

Papers for the IALL AGM 2026

Held on Tuesday 15 September 2026 at the IALL Cambridge Annual Course

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(2026) AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

Tuesday 15 September 2026 from 12:00pm to 12:45pm

Location: Jesus College, Cambridge, UK

AGM Papers can be found on the IALL website at: [About IALL](#) > [Archives](#) > [AGM Papers](#)

1. Welcome (Mark Engsberg)
2. Recognize VIP Guests from Sister Organizations (Mark Engsberg)
 - AALL – Jessica Whytock
 - BIALL – Jackie Hanes
 - CALL - Katarina Daniels
 - NZLLA - Louise Bailey &
3. Officer Reports
 - President (Mark Engsberg)
 - Treasurer (Jean Wenger)
 - Secretary (Mike McArthur) - To approve the minutes from the 2025
4. Committee Reports
 - Finance (Rebecca Bergstrom)
 - Grants (Vanessa Blackmore)
 - Communication (Rebecca Bergstrom)
 - Membership (Trung Quach)
 - Education (Mike McArthur)
 - Conference (Mark Engsberg)

5. Sneak Peek: The 2027 Conference Venue

The Hague/Rotterdam, The Netherlands

6. Gold Sponsor Spotlight (De Gruyter Brill)

7. Other Business (Mark Engsberg)

8. Questions from Membership



(2025) MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

Tuesday 21 October 2025 from 1:15pm to 2:15pm

Location: Garrett-Towne Auditorium, South Texas College of the Law

Houston, Texas USA

AGM Papers can be found at: <https://iall.org/category/agm-papers/>

1. Welcome (Mark Engsberg)

Mark Engsberg (President) opened the AGM and welcomed everyone. He introduced members of the outgoing board, of whom 4 members were unavailable to attend. Mark also repeated the results of the election and introduced the incoming board members.

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

Mark recognized the following representatives from sister organizations:

- AALL - Jenny Silbinger
- BAILL - Claire Mazer

3. Officer Reports

President's Report

Mark explained that the AGM Papers and all Officer Reports are available on the IALL website. A limited number of copies are available in the room.

Mark announced that he had made two official visits to sister organizations in the past year; CALL in Calgary, Canada and BIALL in Birmingham, UK.

Mark described being pleased with the updates to the IALL constitution. This included expanding committee privileges and voting rights to honorary and life members. He shared that the impact has been immediate, as Ruth Bird was able to chair the nominations committee this past election cycle as a result.

Secretary's Report

Trung Quach (Secretary) repeated some details about updates to the constitution and the board election. He also thanked Michael Lindsey for his technical assistance administering the election.

Treasurer's Report

Jean Wenger (Treasurer) provided information about the status of the 2024 financial paperwork, which has been submitted to the auditor and has not been finalized. She provided numbers for the 2024 fiscal year that extends from January 1 to December 31.

Jean stated that the association's income for 2024 was US\$133,766.00 and estimated expenses were US\$121,805.00, leaving a net increase of US\$11,960.00. She also confirmed that IALL's finances are stable.

Jean also thanked Michael Lindsey for his help with the system backend and the Oslo Conference local planning committee.

4. Committee Reports

Finance Committee Report

The chair of the finance committee, Kerem Kahvecioglu, was unable to attend so Mark presented the report.

Mark announced that as of Oct 1, 2025, the association has 173 members. The association currently has members in 132 countries across 6 continents. He encouraged everyone in the meeting to invite their colleagues and others to join.

Education Committee Report

The chair of the education committee, David Wills, was unable to attend so Mark referred the members to the committee report in the AGM paper packet.

Grants Committee Report

Vanessa Blackmore presented the report. She explained that the committee had different names over recent years; Bursary Committee and Scholarship Committee. For ease of understanding, it is now named the Grants Committee.

Vanessa mentioned that, while there were quality applications, the committee did not receive as many applications as previous years.

The non-member grants were awarded to:

- Furkan Yousaf of Lahore, Pakistan,
- Katherine Lang of Melbourne, Australia; and
- Maropene Ramabina of Vanderbijlpark, South Africa

The member-only grants were awarded to:

- Michel Fraysse of Toulouse, France,
- Valentina Spiga of Firenze, Italy; and
- Amy Flick of Atlanta, USA

Vanessa thanked her fellow committee members and encouraged those in the meeting to apply for grants in the future. Mark emphasized that it is a member benefit and repeated the encouragement.

Communications Committee Report

Rebecca Bergstrøm explained that IALL's new website has launched and requested that attendees offer feedback. She also invited the membership to write blog posts for IALL's blog.

Julienne Grant continued the report with details about IJLI. Cambridge University Press ended the journal agreement, so Julienne has spent considerable time and effort researching and negotiating with other publishing partners. The board selected De Gruyter Brill as the new publisher for IJLI. The decision was also made to cease publishing a print version, so members will have access to a digital copy going forward.

Julienne also announced that she had selected two associate editors to help with the journal work; Mike McArthur and Sandy Hervieux, and is accepting applications for a third editor position.

Julienne also shared her appreciation for Mike McArthur and Julie Wooldridge, who have been editing a column in IJLI titled "Beyond the Books" and encouraged everyone to take a look.

Conference Committee Report

Mark also thanked Michael Lindsey for his work behind the scenes.

Mark noted that future conferences are scheduled to be held in Cambridge, UK for 2026 and The Hague and Netherlands in 2027. He then announced that the 2028 conference will be held in Wellington, NZ and said he is looking forward to welcoming everyone back for years to come.

5. Preview of the 2026 Annual Course Venue – Cambridge, UK

Sarah Defrates of the Squire Law Library at Cambridge provided the preview. She remarked that Houston has set a high bar but the Cambridge LPC will do their best. She then showed a promotional video.

6. Gold Sponsors Spotlight

Mark thanked both LLMC Digital and Wolters Kluwer for their support as Gold Sponsors.

7. Any Other Business

Trung stepped in to put forward a vote on approval of the 2024 Oslo AGM minutes.

Mark held a drawing for Cambridge registration. Maropene Ramabina's name is drawn. Monica Ortale, on behalf of the LPC draws three more cards and presents individual prizes to Andy Stamm, Tove Klovning, and Jenny Silberger.

8. Questions from Membership

There were no questions from the members and Mark adjourned the meeting.



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President's Report 2026

Introduction

This report covers the period from October 2025 to September 2026.

Board Composition

The Outgoing Board, which held office from 2022-2025, was constituted as follows:

Officers

- President: Mark Engsberg, 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

A new board was elected in the spring of 2025. It took office at the Annual General Meeting in October 2025, and was constituted as follows:

Officers

- President: Mark Engsberg, Emory University School of Law, USA
- Vice President: Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm, University of Oslo, Law Library, Norway
- Secretary: Michael McArthur, Duke University School of Law, USA

- Treasurer: Wenger, Chicago-Kent College of Law, USA

Members of the Board of Directors

- Vanessa Blackmore: New South Wales Law Courts Library, Australia
- Claudia Holland: Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Germany
- David Isom: Georgetown University Law Center, USA
- Nathalie Matthey: Swiss Institute of International Law
- Trung Quach: Trung Quach, High Court of Australia
- Valentina Spinga: European University Institute, Library, Italy

Cycling off the board were:

- Yee Xin Chai: Singapore Management University, Singapore
- Sonia Crenn: International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland
- Kerem Kahvecioglu, Istanbul Bilgi University Library, Turkey
- Lyonette (Lyo) Louis-Jacques: University of Chicago Law School, USA
- David Wills: Squire Law Library, University of Cambridge, UK

Courtesy Visits to Other Conferences

To represent IALL, I was invited to attend the annual meetings of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), the Australian Law Librarians' Association (ALLA), the British and Irish Association of Law Libraries (BIALL), and the Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL). I personally attended BIALl in June of 2026 and AALL in July of 2026. I was unable to attend CALL, or ALLA, but IALL was ably represented at CALL by IALL Treasurer, Jean Wenger. IALL Secretary, Trung Quach, will represent IALL at the forthcoming ALLA conference in late August 2026. Following IALL's long tradition of reciprocity with these and other sister library associations, I have invited the presidents of AALL, BIALl, CALL, ALLA, and NZLLA to the IALL Annual Course in Cambridge, UK. I am pleased to report that representatives from every organization are sending a representative with the exception of ALLA.

From June 9 - 13 I traveled to Glasgow, Scotland to attend the BIALl annual conference. It was an excellent conference with many great speakers providing solid, relevant content. The focus was largely on artificial intelligence. The keynote speaker was Richard Susskind, further centering the conversation around AI and its actual, supposed, or feared impact on legal information and legal information professionals. I also spent a time in the sponsors' exhibit hall, working to further build relationships with vendors that may net results for future IALL conferences as well.

I traveled to Cleveland, OH from July 18 – 21 to attend the AALL annual meeting. I have attended many AALL conferences over the years and found this one to be similarly strong

in nearly every respect. I spent time in the Exhibit Hall speaking with vendors and canvassing for sponsorship for future IALL conferences.

Key Initiatives

The most significant initiative for the Board this year has been updating, streamlining, and clarifying IALL administration. Along those lines, the Board is in the process of reviewing committee charges and updating them as necessary. We are also in the process of reviewing administrative operations, specifically with respect to insurance (for conferences and other IALL work). This is all being done with an emphasis on efficiency and transparency so that members will know about and understand the operations and administration of their Association.

Conclusion

This concludes the President's Annual Report for the period of October 2025 to September 2026. As usual, the Board welcomes feedback on the content of this report and the other officers' and committee chairs' reports, as well as on other matters pertaining to the administration of IALL.

Mark Engsberg, President,
International Association of Law Libraries
September 2026



Treasure's Report 2026

FISCAL PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025

The IALL Treasurer's report reflects the unaudited, estimated statement of revenue and disbursements of IALL for the fiscal period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. IALL has retained the independent CPA 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. 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 FY2025 taxes.

The Association's finances were stable in 2025. The following figures are unaudited amounts. IALL's revenue at the end of 2025 was US\$120,795.00. Revenue included membership dues, Annual Course registrations and sponsorships, royalty payments, and minor interest from savings. Expenses in 2025 were US\$130,190.00. Expenses included 2025 Annual Course expenses, 2026 Annual Course expenditures, grants, board and administrative expenses, credit card processing fees, and other banking fees. Early payment of 2026 Annual Course expenses of US\$16,552.00 contributed to a net overall decrease in revenues versus expenditures of US\$9,395.00.

Once again, we thank our members and sponsors for their continued participation and support, which helps ensure the Association's financial stability. The dedicated 2025 Local Planning Committee in Houston deserves our thanks and congratulations for a successful conference.

Jean M. Wenger, Treasurer
International Association of Law Libraries
August 2026



Secretary's Report 2026

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

I have prepared and distributed the minutes and reports from the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Houston. 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.

Under the requirements of the IALL Constitution, I also supervise Board elections – the next one is scheduled to be held in 2028.

I have been working with the Vice President and Treasurer to review and adopt a new platform to host and preserve association documentation. I also ensure that all relevant documents are recorded in IALL archives and have been coordinating with IALS to review and assist the board in formalizing the current archive arrangements.

I also serve on the Communications Committee and the Education Committee.

Michael McArthur, Secretary
International Association of Law Libraries
September 2026



Finance Committee Report 2026

The Finance committee provides advice to the Officers and the Board of Directors on financial planning and financial administration of the Association and to assist the Treasurer in drawing up an annual budget and monitoring the finances of the Association.

Members of the committee

- Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm (University of Oslo), IALL Vice-President – Chair
- Trung Quach (High Court of Australia), Board Member
- Jean Wenger (Chicago-Kent College of Law), IALL Treasurer

Finances

In 2025, IALL provided three non-members professional development grants and three members-only professional development grants to support attendance at the Houston annual course.

The treasurer report contains further details on IALL finances

Membership

The Wild Apricot database automatically sends renewal invoices and reminders to members, and members routinely receive renewal confirmation and payment receipts.

Renewal invoices for the 2026 IALL membership year (1 January–31 December 2026) were emailed in December 2025.

As of 20th of August 2026, IALL has a total of 204 members.

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

IALL members are from 31 different countries, broken down by geographic region as follows:

- Africa: 4
[Ghana 1, Ivory Coast 1, South Africa 2]
- Asia and the Pacific: 6
[Federated States of Micronesia 1, Israel 1, Pakistan 1, Philippines 2, Singapore 1]
- Europe: 44
[Austria 1, Bosnia and Herzegovina 1, Denmark 1, France 2, Germany 4, Ireland 1, Italy 1, Luxembourg 1, The Netherlands 8, Norway 1, Spain 3, Sweden 1, Switzerland 7, United Kingdom 13, Turkey 1]
- North America: 130
[Caribbean: 5 [Barbados 2, Jamaica 1, Trinidad & Tobago 2], Canada: 13, USA: 112]
- Oceania: 13
[Australia 12, New Zealand 1]
- South America: 1
[Brazil 1]

Rebecca Josefine Five Bergstrøm,
Chair of the Finance Committee Chair & IALL Vice President
August 2026



Grants Committee Report 2026

The members of the Grants Committee are:

- Vanessa Blackmore (Law Courts Library, Sydney), Chair
- Claudia Holland (Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg), Board Member
- Jean Wenger (Chicago-Kent College of Law), IALL Treasurer
- Nathalie Matthey (Swiss Institute of Comparative Law) Board Member
- Andreas Knobelsdorf (Universitaet Hamburg) Board Member

From 2024, the former IALL Scholarships Committee was renamed the IALL Grants Committee, and members bursaries and regular bursaries were renamed grants from 2025 as follows:

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

1. Non-members grants which are available to librarians who are not members of IALL; three such grants of up to a maximum of US\$3,000 each will be awarded.
2. Members grants for current individual members who have paid their dues for the current year and at least the two immediately preceding calendar years; three such grants of up to a maximum US\$3,000.

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

The Grants Committee (with the assistance of Michael Lindsey at the University of California, Berkeley) continued to offer the online grant application forms via the IALL website for all grants. The online forms worked well again and any technical issues that arose during the application period were quickly resolved by Michael Lindsey.

As usual, grants 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. 11 applications from a broad range of countries were received for non-members grants, an increase from 8 for Houston in 2025, down from 19 for Oslo in 2024, and 23 for Geneva in 2023.

After all applications were received and assessed, the Grants Committee recommended to the IALL Board that three non-members' grants be awarded to attend the 44th Annual Course in September in Cambridge to:

- Louise Bailey, Research and Information Services Manager, Buddle Findlay, Auckland, New Zealand
- Mohammad Amees, Assistant Librarian, Shiv Nadar School of Law, Shiv Nadar University, Chennai, India
- Ogu Emilia Onyenaturuchi, Chief Librarian, National Human Rights Commission, Abuja, Nigeria

6 applications were received for members-only grants to attend the 44th Annual Course in September 2026 in Cambridge, an increase of 3 applications in 2025. The Grants Committee recommended to the IALL Board that members-only grants be offered to:

- Adama Koné, Head, Documentation & Archives Department, National Assembly of Cote d'Ivoire, Cote D'Ivoire
- Larissa Reid, Reader Services Manager, Law Courts Library, NSW Department of Communities & Justice, Sydney, Australia
- Robin Gardner, Court Librarian, High Court of Australia, Canberra, Australia

The grants also included gratis registration for the conference for grant winners in categories 1 and 2. The winners of the non-members grants were also awarded free IALL Individual membership for one calendar year beginning 1st January 2027, which includes a complimentary subscription to the *International Journal of Legal Information* for one year beginning in January 2027. We also ask that they submit a blog post about their experience in Cambridge in the months following the conference.

Vanessa Blackmore
Chair, IALL Grants Committee
21 August 2026



Communications Committee Report 2026

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

The Communications Committee members for 2025–2026 were:

- Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm (University of Oslo): IALL Vice President, committee chair
- Julianne Grant (University of Illinois Chicago School of Law), Editor of the IJLI
- David Isom (Georgetown University Law Center), Board Member – Blog Editor
- Michael McArthur (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), IALL Secretary

The *IJLI* editor serves as an *ex-officio* member of the IALL Board. The Communications 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).

Listserv

For many years the IALL listserv has been hosted at no charge by an institutional partner, but the reliability of this service has diminished considerably over the past year. The committee decided to explore commercial options that would allow IALL to directly address reliability issues, as well as adopt better functionality and support features.

In the summer of 2026, we created a new listserv to serve the IALL community, forum@members.iall.org. Official messaging and migration to the new listserv is planned for the Cambridge Annual Course. The committee hopes this new platform will better facilitate communication among the members.

Blog

We have published fifteen new blog posts since the Houston Conference.

- 6 from board members,
- 6 from last year's grant winners,

- 2 from IALL members,
- 1 containing the papers from the 2025 Annual Meeting

Social media

Statistics since Houston:

Data for 17.10.2025 – 18.08.2026	Facebook	LinkedIn
Highlights	• 217 engagements • 81 Reactions • 3 Comments • 4 Share	• 25,637 Impressions • 501 Reactions • 10 Comments • 11 Reposts
Total number of followers	2740	723
New followers net	13	161
Visits	3639 (content views)	305 (page views) 150 unique visitors
Number of posts	16	24
Most popular post /Highest engagement rate	Have you considered coming to the IALL Annual Course but never actually attended?	Thank you, Houston!

International Journal of Legal Information Annual Report (2025-26)

The IJLI changed publishers on January 1, 2026. The journal is now published by De Gruyter Brill, and the IJLI's new website is:

<https://www.degruyterbrill.com/journal/key/ijli/html>.

IALL members have electronic access to the journal via the use of an electronic token.

The IJLI is also now peer reviewed; specifically, most submissions undergo a double-blind peer-review process with at least two external reviewers. Mike McArthur (UNLV), Sandy Hervieux (McGill), and Jennifer Chapman (UVA) have also joined the IJLI team as Associate Editors. They have provided much-needed assistance with article processing, cite checking, copyediting, and proofreading. Caroline Osborne (UNC) resigned from her position as Book Review Editor. Taking her place (effective 08/01/26) is Meredith Capps (Vanderbilt). The Editor-in-Chief, Julianne Grant (UIC), applied for the IJLI to be included in the Web of

Science, and she is working with De Gruyter Brill to get the IJLI back into Westlaw and Lexis. The IJLI remains available in HeinOnline with a two-year embargo.

As of this writing, the Spring 2026 (54.1) and Summer 2026 (54.2) issues have been published, and the IJLI team is working on the Winter 2026 (54.3) issue.

Rebecca Josefine Five Bergstrøm,
Chair of the Communications Committee
20.08.2026



Membership Committee Report 2026

Introduction

This report covers the period from October 2025 to September 2026.

Committee Composition

- Trung Quach, High Court of Australia (Chair)
- David Isom, Georgetown University Law Center, USA
- Valentina Spiga, European University Institute, Italy
- Andreas Knobelsdorf, University of Hamburg, Germany
- Vanessa Blackmore, New South Wales Law Courts Library, Australia

Committee Revival

After many years without a membership committee, the Board agreed to revive it at the Houston annual course in October 2025. A membership committee used to exist but was disbanded many years ago. The work of the disbanded membership committee was disbursed among the other committees. However, with recent fluctuations in membership numbers, the Board believed it was wise to have a committee dedicated to focusing on membership issues. To that end, the newly formed Membership Committee is responsible for recruiting, retaining, and engaging members to support IALL's goals. It is tasked with developing strategies to enhance member satisfaction and ensure there is a sustainable membership base.

Work of the Membership Committee

One of the first tasks of this committee will be to survey the IALL members. In order to better serve our members, we would like to know the motivations for why people join IALL and the reasons some do not renew their membership. The committee will also address the challenges in reaching underrepresented regions, particularly with regards to language barriers. We will strive to partner with national and regional associations to gain a better

understanding on how best to engage with prospective members, which will help refine our future outreach strategies.

To improve retention, the Membership Committee will work closely with the other committees to improve member benefits. We will work with the Education Committee to provide more opportunities for continuing education, professional networking, mentoring, and access to online resources. We will work with the Grants Committee to ensure all members have equal access to the members' only grants. We will work with the Conference Committee to find alternative means for members to access conference materials when they are unable to attend in person.

This newly formed Membership Committee welcomes any feedback from our members. If you have ideas about how this committee can achieve its stated objectives, we would love your input. Even better, if you would like to volunteer to serve as a non-Board member on this committee, please contact me and let me know your interest.

Trung Quach
Chair of the Membership Committee
September 2026



Education Committee Report 2026

The charge of the Education Committee is as follows:

The Education Committee helps coordinate, develop, and deliver educational opportunities that complement the Annual Course and provide value to members throughout the year. Through webinars, workshops, and other learning initiatives, the Committee supports professional growth, encourages member engagement, and promotes the exchange of expertise across the global legal information community.

Committee Composition

- Michael McArthur, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), USA (Chair)
- Julianne Grant, University of Illinois Chicago School of Law (UIC), USA
- Nathalie Matthey, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Switzerland
- Valentina Spiga, European University Institute, Italy

Work of the Committee

Following a complete turnover of its membership after the Houston AGM, as well as significant changes within the IALL board, the Education Committee spent the year building familiarity with board responsibilities, redefining our charge, and strategically evaluating how IALL can deliver the most valuable, accessible educational content to the global membership moving forward.

The committee observed that new initiative launches would require updated collaboration tools and delivery systems. With these foundational systems now coming online, the committee is positioning itself to identify and develop support for sustainable educational programming for the membership.

Michael McArthur
Chair of the Education Committee
August 2026



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Conference Committee Report 2026

Introduction

This report covers the period from October 2025 to September 2026.

Committee Composition

- Mark Engsberg, Emory University School of Law, USA (Chair)
- Jean Wenger, Chicago-Kent College of Law, USA
- Nathalie Matthey, Swiss Institute for International Law, Switzerland
- Claudia Holland, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Germany

IALL Annual Course Venue for 2029

Montreal, Canada

Over the past year, the Conference Committee received informal expressions of interest to host future IALL Annual Courses from several locations around the world. In the end, the Committee received one complete conference proposal. It was from Montreal, Canada. The proposal was vetted by the Committee and 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 the Local Planning Committee (LPC) in Montreal has already begun the planning process for the 2029 IALL Annual Course. I have not yet appointed a Board Liaison for the Montreal Conference, though I expect to do that within a few months.

Conclusion

In my capacity as IALL President and Chair of the Conference Committee, I am actively pursuing proposals for IALL Annual Course venues for 2030 and beyond. Those with whom I am working on future conference venues wish for their participation to remain confidential for the time being, but I hope to announce future conference venues soon.

This concludes the Conference Committee Annual Report for the period of October 2025 to September 2026. Thank you to the members of the Conference Committee for their feedback and assistance in securing the excellent venue for the 2029 IALL Annual Course.

Mark Engsberg

Chair And President, International Association of Law Libraries

September 2026