

***Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Management of INLA
held in Bonn on Thursday 28 September 2017.***

Were present :

Ulrike Feldmann
Vanda Lamm
Rafael Manovil
Ian Salter
Mark Herlach
Toyohiro Nomura
Jyrki Javanainen
Marc Léger
Ximena Vasquez-Maignan
Abide Gülel
Andrey Popov
Stan Berger, Honorary President

Patrick Reyners, Secretary General
Brigitte Helderweirt, Secretary

Working Groups :

Nuria Prieto Serrano
Sidonie Royer-Maucotel
Bill Horin
Lukasz Mlynarkiewicz
Alexandra Van Kalleveen

By invitation :

Godelieve Vandeputte
Christian Raetzke
Mark Ruttloff

Apologies received :

Jacques Lavoie
Marc Beyens
Els Reynaers
Sara Maciel
Ahab Abdel Aziz
Santiago Ripol
Wolfram Tonhauser
Khalil Bukhari
Carl Stoiber

I. Designation of a Chairperson for the Meeting and Quorum

The meeting of the Board of Management was held at the University Club, Bonn, upon the kind invitation of the German Section of INLA. It was explained that the President, Jacques Lavoie, had apologized for not being able to be present due to an unforeseeable commitment. Further, Marc Beyens, Vice-President, had also been obliged to cancel his participation because of illness. It was therefore proposed that Ulrike Feldmann who was hosting the session be invited to take the chair. That arrangement was approved by the Board.

The Secretary General signaled that given the persons present or represented, not including the representatives of Working Groups, the quorum was reached.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed Agenda [INLA Board (2017)2] was adopted.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 6 November 2016

The Minutes of the meeting held in New Delhi [INLA Board (2016)5] were approved without change.

IV. Situation of INLA Working Groups and National Sections

Upon the invitation of the President, Nuria Prieto Serrano and Alexandra Van Kalleveen reported on the enlarged WG 1/3/5 meeting which was held in Karlsruhe on 3/4 May 2017, followed by a guided visit to the Joint Research Centre facilities. Additionally, Nuria Prieto Serrano referred to an email sent to the members of WG5 in July 2017, where she asked for contributions on the topic “public participation in radioactive waste management”. The answers received will constitute a solid basis for the preparation of the WG5 report at the next Congress.

Ian Salter, in his capacity as Chair of WG 1, thanked A. Van Kalleveen for her invitation. He noted the increasing difficulty for WG members to justify meeting abroad, with the implication that providing for high quality presentations and discussions in the programme of such meetings was a prerequisite. Organizing combined meetings as in Karlsruhe was also a good solution. Ximena Vasquez-Maignan indicated that in respect of the WG 2 she co-chaired with Bill Horin, short of being able to convene traditional meetings, conference calls had been used several times. That solution which required discipline of participants had proved to be a useful substitute to coordinate the work of the Group and to prepare congresses.

The Secretary General, stressed once again that to overcome that difficulty WG meetings needed to show an added value for participants and should whenever appropriate contain an element of training.

Concerning the activities of National Sections, Godelieve Vandeputte informed the Board that BNLA had organized a conference dinner in the spring with Jean-Pol Poncelet as guest speaker, on the subject of 60 Years of Euratom and Nuclear Energy Policy. The Secretary General took that opportunity to invite representatives of National Sections who organized such events to inform the

Secretariat in advance with a view to give them a proper visibility in the INLA newsletter and the website.

V. Publication of INLA Congresses Proceedings

Ulrike Feldmann explained, in the light of past experience showing the difficulty to ensure the publication of proceedings meeting the criteria of scientific literature, she had written to Jacques Lavoie to specify the conditions for using the services of NOMOS, the recognized German publisher. She acknowledged that doing so would have inevitably a cost and impose certain constraints of format and, more importantly, a strict timetable.

The Secretary General thanked her for that constructive suggestion. The old dilemma for organizers of INLA congresses, being it understood that the cost of proceedings were generally included in the registration fees, was that once fully edited, there remained a huge price to pay for the mailing of the heavy volumes. The other frequently used solution had been to make available to participants a volume containing the conference papers, which in practice could not guarantee that all papers were included as well as a careful editing. Further, that could not satisfy the conditions to obtain an official (ISBN) registration number, a must for scientific publications.

Marc Léger explained the arrangements applicable to electronic publications (e-books) which had the advantage of preparation time, cost and official numbering. That gave to Godelieve Vandeputte the occasion to announce the publication soon of the proceedings of the Brussels 2014 Conference on Taking Nuclear Third Party Liability into the Future, in electronic form.

It was finally concluded that the matter would be kept on the agenda of the Board.

VI. Finance

The Secretary General reminded the Board that on 30 May 2017, the INLA Auditors had met in Brussels in order, as every year, to examine the books of the Association. The members of the Board had received the statement of the Auditors indicating that the accounts were properly kept and accurate.

Brigitte Helderweirt distributed during the meeting tables indicating the number of membership fees paid per country and a list mentioning the number of PayPal payments for 2017.

The introduction in 2017 of PayPal was intended as a new but not mandatory facility for the payment of membership fees. It was also meant to be less costly for overseas members and, more hopefully, to improve the collection of fees. It was too early to tell whether that last objective would be reached. The Secretary General added that an active collaboration of the members of the Board was important in that respect. He also noted that the question of the membership fees for the year 2018 was not on the agenda of this meeting.

VII. Revision of the INLA Statutes

The Secretary General referred to the Note[INLA Board (2017) 1] which had been sent to the Board before Summer. There has been to his knowledge no particular reaction to the content of the Note which, following earlier deliberations within the Board and considering also the situation in New Delhi, envisaged two types of modifications to the Statutes :

- An increase in the maximum number of members of the Board (as under Article 9) ;
- An increase of the ceiling of annual membership fees (as under Article 6).

The draft amendment was also considered from the angle of the desirability to attract greater participation from Asia countries and to make room for representatives of such countries in the Board (see item 10 of the Agenda).

During the discussion, several members expressed doubts about the need to enlarge the Board (currently 18 members) and, like Rafael Manovil, were concerned that it might in fact result in making that body less efficient. Other members, like Vanda Lamm, considered that it was more important to ensure that all present members be actively engaged in its work and participate regularly in its meetings.

U. Feldmann concluded that, at least for the time being, there was no consensus to amend the Statutes. The matter would therefore be referred to the President. That conclusion applied also to the question of an eventual increase of the statutory cap on the membership fees, which remained set at 100 euro per year.

On the issue of Asian outreach, which everybody found desirable in principle, Ximena Vasquez-Maignan indicated that the NEA was organizing for countries of this region, a Nuclear Law Course in Singapore, in 2018. She offered to look on that occasion for possible candidates to the Board.

VIII. INLA Prize

The Secretary General reminded the Board of its decision taken at the last meeting to establish a Task Force in order to review, with the help of selected young members of the Association, the general conditions of that competition. Lukasz Mlynarkiewicz explained the questionnaire, which had been sent to the Task Force to that purpose.

It was hoped that a progress report and eventual suggestions would be available for the Board by its next meeting. In the meantime, the Secretariat would pursue the Prize competition under the present terms.

IX. Miscellaneous

The Secretary General noted that a new issue of the INLA newsletter (Update 2) had been prepared with the kind cooperation of Els Reynaers, and circulated recently.

He also wished to consult the Board regarding a request received from Khalil Bukhari (who chaired the WG 7), and concerning the posting on the INLA website of vacant positions of possible interest for members of the Association. Several members of the Board, particularly Ximena Vasquez-Maignan, Rafael Manovil and Jyrki Javanainen, considered it a good idea, which would also increase the usefulness of the website. Lukasz Mlynarkiewicz would therefore adapt the site accordingly.

Alexandra Van Kalleveen suggested to introduce in the website more keywords to facilitate internet research.

The Secretary General then commented on recent contacts with Helen Cook, an INLA member who is also the Chair of the Law Group of WNA. It was tentatively agreed with her that information on the work of that Group be periodically given on the website. On the other hand, interested INLA members could ask through the Secretariat if they could be invited to participate in meetings of the WNA Group. This arrangement was approved by the Board.

Finally, the Secretary General noted that at its next meeting, the Board should initiate a discussion on the choice of a venue of the congress after Abu Dhabi.

X. Future Meeting of the Board

The Secretary General explained that following consultations with Ximena Vasquez-Maignan and Marc Léger, and since an enlarged meeting of WG 2 was planned to take place at OECD headquarters in Paris on 12 February 2018, it had been suggested to hold also in Paris on 13 and 14 February, a meeting to discuss the scientific programme of the congress and a regular session of the Board, both to be kindly hosted by the French CEA. That proposal was approved, subject to confirmation by the President, Jacques Lavoie*.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

*In the meantime the President has confirmed these dates.