

***Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Management of INLA  
held in Vienna on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.***

Were present :

Els Reynaers, President  
Rafael Manovil  
Ulrike Feldmann  
Marc Beyens  
Ian Salter  
Vanda Lamm  
Mark Herlach  
Toyohiro Nomura  
Jyrki Javanainen  
Wolfram Tonhauser, Members

Patrick Reyners, Secretary General

By invitation :

Ximena Vasquez-Maignan  
Nuria Prieto Serrano  
Odette Jankowitsch-Prevor  
Abide Gülel  
Oguz Kara  
Duygu Sumertas

Apologies received :

Marc Léger  
Alexander Matveev  
Ahab Abdel Aziz  
Sidonie Royer-Maucotel  
Lukasz Mlynarkiewicz  
Carl Stoiber  
Scott Spence

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The meeting of the Board of Management was held at the Vienna International Center, upon the kind invitation of the IAEA. The President, Els Reynaers, welcomed the participants and she expressed her warm appreciation to Wolfram Tonhauser and to his IAEA colleagues for all the excellent arrangements made for the meeting and that of 29<sup>th</sup> February on the scientific programme of the New Delhi Congress. She also thanked Odette Jankowitsch for kindly organising the Board dinner. The Secretary General noted that given the members of the Board present in the room, the quorum was reached.

I. Adoption of the Agenda.

The proposed Agenda [INLA Board (2016) 1] was adopted.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Board meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

The Minutes of the meeting [INLA (2015)2] were approved without any change.

III. Progress report on the organisation of Nuclear Inter Jura 2016 and scientific programme (Report by the President).

Els Reynaers explained that the preparations of the 5-day New Delhi 2016 Nuclear Inter Jura are absolutely on track. The Nuclear Law Association, India, can count on the full support of the Department of Atomic Energy and the Ministry of External Affairs towards the successful organisation of the Congress.

As mentioned earlier, the conference venue is the centrally located and iconic Imperial Hotel (<http://www.theimperialindia.com/>), which will offer a unique and authentic experience to all the participants. The historical set-up of The Imperial Hotel will be contrasted by the modern design of the Heritage Transport Museum, where a half day conference is scheduled, followed by the social outing / free networking afternoon (<http://www.heritagetransportmuseum.org/>).

Conscious of the costs involved for the participants traveling from all over the globe to join us in India, the organisers are doing their best to keep the participation fees at par with rates applicable in previous 4-day conferences. This is an important strategy to ensure that many INLA members would join the New Delhi INLA Congress.

A dedicated conference website will be launched shortly, which shall contain all the relevant information for participants to start planning their visit to India early enough and spread their travel costs, such as: accommodation options; pre- and post-conference travel packages; a dedicated 5-day spouse programme; information about the VISA application process; general information about Delhi; participation fees along with an on-line payment portal; as well as the conference programme itself in due course (as the Speakers confirm their participation).

The VISA procedure can be clarified from the outset: conference participants will need to apply for a Conference VISA only even if they plan to combine their visit with travel before or after (NOT a tourism VISA), whereas their accompanying partners who will just be sightseeing should apply for a tourism VISA. All this information will be provided on the conference website as well. As a matter of fact, NLA India will have the help of a conference organiser which will supervise the on-line payments via the dedicated payment portal and will individually follow-up with each participant whether their VISA process is on track (and, if need be interact with the oversees Indian Consulates / Embassies to process the VISAs in line with prior clearances obtained by NLA India to organise this international conference).

Moreover, the conference organiser will also offer assistance with pick-up and drop to Delhi's international airport and the conference venue, to ensure everyone has a smooth experience.

It was further confirmed that a conference kit would be provided to all participants, along with a USB stick which will contain all the Speaker presentations and chapters submitted by the respective authors / Speakers; along with the conference proceedings which will be printed in a book form. Due to several budgetary, logistical as well as time considerations (Indian legal publishing houses often take about 18 months to complete such a large publication), it was felt that this is the best way forward.

At the end of this presentation, there was an exchange of views where various Board members shared their experience and expressed preferences on the question of INLA congress proceedings. It was generally agreed that for INLA as a learned society it was in principle desirable that the proceedings of its congresses be carefully edited and published by recognized publishers of legal material. The Secretary General confirmed, as suggested, that he was prepared to help with editing and the selection of an appropriate publisher, building on the experience of past conferences.

Finally, the President informed those members of the Board who could not attend the meeting on the scientific programme held the day before, that the participants had completed a review of all proposals for reports submitted since the 1<sup>st</sup> Announcement for the Congress. This review together with the information provided by the Working Groups on their respective plans for the congress, will enable the President with her Indian colleagues to pursue the establishment of the scientific programme, in view of the release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement in April.

#### IV. Future Nuclear Inter Jura Congress - Turkey.

The President recognized the presence of Abide Gülel and of her Turkish colleagues, Oguz Kara and Duygu Sumertas, co-founders of the new INLA Law Association - Turkey.

Abide Gülel referred to the letter of intention sent to the Board on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and she confirmed the proposal to organise in Istanbul the congress of the Association in 2018. She also explained the relevance of this project in the context of the development of a nuclear power programme in her country and provided further details on the activity of her law firm, Gülel Attorneys at Law.

Concerning the new Turkish branch of INLA, a discussion clarified a point raised in respect of its members. When also becoming member of the main INLA Association, only natural persons can be admitted, as per the INLA Statutes.

In conclusion, the President thanked Abide Gülel and her colleagues for this proposal which will be on the Agenda of the General Assembly of the Association, in November.

V. Situation concerning INLA Working Groups and National Sections.

Ian Salter offered an update on the activities of the UK branch of INLA. He referred in particular to the launching next June of a UK Nuclear Law School, a teaching programme in the form of a two-day session, which would be open to UK and international lawyers. Details would be provided later.

He also indicated that it was planned to hold a combined WG1/WG5 meeting in Istanbul in April, 2016. A questionnaire had been circulated for the preparation of this meeting.

Concerning WG4 on Radiation Protection, Ulrike Feldmann wondered whether during the congress a discrete meeting of the members of her Group could be arranged. Ximena Vasquez-Maignan was also interested by that possibility. Els Reynaers promised to see if such meetings could be facilitated at the venue of the congress (Hotel Imperial).

Ximena Vasquez-Maignan provided in her turn information on the two Nuclear Liability sub-groups. She noted once again how difficult it was to organize physical meetings of the members.

Nuria Prieto Serrano confirmed this and she added that a reconstituted Spanish branch of INLA had been established in 2015. She was its Secretary and would give some further information on its membership and activities when available.

Odette Jankowitsch explained that she had now been replaced as Chairperson of WG7 on Nuclear Transport by Khalil Bukhari, but would remain as Secretary of the Group.

The Secretary General concluded the round of information by drawing the attention of members to the note sent by Carl Stoiber on the activities of WG6 on Nuclear Security and, particularly, its preparation for the New Delhi Congress.

VI. Management and Secretariat of the Association.

The Secretary General reported briefly on the situation resulting from the retirement of Mrs Brigitte Helderweirt at the end of 2016. It was agreed to follow on the matter in close liaison with interested members of the Board.

VII. Financial situation - PayPal system.

The Secretary General explained that the financial situation of the Association was generally sound. He was pursuing in cooperation with Lukasz Mlynarkiewicz a study of the feasibility of using PayPal for the payment of fees, particularly from members in regions outside Europe or North America. He hoped that such a system could be activated later in the year.

The Secretary General also informed the Board that the Auditors, Mr. Dirk Harbrücker and Mr. Luc Phan Van, would meet in Brussels on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to examine the accounts of INLA for 2015.

VIII. Composition of the Board of Management.

The Secretary General reminded the members of the Board that before next summer he would need to ask each of them whether they wished to apply for re-election at the time of the General Assembly. He expressed a concern that some members proved unable to attend the meetings of the Board and some of them did not even respond to convocations.

He also observed that at the moment, there were 15 members in the Board, out of the statutory limit of 18. That left some room for new candidates in view of the next election.

Professor Nomura spoke on the importance to maintain a suitable regional representation in the Board.

IX. INLA Prize.

The Secretary General explained that under the guidance of Vanda Lamm, he has ensured that the announcement of the Prize for 2016 had been advertised on the website. The Jury was constituted. Unfortunately, the competition did not seem to attract many candidates.

In the ensuing discussion, some members wondered whether the model of the INLA Prize was still valid. In their opinion, the important was to facilitate attendance at congresses and the Board could perhaps envisage to sponsor directly deserving candidates. What could also prove attractive would be to offer internships to young graduates.

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The Secretary General took note of these suggestions. In either case, it would mean that the Board would select itself the beneficiaries as opposed to the more transparent procedure of the Prize. He proposed to take the matter up again in New Delhi, in the light of developments in the meantime.

X. Miscellaneous points.

On the matter of the participation to the next Congress, Vanda Lamm noted that based on the abstracts received so far, there were several countries not or under-represented. She hoped that some remedy can be found to this unbalance. The representatives of the nuclear agencies stated they were trying, whenever possible, to enhance the visibility of INLA meetings but the financial obstacle could not be ignored.

The Secretary General was also aware of that situation and he asked the members of the Board to help in promoting participation to various INLA activities. In this respect, he had brought the new information brochure on the Association and invited the Board members to ask for more copies if needed.

XI. Next meeting of the Board.

It was agreed that the Board will hold its next meeting on Sunday 6 November 2016 at the Imperial Hotel in New Delhi. The meeting will start at 4 p.m. and will be followed by a dinner.

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