.*

IALL Board Members on the Education Committee are:

- Yee Xin Chai (C J Koh Law Library)
- Vanessa Blackmore (New South Wales Law Courts Library)
- Lyonette Louis-Jacques (D'Angelo Law Library)
- David Wills (Squire Law Library) – Chair

Webpage

The Committee has its own page on the IALL website: <https://iall.org/education-committee/>

Work of the Committee

Since the last IALL Annual Course and AGM, held in Geneva in October 2023, the Committee has met virtually on two occasions to discuss future plans.

Last year the Committee re-drafted its remit which will be included on the IALL website in due course, once the remits of other committees have been considered so as to provide a consistency across the Association. It is intended that the Committee's remit would also be aligned with the overarching IALL Mission Statement, which is currently in the process of being re-written.

During previous discussions members of the Education Committee had considered options for virtual engagement (in the form of interviews and digital training sessions) with IALL members, and possibly non-members as well, with regard to an education focus to be delivered in the form of webinars, podcasts, etc. There were some complexities with these initiatives and the IALL Board and the IALL Communications Committee needed to be consulted further before progress could be made.

In the meantime, the Committee has been working to revise the 'IALL Public International Law Research Instruction Guidelines', published previously on the Education Committee's webpage (and last amended in 2014), in order to bring the document up-to-date. To help with this work, Sarah Hammond, Legal Research Librarian (Foreign, Comparative and International Law) at the Squire Law Library in Cambridge, had been approached and has been drafting some revisions which the Committee would be considering at its next meeting following the Annual Course in Oslo. The Committee had been extremely grateful for Sarah's involvement in this work.

David Wills, Chair of the Education Committee
International Association of Law Libraries
May 2024



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2024

The members of the Finance Committee are:

- Kerem Kahvecioglu, IALL Vice President – Chair
- Jean Wenger, IALL Treasurer
- Trung Quach, IALL Secretary

The Finance Committee chair conferred with the Treasurer via email as needed during the year.

The Association continues to be financially stable with income from membership dues, journal royalties, Annual Course registrations, and savings interest. IALL's total assets at the end of 2023 were US\$382,192. However, as noted during the 2023 AGM in Geneva, IALL received and paid the 2022 Stanford Annual Course invoice in the 2023 fiscal year. The timing of this transaction resulted in a decrease in net assets of US\$143,024 due, in part, to the receipt and payment of the invoice for the successful 2022 Stanford Annual Course in Fiscal Year 2023.

We thank the Geneva LPC for hosting a successful Annual Course in Geneva, with an outstanding program and strong attendance, sponsorship, funding, and local venue support. In 2023, IALL provided four regular bursaries and one member-only bursary. We also thank our current hosts, the Oslo LPC, for an outstanding conference and program.

Membership: The Wild Apricot database automatically sends renewal invoices and reminders for members, and members routinely receive renewal confirmation and payment receipts. Renewal invoices for the 2024 IALL membership year (1 January–31 December 2024) were emailed in December 2023.

As of 30 May 2024, IALL has 169 members in the following membership categories:

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

IALL members are from 30 different countries, broken down by geographic region as follows:

- Africa: 3 [Ivory Coast, South Africa, Uganda]
- Asia and the Pacific: 5 [Federated States of Micronesia, India, Philippines, Singapore]
- Australia: 10
- Canada: 8
- Caribbean: 5 [Aruba, Barbados, St. Lucia, Trinidad & Tobago]
- Europe: 28 [Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Switzerland]
- Middle East: 1 [Israel]
- New Zealand: 2
- South America: 1 [Brazil]
- Turkey: 1
- United Kingdom: 9
- USA: 96

Kerem Kahvecioglu, Chair of the Finance Committee
International Association of Law Libraries
May 2024



SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE REPORT 2024

The members of the Scholarships Committee are:

- Vanessa Blackmore (Law Courts Library, Sydney), Chair
- Sonia Crenn (International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva), Board Member
- Claudia Holland (Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg), Board Member
- Trung Quach (High Court of Australia, Canberra), IALL Secretary
- Jean Wenger (Chicago-Kent College of Law), IALL Treasurer

IALL awards two distinct types of bursaries to help defray most of the cost of attending IALL's annual course:

1. **Non-members Bursaries** which are available to librarians who are not members of IALL; three such bursaries of up to a maximum of US\$3,000 each will be awarded.
2. **Members Bursaries** for current Individual members who have paid their dues for the current year and at least the two immediately preceding calendar years; three such bursaries of up to a maximum US\$3,000, up from US\$2,500 as advertised for the previous year for the Geneva meeting.

In 2024 an additional category of bursaries was continued:

3. **Local Bursaries** available to non-members and member librarians who live or work in Iceland, Norway, Finland, Denmark and Sweden; four such bursaries for US\$250.00 discount off the cost of the Course registration will be awarded.

IALL bursaries are not open to officers or members of the Board of Directors of the Association.

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 all bursaries.

The online forms worked well again and any technical issues that arose during the application period were quickly resolved by Michael Lindsey.

As usual, bursary applications were encouraged and advertised. For example, messages were published on the IALL blog, and announcements and reminders were sent to a number of regional law library lists by members of the IALL Board. 19 applications from a broad range of countries were received for non-members bursaries.

After all applications were received and assessed, the Scholarships Committee recommended to the IALL Board that **three non-members bursaries** be awarded to attend the 42nd Annual Course in June 2024 in Oslo to:

- Suzanna do Carmo Louzada, Law Librarian/Head Librarian, Public Prosecutor's Office of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
- Dino Salkic, Librarian, Maglaj Public Library, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ana Rogers-Butterworth, Liaison Librarian, Nahum Gelber Law Library, McGill University, Canada

No applications were received for **Members-Only bursaries** to attend the 42nd Annual Course in June 2024 in Oslo.

IALL also awarded **one local bursary** to attend the 42nd Annual Course in June 2024 in Oslo to:

- Sofia Sternberg, Librarian, Swedish Supreme Court Library, Sweden

The bursary awards also included gratis registration for the conference for bursary winners in categories 1 and 2. The winners of the **non-members bursaries** were also awarded free IALL Individual membership for one calendar year beginning 1st January 2025, which includes a complimentary subscription to the *International Journal of Legal Information* for one year beginning in January 2025. We also ask that they submit a blog post about their experience in Oslo in the months following the conference.

Vanessa Blackmore, Chair of the Scholarships Committee
International Association of Law Libraries
May 2024



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 2024

The IALL Communications Committee provides advice and counsel to the Board of the association and 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 members 2023-2024 are:

- Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm (University of Oslo Law Library), Board Member, Chair and Blog editor
- Claudia Holland (Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law), Board member
- Lyonette Louis-Jacques (University of Chicago Law Library), Board Member
- Kerem Kahvecioglu (Istanbul Bilgi University), IALL Vice President
- Julienne E. Grant (University of Illinois Chicago School of Law), Journal Editor

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 committee met on zoom in August to discuss matters related to the function of the committee. The IALL's webmaster is Michael Lindsey (UC Berkeley Law).

The communications committee haven't had the opportunity to meet since the Geneva conference. Due to unforeseen circumstances has the work with the roadmap and webpage been delayed. New deadline will be to finish both by the next annual course.

Blog

There have been nine new blog posts since Geneva, an average of 1.3 per month. The authors have been board-members and bursary award receivers. Each board member contributes with a blogpost each per year. The blog editor encourages members to contribute to the blog. Either by writing a short text or doing a photo montage.

Social media

We focus on communication through Facebook and LinkedIn.

Statistics since, including Geneva is:

	Facebook	LinkedIn
Total number of followers	2799	306
New followers net	-1	96
Visits	1200	361 (Page views)
Number of posts	17	15
Most popular post	Exhibitors in Geneva	Registration for Oslo

International Journal of Legal Information Annual Report (2023–24)

Julienne Grant assumed the IJLI editor role with issue 51.2 (Summer 2023). Since the Board met in Geneva last October, Cambridge UP has published issues 51.1 (Spring 2023) and 51.2 in print and online. The editor asked CUP to activate its FirstView service for the IJLI, meaning that content is published online and open access before the print edition is published. When the print issue is ready for distribution, the open-access content is removed and published on Cambridge Core as a subscription product. Several articles for issue 51.3 have already been published on FirstView. The editor has been working with CUP and the IALL website master (Michael Lindsey, Berkeley) to create a way for IALL members to access online editions of the IJLI with a password via the IALL website.

Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm, Chair of the Communications Committee
International Association of Law Libraries
May 2024



CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2024

Introduction

This report covers the period from October 2023 through June 2024.

Committee Composition

- Mark Engsborg, Emory University School of Law, USA (Chair)
- Jean Wenger, Chicago-Kent College of Law, USA
- Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm: University of Oslo, Norway
- Sonia Crenn: International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland

IALL Annual Course Venue for 2025

Over the past year, the Conference Committee received informal expressions of interest to host future IALL Annual Courses from several locations representing venues in Asia, Europe, and North America. In the end, the Committee received one complete conference proposal. It was from the South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas. The proposal was vetted by the Committee, returned to the local planners for some minor amendments. The revised proposal passed through the Committee and was submitted to the entire Board for discussion and a vote. I am pleased to report that the IALL Board voted unanimously to approve the proposal, and South Texas College of Law – Houston, has already begun the planning process for the 2025 conference. Lyonette Louis-Jacques has been appointed Board Liaison for the Houston Conference.

Conclusion

In my capacity as IALL President and Chair of the Conference Committee, I am actively pursuing proposals for IALL Annual Course venues for 2026, and beyond. There are a number of very strong contenders at amazing locations in Europe and in the South Pacific that I expect will submit proposals very soon. These discussions are still ongoing and those with whom I am working wish for their participation to remain confidential for the time being. I do anticipate that I will be able to announce future conference venues in the near future, perhaps even up through the year 2028.

This concludes the Conference Committee Annual Report for the period of October 2023 to June of 2024.

Mark Engsberg, Chair of the Conference Committee
International Association of Law Libraries
May 2024