

***Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Management of INLA,  
held in Nuremberg on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015.***

Were present :

Els Reynaers, President  
Rafael Manovil  
Marc Beyens  
Ahab Abdel-Aziz  
Ulrike Feldmann  
Vanda Lamm  
Ian Salter  
Toyohiro Nomura, Members

Patrick Reyners, Secretary General  
Godelieve Vandeputte, Assistant Secretary General

By invitation :

Ximena Vasquez-Maignan  
Nuria Prieto Serrano  
Sidonie Royer-Maucotel  
Odette Jankowitsch-Prevor  
Vanessa Jakovich  
Carl Stoiber  
Lukasz Mlynarkiewicz

Apologies received :

Jean-Léo David  
Alvin Shuttleworth  
Mark Herlach  
Wolfram Tonhauser  
Jyrki Javanainen  
Marc Léger  
Santiago Ripol  
Alexander Matveev

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The meeting of the Board of Management was held at Hotel Méridien in Nuremberg, on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The President, Els Reynaers, welcomed the participants and she expressed her warm appreciation to Akos Frank and to his German colleagues for all the excellent arrangements which had been made for the meeting of the Board. The Secretary General noted that given the members of the Board present in the room and the proxies received, the quorum was reached.

I. Adoption of the Agenda.

The proposed Agenda [INLA Board (2015) 1] was adopted.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Board meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014 [INLA Board (2014) 3].

The Minutes of the meeting were approved without any change.

III. Progress report concerning the New Delhi Congress.

The President's report was based on a power point presentation which is annexed to these minutes. She first explained the process of clearance of the congress by the Indian Executive and administrative formalities which Indian organisers - particularly Ram Mohan as NLA President - had to carry out in advance. One important element is that cooperation of the Ministry of Home Affairs will be required since the congress participants will need to apply for a conference visa (as opposed to the ordinary tourist visa). To facilitate these procedures and other practical organisational aspects, the congress organizers plan to hire a specialized international conference organiser which would be able to facilitate international payments (via an on-line portal) as well as assist the participants with their conference VISA applications. Before detailing the conference registration fees, the President noted that apart only from contributions susceptible to be provided by law firms, all costs for the congress should be covered by such fees. The organizers also considered introducing a system of one-day pass intended to accommodate the needs of local participants. The fees as envisaged were generally in the vicinity of the Buenos Aires fees when expressed in USD.

One particular item was the cost of interpretation from English into French. Several Board members felt that for a congress in India, this might not be warranted and they suggested approaching the French Section to convey this view, knowing that it was a sensitive matter. The Secretary General stated that he will approach the NEA and the IAEA to explore the possibility for these Agencies to provide a financial support to selected persons.

Turning to the scientific programme, Els Reynaers showed a table reflecting a tentative allocation of topics over the five-day period of the congress. The advantage of extending the duration of the congress to a whole week was that it would dispense with the use of parallel sessions, a source of frustration for many participants in the past. She also would like to enlarge the programme to cover some new subjects such as Climate Change & Nuclear. Ahab Abdel-Aziz stressed that India belonged to the region where most New Build was taking place which suggested to give this topic due importance in the programme.

IV. Future Nuclear Inter Jura Congress.

The Secretary General informed the Board that shortly before this meeting he had received a letter from Santiago Ripol stating that he had come to the conclusion that Spain could not be a candidate for the Congress to be held in 2018. Santiago Ripol, however, did not exclude the possibility to host a Congress at a later stage. The Secretary General added that a new Spanish Section of INLA had been established in July 2015 and he was waiting for further detail in this respect.

In reaction to this news, Marc Beyens indicated that as a fall-back situation, he was prepared to consider the possibility of a Congress in Belgium. Ahab Abdel-Aziz made a similar statement regarding Canada. Rafael Manovil had been told by Ms Sara Maciel that Mexico could be a candidate at some point in the future. Finally, the Secretary General noted that a new INLA Section had just been created in Turkey and that it could be worth exploring the potential of a congress in that country with Ms Abide Gülel, the President of that Section. The President concluded that the matter should be taken again at the next meeting of the Board.

V. Situation concerning INLA Working Groups and National Sections.

Since developments concerning national/regional INLA Sections had now been covered, the President invited the WGs representatives present at the meeting to make a progress report.

Ian Salter and Nuria Prieto Serrano as chairs of WG 1 and WG 5 respectively, referred to their joint meeting in Madrid last May and to a questionnaire which was now circulated by WG 5 in order to obtain a more detailed input for its study of national programmes for radioactive management. An informal get-together of members present at Nuremberg had been organized.

Ximena Vasquez-Maignan, on behalf of WG 2, had not been able yet to convene a meeting of this Group but she was confident that there would be a number of high quality reports ready for the New Delhi congress.

Vanessa Jakovich of WG 3 informed the Board that her Group had reached some 60 members with a large range of expertise. A questionnaire had also been circulated lately and had so far got a good response. WG 3 did not usually meet its members and operated mostly through internet connection.

Ulrike Feldmann and Sidonie Royer-Maucotel spoke on behalf of the Radiation Protection Group (WG 4) which they had managed to reactivate. To prepare the discussion of radiation protection issues at the next congress, they had organised a meeting this week in Erlangen, hosted by Areva.

Carl Stoiber explained that WG 6 was as usual having difficulty to meet, due to the geographical dispersion of its members. For that reason, electronic communication was generally used. For example, a LinkedIn Group had been created last Spring. He expected that the legal aspects of the recent agreement with Iran would be a high point of the next Congress.

Odette Jankowitsch reported on WG 7. After initiating the creation of this Group a few years ago and supporting it since, she wished now to leave the burden in the hands of a younger and more available person. She had contacted Khalil Bukhari (UK) who had ably moderated the Transport session at the Buenos Aires Congress. The members of the Board thanked Odette Jankowitsch for all her efforts and approved the designation of K. Bukhari as the new chair of WG 7.

VI. Management and Secretariat of the Association.

The Secretary General reported on the general management of the Association and referred in particular to the implications of the retirement of Mrs Brigitte Helderweirt, effective beginning 2017.

VII. Finance

The Secretary General explained that the finance of INLA continued to be sound though the budgetary surplus of the past years tended to somewhat decrease, due in particular to some new costs such as the website.

The Auditors, Mr. Luc Van Phan and Mr. Harbrücker, had met on 12<sup>th</sup> May this year and had certified that the accounts of the Association for the year 2014 were in good order. Like the Auditors in this statement, the Secretary General reminded the Board of the recurrent problem of the payment of membership fees. Year after year, some 40 % of INLA members did not pay their dues for whatever reason, which created an odd situation.

Being it acknowledged that the complication and cost of bank transfers explained partly the problem, Ahab Abdel-Aziz spoke of a new PayPal based system, which might alleviate it. The Secretariat will explore this option.

Vanda Lamm suggested an adjustment of the rules for the admission of new members whereby the applicant would be informed that his admission would not become effective until after he/she paid the membership fee.

By anticipation, the Board considered the question of Membership fees for 2016. The proposal to raise to 80 EUR the fee for ordinary members in order to improve the safety margin of the budget, was approved. The fee of 20 EUR for students was unchanged.

VIII. INLA Prize.

The Secretary General reminded the Board that no application had been found sufficiently valid at the time of the Buenos Aires Congress and that there was no award of the INLA Prize for that reason. It was therefore important to ensure that qualified candidates would enter the competition in view of the New Delhi congress. Under the guidance of Vanda Lamm, the same jury composed of Norbert Pelzer, Anthony Wetherall, Santiago Ripol is to be reconstituted. The Secretariat will liaise with the OECD-NEA and the IAEA with a view to identify potential candidates from the Montpellier School or the Nuclear Law Institute. Carl Stoiber suggested to also contact some NGOs active in the field of nuclear law.

IX. Composition of the Board of Management.

Ahab Abdel-Aziz had now joined the Board, replacing Stanley Berger as had been agreed in Buenos Aires. The Secretary General noted that since the withdrawal of Stephen Burns last year, there was no longer a representative from the OECD-NEA like there was one from the IAEA with Wolfram Tonhauser. Although the Statutes did not provide for any institutional representation in the Board, that practice has proved beneficial to its activities. The elections in 2016 could be the occasion to bring the NEA again inside the Board.

X. Miscellaneous.

Ian Salter informed the Board that he and other members of the UK Section were thinking about organising a conference in spring of next year, inspired by the model of the German Conference. Members of the Board expressed their interest and invited him to coordinate the dates with other planned INLA events during that period.

The Secretary General drew the attention of the Board to the circulation since the beginning of the year of a new information bulletin for the Association, the Update of which a 2<sup>nd</sup> issue had just been released. The Secretariat was also finalizing a new information brochure on the Association. The Members of the Board will receive a little stock of that brochure for further distribution to those interested.

XI. Future meeting of the Board.

The President returned to her explanations concerning the preparation of the New Delhi Congress. The First Announcement to be released beginning of November, will contain a call for papers with a deadline by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016. It could therefore be handy, as had been done in 2014, to combine a day devoted to a discussion of the programme with various stakeholders with a regular meeting of the Board of Management. The Secretary General added in this respect that Wolfram Tonhauser had recently confirmed the IAEA's readiness to host such a meeting.

Having this in mind, the dates of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 were tentatively adopted, subject to confirmation by the IAEA.

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