

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Management of INLA
held in Abu Dhabi on 3 November 2018**

Were Present :

Ulrike Feldmann
Abide GÜLEL BIRSEN
Marc HERLACH
Jacques LAVOIE
Sara MACIEL SANCHEZ
Rafael MANOVIL
Toyohiro NOMURA
Els REYNAERS
Ian SALTER
Wolfram TONHAUSER
Ximena VASQUEZ-MAIGNAN

Patrick REYNERS, Secretary General
Brigitte Helderweirt, Secretary

By Invitation :

Khalil BUKHARI
Magda HANEBACH
William HORIN
Lukasz MLYNARKIEWICZ
Nuria PRIETO SERRANO
Sidonie ROYER-MAUCOTEL
Carl STOIBER
Alexandra VAN KALLEVEEN

Apologies Received :

Ahab ABEL-AZIZ
Marc BEYENS
Jirky JAVANAINEN
Marc LEGER
Santiago RIPOL CARULLA

I. Opening

The meeting of the Board of Management was held at the Hotel Ritz Carlton, Abu Dhabi, UAE, and started at 4pm on 3 November 2018. The Secretary General and the President welcomed the members of the Board as well as the representatives of the Working Groups present at the meeting. He also noted that considering the number of Board members present or represented, the quorum was reached .

II. Adoption of the Agenda

The Secretary General suggested that the discussion of items 9 and 11 of the Agenda [INLA Board (2018) 4] could be combined. Also, the question of the procedure for the admission of new members to the Association – and the proposal in this respect submitted by the President – could be addressed under Item 5. Subject to these changes, the Agenda was adopted.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the Board meeting held on 13 February 2018

The Minutes of the meeting held in Paris on 13 February 2018 [INLA Board (2018) 2] were approved without change.

IV. Situation concerning the INLA Working Groups and National/Regional Sections

The various chairpersons of Working Groups present at the meeting reported on the activities of their respective Groups. In the course of the discussion, the possibility of a joint meeting of several Groups in the course of 2019 was mentioned, as a means to encourage horizontal cooperation and help preparing the future congress. Cadarache (France) was envisaged as a venue, upon invitation of the ITER organization.

Several Working Groups Chairpersons such as Carl Stoiber or Ulrike Feldmann reminded the Board of the persistent difficulty in terms of time and financial resources of organizing physical meetings of Working Groups members. The prospect of holding once a year a meeting open to all INLA WG members raised therefore much interest.

As concerns WG 4, Ulrike Feldmann was satisfied that in spite of the already mentioned difficulty, the members of the Group had managed to prepare a solid working session. She also had reminded the Board that she would soon retire and she proposed that she be replaced as head of the Group by Mark Sanders (USA) who had already proved to be very active in the field of radiation protection. This proposal was approved by the Board. All the persons in the room joined the President in expressing Ulrike Feldmann their thanks for her long association with the Board and dedication to INLA. The same appreciation was extended to Rafael Manovil and Mark Herlach who confirmed their withdrawal as active Board members.

Jacques Lavoie also took this opportunity to announce that he is retiring from ENEC as of December 2018 from his position as General Counsel. He would anyway remain committed to the Association and intended to participate actively to its activities. The members expressed to Jacques Lavoie their appreciation for organizing what promised to be a great congress and wished him luck for his new life.

Nuria Prieto Serrano referred to the WG5 collective work on Public Participation on site selection procedures for waste repositories, based on a comparative study from 8 countries. The study focused in

particular on lessons learnt and good practices. Such work would be presented during the congress. Khalil Bukhari explained the general orientations of the WG7 action. It was closely aligned with that of the competent international organizations and, in 2018, had focused on Common transport terms and on Endorsement/approval of such terms. A meeting of the Group was envisaged in the spring of next year.

Ulrike Feldmann, as concerns national sections activities, indicated that no decision had yet been taken in respect to the organization, in the year between Nuclear Inter Jura, of a German INLA conference.

V. Management and Secretariat of the Association

The President started the discussion by referring to the letter (30 October 2018) sent to the Board and containing his recommendation to streamline the process of admission of new members to INLA. He felt the current procedure to be too cumbersome and not efficient enough from the angle of the collection of membership fees. He therefore proposed to adopt a simpler two-step system, meaning first admitting a candidate upon proof of payment of membership fees and, then, consulting the Board with the faculty for its members to object to a particular admission.

Some members, particularly Ulrike Feldmann, confirmed their initial reaction in writing to this proposal; they doubted that it would really simplify the current system. Indeed, they felt that the negligence experienced for many years as concerns the payment of membership fees would not be «cured» post admission. Further they had some concern about the prospect of having to refund fees in case a candidate would eventually not be accepted. Others shared the same hesitations at a change of the procedure. It was also pointed out that having regard to Article 6 §1 and 15 (h) of the Statutes, the proposed modification would require the approval of the General Assembly.

That led to a wider discussion as to which criteria or policy considerations might be used to decline a particular application for membership. Some members had doubts as to this very notion. Others thought that applying an ex-post vetting could be awkward and expose the Association. The Secretary General noted that until now, such rejections had been extremely rare. In fact, it was rather the Secretariat which, occasionally, had had to explain a given candidate that given his profile, he clearly could not get any benefit from entering the Association, and that worked smoothly.

Since, after a vote, it became clear that no consensus could be reached on the proposal, Wolfram Tonhauser suggested to return to the matter on the basis of a note by the Secretariat analysing the relevant statutory provisions and the practice within the Association regarding the admission of new members, with a view to determine if the existing procedure needed to be modified. This was approved.

The Secretary General explained that thanks to an arrangement made by Marc Roothoof, Syban's Manager (and INLA's host), the secretarial functions of the Association in Brussels would be from next year assured by Bernadette Keymolen, as part-time Secretary. On that occasion, the members of the Board expressed once again their deep appreciation to Brigitte Helderweirt whose participation in a Board meeting was the last and wished her a happy retirement.

Finally, the Board decided to re-appoint Patrick Reyners as Secretary General and Scientific Advisor of INLA for the period 2019-2020.

VI. INLA Prize

Lukasz Mlynarkiewicz reminded the Board of the difficulties encountered for quite some time in getting sufficient applications, both in number and quality, to make the Prize credible, thus explaining that there had been no award on the occasion of recent congresses. He also regretted the lack of useful response to the questionnaire which had been circulated by the Secretariat after the New Delhi congress, particularly to

a group of selected « young INLA members ».

Several Board members asked to have themselves another look at the questionnaire and it was agreed to keep this matter on the agenda of the Board.

VII. Publication of INLA Congresses Proceedings

This question was not dealt with by the Board because of a lack of time. The President indicated however his support in principle for the preparation of an electronic publication of the Abu Dhabi congress papers. The Secretariat will keep informed the Board of developments.

VIII. Financial Situation

For the same reason, this item was not really addressed. The Secretary General recalled that he had sent the Board shortly before their meeting (18 October) a tentative budget for the year 2019, which had raised no comment so far. He also noted that the INLA Auditors' report on the 2017 accounts had been sent to the Board and that the General Assembly on 7 November will be asked to approve the designation of Marc Roothoof as a new Auditor in replacement of Achim Jansen Terstegen who was a candidate for the Board. Finally, he expressed his intention to consult the persons to be elected for the new Board of Management on the question of the membership fees for the year 2019. (*)

IX. Preparation of the General Assembly – Future Presidency

The Secretary General analysed the circumstances which had led to the composition of the list of candidates circulated recently and upon which the participants in the next General Assembly would be expected to vote.

Marc Herlach explained that when he had decided to leave his seat in the Board, he had offered to Bill Horin to succeed him because he thought he would be a particularly qualified candidate for that position. Marc Herlach therefore hoped this replacement would gain approval by the members of the Board. He added that in his view, Bill Horin would also be the best placed person to take the lead in organizing a new Nuclear Inter Jura in Washington. The reaction from other members of the Board was very positive in respect of both questions.

Bill Horin told the Board that a working group had in any case been set up, composed of INLA members from throughout the US industry, representing licensees, private firms, government agencies and other nuclear industry counsels to collaborate on the organization of the congress. The venue selection team had narrowed down the options for the principal meeting location.

X. Next meeting of the Board of Management

No decision was taken in this respect since it was a matter for the next Board to consider.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

(*) NOTE : For information, it was subsequently decided by way of written procedure to keep the same fees, meaning 90 euro for ordinary members and 20 euro for students.