

# ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DU DROIT NUCLEAIRE - AIDN INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR LAW ASSOCIATION - INLA

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*Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Management of INLA,  
held in Brussels on Friday 24 January 2014.*

Were present :

Rafael Manovil, President  
Stephen Burns  
Ulrike Feldmann  
Vanda Lamm  
Mark Herlach  
Alexander Matveev  
Toyohiro Nomura  
Ionel Olteanu  
Alvin Shuttleworth  
Risto Siilos  
Wolfram Tonhauser

Patrick Reyners, Secretary General  
Godelieve Vandeputte, Assistant Secretary General

By invitation :

Paul Bowden (Working Group 3)  
Odette Jankowitsch-Prevor (Working Group 7)  
Ahab Abdel-Aziz  
Els Reynaers  
Cristina Dominguez  
Nuria Prieto Serrano (Working Group 1)  
Brigitte Helderweirt  
Lukasz Mlynarkiewicz

Apologies received :

Stanley Berger  
Marc Léger  
Santiago Ripol  
Ram Mohan  
Samuel Manteaw

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The meeting of the Board of Management was held at the Headquarters of Electrabel, on 24 January 2014.

The President, Rafael Manovil, welcomed the participants and in particular, he welcomed the presence of representatives of INLA Working Groups or national sections. The Secretary General noted that the quorum was reached.

I. Adoption of the Agenda.

The proposed Agenda [INLA Board (2013)3] was adopted. The Secretary General suggested to add a report on the situation of the INLA Prize.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Board meeting held on 5 June 2013 [INLA Board (2013)2].

The Minutes of the 5 June meeting were approved without change.

III. Progress report concerning the preparation of the Buenos Aires Congress.

The President reported the following. The venue of the Congress should be the Palace of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with the Law School of the University of Buenos Aires as a fall-back solution. A request has been addressed to the Government to obtain a declaration of public interest for the congress. Several institutions such as the National Academy of Law and Social Sciences have granted their sponsorship. He thanked the OECD-NEA for having accepted to officially sponsor the Congress and he hoped that the IAEA would do the same. The registration of the Asociación Argentina de Derecho Nuclear had finally been completed, thus facilitating organisational matters. A website for the Congress should be operational in the course of March. Rooms have been reserved in various hotels in the vicinity of the Congress, with prices ranging from 260 USD and down.

Concerning the organisation of the week (from 20 to 24 October), registration would take place on Monday morning as the Palace was not available on Sunday, with an inauguration cocktail in the evening. An excursion was planned in the afternoon of Wednesday. The Closing Session and General Assembly would take place in a different location on Thursday afternoon, to enable the installation of the gala dinner at the Palace. On Friday, a choice of technical visits would be proposed to interested participants. The accompanying persons programme and pre/post Congress tours would be the responsibility of a local travel agency.

Regarding the registration fees, in view of the larger travel expenses and the lower acquisition power in the region, an effort was made to keep them lower than the fees in Manchester and to draw the amount back to the level of previous congresses (amounts in USD) :

<u>Earlier registration (before 30 June)</u>	<u>Late registration</u>
INLA members : 750	INLA members : 950
Non INLA members : 900	Non INLA members : 1 150
Students : 80	Students : 80
Accompanying persons : 200	Accompanying persons : 200

The possibility to fix reduced rates for participants from sponsoring organisations has also been foreseen, at the level of 525 for early registration and 675 for later registrations.

Because of the volatile financial situation and tax conditions prevailing in Argentina, it was intended that registration fees for participants outside Argentina would be paid in a special INLA account in Brussels. The system of registration was also under study. As already explained, financial considerations dictated to limit interpretation to English and Spanish.

During the ensuing discussion, some Board members were concerned that the fees might be a bit high for participants coming from developing countries and wondered about the criteria to use to qualify for reduced rate. They also warned the President about the inevitable individual requests for exoneration of fees, particularly from persons invited to come and speak at the Congress. The President promised to discuss with the organising committee the financial feasibility to further reduce the registration fees.

Mark Herlach noting that the American Bar Association would meet in Buenos Aires the same week, wondered about the possibility to turn it into a benefit. The President was fully aware of this and would explore that possibility.

Ionel Olteanu stressed the interest of using the opportunity of the Congress to try to engage representatives of legal professions such as magistrates.

#### IV. Preparation of the scientific programme.

The Secretary General made a very short report since most of the persons attending the Board of Management were already present at the Programme meeting, the day before. Close to 40 proposals for reports following the call for contributions had been received and reviewed, with a significant number of abstracts dealing with nuclear liability and, also, radioactive waste management. This, of course, was without prejudice to the contributions to be expected from the Working Groups and of speakers to be invited directly by the organisers.

It was again suggested to make a special effort to engage nuclear lawyers from Latin America, particularly regulators. A special session could be the solution. Wolfram Tonhauser intended to contact the IAEA's National Liaison Officers in the region and ARCAL to draw their attention to the Congress.

The Secretary General noted that the discussions held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January were only the beginning of the process of building the programme. He thanked in advance all participants for their collaboration to this task with the President and the Secretariat.

V. Restructuration of the INLA website .

The Secretary General recalled the developments following the decision by the President to entrust the Secretariat and Lukasz Mlynarkiewicz to seek a concrete solution to this problem, under the guidance of the website Task Force. Since then, a contract had been passed with a specialised firm based in Warsaw, ViewOne, and L. Mlynarkiewicz, the Secretariat and ViewOne had collaborated intensively to the preparation of the new site which was to be presented to the Board. He also insisted that the website was still a work in progress and that the effective replacement of the “old” site was to take place in the course of February.

The demonstration was a success and the members of the Board expressed their satisfaction. Wolfram Tonhauser proposed that his Office would contact L. Mlynarkiewicz in order to establish a suitable link to the IAEA on the INLA website. Steve Burns offered later to do the same concerning the OECD NEA. Likewise, representatives of INLA Working Groups suggested that links be provided to their respective website whenever available. Alvin Shuttleworth reminded the Board that he had proposed earlier to use funds left from the budget of the Manchester Congress to contribute to the financing of the new site (a sum of the order of 6 670,00 EUR) and he offered to transfer the equivalent of 10 000 USD to this effect and its further maintenance. The Secretary General thanked Alvin Shuttleworth and the UK Section for their generous contribution. He proposed to appoint L. Mlynarkiewicz as the webmaster of the INLA website and he concluded the discussion in noting that the challenge was now to move from a static to a dynamic website. All INLA members would be duly informed of the change.

VI. Prospects for Nuclear Inter Jura 2016.

The President explained that he had had active contacts with Santiago Ripol – who unfortunately had to apologise for the meeting – concerning the possibility of organising the 2016 Congress in Spain. Mr. Ripol had explained that he was in the process of consulting the Spanish stakeholders and the President understood that he should be in a position to give a response sometime in spring. The Secretary noted that other possibilities had been explored without success and that the matter was becoming pressing, in view of the General Assembly in October. He added that before summer, the members of the Board would be contacted by the Secretariat and asked whether they intended to apply for re-election in the Board.

VII. Developments concerning INLA Working Groups and National Sections.

The Working Group 1 on Nuclear Safety and Regulation was represented, in the absence of Ludo Veuchelen, by the Secretary, Nuria Prieto Serrano. WG 1 had organised a very successful meeting in Paris on 18 October 2013.

Concerning WG 2 on Nuclear Liability, the Secretary General reminded that following the resignation of Terence McNally (Canada) from the North American Sub-Group, he had been replaced with the assent of the Board by William Horin from the Washington based law firm of Winston & Strawn. Ximena Vasquez-Maignan remained in charge of the other Sub-Group.

Paul Bowden, Chair of Working Group 3 on New Build reported on the activities of his Group which was actively preparing for the next Congress.

The situation of Working Group 4 on Radiation Protection has been difficult for some time and the Chair, Florence Touïtou-Durand, called to other functions, has offered her resignation. Cristina Dominguez expressed her interest in involving herself in the management of the Group. Wolfram Tonhauser suggested that Madjid Cherf of OLA would be a good asset for the Group and that he should be contacted. Ulrike Feldmann proposed to establish some sort of informal ad hoc Group on radiation protection aspects and offered to explore the matter in her country, especially to explore whether there is an interest in giving presentations on radiation protection matters on the occasion of the Buenos Aires congress. Such initiatives were encouraged by the Board.

Concerning Working Group 5 on Radioactive Waste Management, the Secretariat explained that the Chair, Mariano Molina, who couldn't be present, wished to withdraw and after consultations had proposed that he be replaced by Nuria Prieto Serrano who has developed considerable expertise in this domain. Nuria confirmed and her designation was approved by the Board.

In the absence of Carl Stoiber, Chair of Working Group 6 on Nuclear Security, the Secretary General confirmed that the Group was preparing actively the next INLA Congress. The new Secretary of the Group is Mr. Scott Spence of the VERTIC organisation in London, replacing Beverly Dale who has left the NEA.

Odette Jankowitsch as Chair of Working Group 7 on Transport, reported on the projects of her Group for Buenos Aires and she intended, in particular, to introduce liability aspects in the scope of WG 7. The Secretary General noted the World Nuclear Transport Institute (WNTI) was envisaging to organise a seminar on Transport and Liability in the course of 2014.

Ahab Abdel-Aziz spoke about the prospect of establishing a new group to address the legal issues of particular interest for emerging nuclear countries. Such a group could attract also suppliers and vendors of nuclear equipment. He offered to submit to the Board a note on this subject for future consideration. Wolfram Tonhauser noted that in fact the IAEA was already providing legal assistance to this category of countries. Other Board members expressed an interest for this idea, insisting on cross-cutting approaches. The President observed that before creating a new group, it was important to consider how this could affect the domain of action of other existing Working Groups.

Turning to national sections, Ionel Olteanu informed the Board of the creation, two years ago, of a Romanian Association of Nuclear law which intended to be active through publications and meetings. It had recently established its own website ([www.ardn.ro](http://www.ardn.ro)). The Secretary General invited him to keep the Association informed of ARDN activities.

#### VIII. Management and Secretariat of the Association.

The Secretariat circulated a list of the new members since the last meeting of the Board of Management. Considering the flow of outgoing and incoming members, the membership was relatively stable, a little above 600. Wolfram Tonhauser having pointed to the uneven geographical distribution of membership in INLA over the world, it was noted that this was an historic trend for the Association and that efforts should be made to encourage a more diverse membership.

Then followed a general discussion on the ways and means to attract more participants from active nuclear countries such as China or South Korea and also emerging nuclear countries. It was generally agreed that the revamped website should contribute to enhancing the visibility of INLA.

#### IX. Finance.

Documents showing the situation of accounts at the end of the year 2013 were distributed. The Secretary General noted that while the finances of the Association were sound, as always the collection of membership fees was too irregular which caused the Secretariat to send reminders and, occasionally, to declare the radiation of members. He also drew the Board's attention to the fact that membership fees had not been changed from at least the Brussels Congress that is 2007. He therefore suggested that to take into account the accumulated inflation, the yearly membership fee for ordinary members could be increased from 60 to 70 euros while the student fee would remain at 20 euros. This was accepted.

As usual, the Auditors will meet in March to examine the accounts of the Association.

#### X. INLA Prize.

The Secretary General explained that the necessary arrangements for the organisation of the 2014 INLA Prize competition had been completed. The Jury, chaired by Santiago Ripol was composed of Norbert Pelzer and Anthony Wetherall who had kindly accepted to participate again. Vanda Lamm had also offered to help in the review of papers. The Regulation of the Prize had been posted on the website.

Some members of the Board wondered whether the amount of the Prize (2 500 EUR) which is normally meant to help the Prize winner to attend the INLA biennial Congress could better be allocated to support traineeships on the level of nuclear regulatory bodies but the Secretary General explained that it was not possible to change at this late stage the regulation of the Prize.

XI. Miscellaneous.

It was envisaged to re-edit the existing information brochure on the Association which was now rather outdated. Wolfram Tonhauser offered to help, using the model of the IAEA legislative Assistance leaflet.

It was also planned to issue a new INLA Directory sometime after the Buenos Aires Congress.

XII. Next meeting of the Board of Management.

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place in Buenos Aires, in the afternoon of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

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There being no other business to discuss, the President thanked Marc Beyens for his kind hospitality and he adjourned the meeting.