

# 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 Buenos Aires on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014.*

Were present :

Rafael Manovil, President  
Marc Beyens  
Stanley Berger  
Stephen Burns  
Ulrike Feldmann  
Mark Herlach  
Vanda Lamm  
Marc Léger  
Alvin Shuttleworth  
Wolfram Tonhauser, Members

Patrick Reyners, Secretary General  
Godelieve Vandeputte, Assistant Secretary General  
Brigitte Helderweirt, Secretary

By invitation :

Jyrki Javanainen  
Els Reynaers  
Ian Salter

Apologies received :

Donald Grazebrook  
Norbert Pelzer  
Jean-Léo David  
Santiago Ripol  
Ram Mohan  
Samuel Manteaw  
Risto Siilos  
Toyohiro Nomura  
Ionel Olteanu  
Alexander Matveev

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The meeting of the Board of Management was held at Hotel Alvear Art, in Buenos Aires, on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014. The President, Rafael M. Manovil, welcomed the participants in his home city. The Secretary General noted that given the present members and the proxies received, the quorum was reached.

I. Adoption of the Agenda.

The proposed Agenda [INLA Board (2014) 2] was adopted.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Board meeting held on 24 January 2014 [INLA Board (2014) 1 (Rev. 1)].

The Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> January meeting were approved without any change.

III. Progress report concerning the Buenos Aires Congress.

The President reported on the latest preparative arrangements for the congress for which some 150 participants were expected. The finance were sound in spite of this slightly reduced level of a participation compared with previous congresses. This was due, particularly, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs offering the use of its facilities and to the generous sponsoring of congress events by Nucleoelectrica S.A., and Burges Salmon LLP. He also explained that a Book containing all reports – except for a few received beyond the ultimate deadline – would be handed to participants together with the conference package. The printing of the Book had been entrusted to Legis, a specialised publisher of legal material in Buenos Aires, with an ISBN code ensuring its visibility in academic circles.

A question upon which he wished to have the opinion of the Board was whether it would be justified to envisage the editing and publishing of a second volume containing the missing reports, taking of course into consideration the additional cost of doing so, including mailing.

The general view of the Board members was that such an effort was not justified as the organisers of the Congress should not be held responsible for late submissions. The President then decided to order a print of a suitable number of additional copies of the existing Book, which would be available for further orders from INLA members in particular or for distribution to University libraries. Also, the comprehensive set of all conference documents would be posted on the INLA website. Since the working sessions will be registered, there was also the possibility of including some recording of discussions and the interventions of the closing session. The Secretariat noted that he hoped for the final list of participants to appear as well on the website.

IV. INLA General Assembly.

The Secretariat went through the proposed Agenda which had been sent to all INLA members on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014. A second letter containing the President's report, financial documents and list of candidates for the election of the new Board, had been sent on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014. He noted that while Ram Mohan, Alvin Shuttleworth and Risto Siilos had decided to retire from the Board and had proposed to be replaced by Els Reynaers, Ian Salter and Jyrki Javanainen respectively, there would be no replacement for Stephen Burns and Samuel Manteaw. Since there had been no new candidate, the number of members of the Board for the new term would go down to 15.

Stanley Berger informed the Board that while the CNLO members supported his re-election in the Board, he would wish to withdraw within one year and to be replaced by Ahab Abdel-Aziz. He therefore needed to make sure that his arrangement would be consistent with the Statutes of the Association. Marc Beyens confirmed that after the "German precedent" when Ulrike Feldmann had replaced Walter Leder, in 2007 the Statutes had been modified to cope with such a situation (Article 9). The members of the Board were therefore satisfied with this arrangement.

V. Future Nuclear Inter Jura.

The Secretary General reminded the Board that Santiago Ripol who had offered at the time of the Manchester Congress to take charge of a Nuclear Inter Jura to be held in his country in 2016, had informed the Secretariat shortly before summer that this objective could not materialize in that time frame. He however still hoped to organise an INLA Congress in 2018. In such circumstances, the Secretariat had contacted the members of the Nuclear Law Association of India (NLAI) who had recently shown an interest in organising in their country an INLA Congress. The President then invited Els Reynaers to inform the Board on the prospects of a Nuclear Inter Jura in India. Els Reynaers explained that she and her NLAI colleagues had indeed actively consulted the various national authorities concerned with such an event and she was happy to report that responses had been sufficiently positive to allow her to confirm the Indian proposal.

The President and other members of the Board expressed their satisfaction for this proposal and all agreed that India should be a very appropriate venue for the next INLA Congress.

VI. Situation of Working Groups and National/Regional Sections.

The Secretariat briefly reported on recent developments in this field and he focused on the case of WG 1 on Nuclear Safety & Licensing because that Group was without a Chair since the recent departure of Ludo Veuchelen. Actually, Ludo Veuchelen had proposed a successor for WG1. However, this approach is not in line with the Statutes, and all Chairmen of Working Groups may have to be reminded that as per the Statutes, the new Chairman of a Working Group has to be appointed by the Board after due deliberation.

It was therefore necessary to identify a person to lead the activities of this important group.

At this point, Ian Salter indicated that he could make himself available for the task and the members of the Board all found the proposal excellent and thanked him. Alvin Shuttleworth further informed the Board that Ian Salter would also replace him as the Head of the UK INLA Section.

#### VII. INLA Prize

The Secretary General reminded the Board that the Jury of the INLA Prize had concluded on the basis of work submitted to it, that there should not be an award of the Prize on the occasion of the Buenos Aires Congress. This was unfortunate and the members of the Board agreed that the next time greater efforts should be made to enhance the visibility of the competition. The possibility to orient candidates to particular subjects was raised but did not obtain general support.

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

The Secretary General also expressed his appreciation of the dedication of Brigitte Helderweirt to the tasks of daily management of the Association, in Brussels, and he also thanked the SYBAN and other Nuclear Insurance Pools for their generous support to INLA.

The discussion within the Board on the appointment of the Secretary General and Scientific Advisor position for the new term is not recorded here, except to indicate that Patrick Reyners was invited by unanimous decision of the Board to continue these functions for another two years. Godelieve Vandeputte was also invited to keep her position as assistant to the Secretary General.

There was then some discussion about the difficulties encountered by national sections in transferring membership fees to the central Secretariat and the Secretary General recommended that such sections should liaise in advance with B. Helderweirt so as to determine the optimal arrangement from an economic and practical viewpoint. More generally, he renewed his call to all persons concerned, whether inside the Board, WGs, national/regional sections, to keep the Secretariat informed of relevant events so that they can be posted on the website and foster a better liaison between the Association members.

Marc Herlach took this opportunity to express an idea originating in the US Section and consisting in using the new possibilities offered by modern social media to enhance the visibility of the Association. The real question was how to do it and Els Reynaers reacted to this idea by suggesting that it were the Heads of Working Groups who should take the lead in that respect.

#### IX. Finance.

The Secretary General reminded the members of the Board that the Auditors, Mr. Dirk Harbrücker and Mr. Luc Phan Van, met in Brussels in the spring to examine the accounts of the Association, which they found to be in order. Their statement had been communicated to the Board. Otherwise, the finance of the Association were sound, with a small surplus every year. A new bank account had been opened for the sums in excess of 100 000 EUR. Considering these explanations, the Board

decided to leave unchanged the membership fees for the year 2015 (70 EUR for ordinary members and 20 EUR for students).

X. INLA website.

Since the previous meeting of the Board in January, the new website had been finalised and activated. The Secretary General reminded the Board that the cost of the creation of the new site had been covered thanks to the generous support of the UK INLA Section. He also praised the contribution of Lukasz Mlynarkiewicz throughout the process. He therefore suggested that L. Mlynarkiewicz be invited to continue serving as webmaster and this was agreed by the Board members who expressed their satisfaction at the considerable improvement of the website.

XI. Future meeting of the Board.

The matter could only be taken by the newly elected members of the Board, later this week. There was some discussion about which international meetings might provide a convenient opportunity for the Board to meet.

On that occasion, Wolfram Tonhauser indicated that the Vienna Agency would be prepared to extend an invitation to host a meeting of the Board.

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There being no other business to discuss, the President adjourned the meeting.