



Message from the INLA President



Dear INLA Members,

Greetings!!! I hope that all of you are doing well, and that you and yours are staying healthy and safe during this period. It has been without question a trying time. Yet I find that our nuclear industry generally, and our colleagues in particular, have stepped up and are maintaining our contributions to the industry, whether we are working on-site at plants or facilities, or contributing remotely. I hope that this posture can continue until we are able to move back more closely to our pre-pandemic business and personal conditions.

With respect to our Congress, I assure you that we are moving forward in the preparation for Congress 2021. The INLA-US Chapter is optimistic, and we hope you share that optimism, that conditions in a post-pandemic environment will allow us to gather in October 2021. Hotel arrangements continue, and we consider prior abstract submittals to be valid for a 2021 program. In that regard, we will be sending appropriate formal announcements to reiterate that posture. We will allow for reconfirmation of your intent to retain the presentation going forward with updates as deemed appropriate. Of course, we will also allow for the submission of new abstracts. The initial formal announcement will be made this fall. From a business perspective, we hope that our members, when presented with the opportunity, will include Congress 2021 in your organization's (and personal) budgeting.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time with questions. Already some have checked in with respect to updating their abstracts. And I would be happy to discuss any aspect of our planning or questions you may have.

Sincerely and stay safe!

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Governance of the Association

At extraordinary circumstances, extraordinary arrangements. The members of the INLA Board of Management (BoM) had met early this year in Paris, on 28 February, principally to discuss the orderly preparation of the congress of the Association, expected to take place in Washington in October (approved BoM records are available on the INLA website). Shortly after that meeting, came the global disruption of activities caused by the coronavirus pandemic. This led our President, Bill Horin, to contact the next month all persons concerned and to inform them of the decision of the US organizing committee to postpone the congress.

This left however open the question as to how to manage the Association during such exceptional situation. While INLA Statutes authorize the BoM to carry out business and to hold meetings using electronic means, there was a difficulty concerning the General Assembly (GA) for which that facility is not provided by the Statutes. Initially, a GA was meant to be held at the close of the congress. The problem with the postponement was that such a meeting became impossible while it is a statutory obligation at least once every two years (the last one was in 2018). Fortunately, the Belgium Government, which legislation governs INLA, had adopted in April a regulation allowing for a limited period associations like INLA to hold general assemblies using video conferences. It was therefore decided to take advantage of this permission and to convene on 8 June combined meetings of both the BoM and the GA, with the assistance of our OECD/ NEA colleagues.

To focus on the GA, the President reported to the participants on the activities of the Association since the last congress and the consequences of the pandemic. He informed them of the recent demise of Jacques Lavoie who had, as one remembers, be in charge of the Abu Dhabi congress. Commenting upon the postponement, he assured everybody of the firm intention of the US Chapter to organize a successful congress in Washington in 2021.

Then, the GA took note of the report by INLA Auditors on the financial accounts of the Association for 2018 and it approved the 2020 and (still tentative) 2021 budgets.

Finally, as proposed by the BoM, the GA endorsed the extension by one year only (that is until the 2021 congress and next GA) of the term of the current members of the Board, as indicated below:

Board Member	Country
AMEYE Evelyne	Spain
ABDEL-AZIZ Ahab	Canada
BEYENS Marc	Belgium
DOMINGUEZ Cristina	Argentina
FORK William	USA
GÜLEL BIRSEN Abide	Turkey
HORIN William	USA
JANSEN TERSTEGEN Achim	Germany
JAVANAINEN Jyrki	Finland
LAMM Vanda	Hungary
LEGER Marc	France
MACIEL SANCHEZ Sara	Mexico
NOMURA Toyohiro	Japan
REYNAERS Els	India
SALTER Ian	United Kingdom
TONHAUSER Wolfram	IAEA
VASQUEZ-MAIGNAN Ximena	OECD/NEA

For the same reason, it was agreed to extend by one year the mandate of the Auditors and functions of the Secretary General.



New INLA Members – Welcome!

We welcome all the new INLA members who have joined us since May 2020, to know:

- Simal SONGUR, Law student, Ankara (Turkey) simalsongur01@yahoo.com
- Esra SONGUR, Commercial Director, Akkuyu Nuclear J.S.C. (Turkey) esrasongur98@yahoo.com

We encourage each one of you to join any of the Working Groups (WGs) of INLA to interact with all other INLA members throughout the years and exchange views and latest legal developments from your jurisdiction.

You can read more about the 7 WGs of INLA on our website: <http://aidn-inla.be/working-groups/>.



News from the INLA Working Groups

Particularly for the new members, it may be worth reiterating that INLA has 7 Working Groups. If you're interested in joining any of the Working Groups, feel free to contact the Chairperson or Secretary of the WG, which you will find here: <http://aidn-inla.be/working-groups/>.

- WG2: Nuclear Liability & Insurance

WG 2 will be holding a conference call on **Thursday 22 October 2020, 2:00 pm -5:00 pm (Paris time)**.

You are invited to register for the meeting in the Doodle here. Please note that for security reasons, information on how to access the virtual meeting will only be sent to duly registered participants and access will be refused to unregistered participants. Registrations should therefore be made as soon as possible and not later than **Friday 18 September 2020**.

You will also be required to provide in the Doodle whether you would like to update the group on any nuclear liability and insurance related issue. For the time being, we suggest the following agenda:

- Welcome remarks from the WG2 Chairs, Mr Bill Horin and Mrs Ximena Vásquez-Maignan.
- Updates from the INLA Board meeting and the INLA General Assembly held in June 2020 by the Secretary
- Updates by WG2 members:
 - Ms Ximena Vásquez Maignan, OECD/NEA – Update on the Paris Convention ratification process.

- Ms Fiona Geoffroy, EDF – Update on the Indian Foreign Ministry of External Affairs FAQs Version 2.0 on the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act 2010 (see text [here](#)).
- TBC – Update on the Luxembourg Law on Civil Liability for Damage caused by a Nuclear Accident (see text in French [here](#)).

Should you be interested in joining WG 2 more generally, do contact either Bill Horin at: WHorin@winston.com or Ximena Vasquez-Maignan at: Ximena.VASQUEZ@oecd-nea.org



Academic Corner

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF NUCLEAR LAW (ISNL) WEBINAR

This year would have marked the 20th anniversary of the [International School of Nuclear Law \(ISNL\)](#) organised by the [OECD Nuclear Energy Agency \(NEA\)](#) in co-ordination with the [University of Montpellier](#) (France). Although it was not possible to hold the ISNL this year, the NEA would still like to bring people together to discuss international nuclear law. Therefore, the NEA has developed a public webinar that will take place on **Thursday, 1 October from 1:00pm – 3:30pm (Paris time)** to continue the programme's momentum. Open to anyone interested in nuclear law, including ISNL alumni, as well as past and present lecturers, this webinar is not meant to mimic the ISNL or take the place of it, but rather to address recent developments in some of the programme's substantive areas.

The webinar will begin with an introductory session focusing on the importance of the ISNL to the NEA, the University, the IAEA and the international community at large and its impact in advancing an awareness and understanding of international nuclear law. There will then be four substantive sessions with three speakers each focusing on current events. These sessions will address: (1) the fundamental nuclear safety conventions; (2) licensing and permitting for nuclear activities; (3) security and safeguards; and (4) liability, insurance and trade. This will be followed by a brief conclusion.

The NEA will be advertising it soon and hope to see you all there.



Nuclear Law Bulletin:

The NEA's *Nuclear Law Bulletin* (NLB) is a unique international publication for both professionals and academics in the field of nuclear law. It provides authoritative and comprehensive information on nuclear law developments. Published twice a year in both English and French, it features topical articles written by renowned legal experts, covers nuclear legislative developments worldwide and reports on relevant case law, bilateral and international agreements and regulatory activities of international organisations.

Are you interested in writing an article for the NEA Nuclear Law Bulletin (NLB)? The NLB welcomes submissions from professionals and academics involved in or interested in the field of nuclear law. For an article to be considered in our winter edition, final submissions must be received by 1 September 2020. If you would like to write an article for the NLB, we recommend that you contact the NEA Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) as soon as possible at: nlb@oecd-nea.org.

For more information on the publication process, see:
www.oecd-nea.org/law/nlb/pubprocess.html.

Job positions / research opportunities / internship announcements

The **OECD Nuclear Energy Agency's Office of Legal Counsel (OLC)** accepts applications for internships from students from its [member countries](#) throughout the year. If you are interested in applying for an OLC internship, please send a cover letter and your resume or CV to olc@oecd-nea.org.

These internships are open for full time students who:

- are enrolled in the field of international law (and most preferably, private or public international law, environmental law);
- speak fluent English and have excellent analytical and drafting skills; knowledge of French would be an advantage, as would knowledge of other languages used at the OECD;
- are capable of working in a team in a multicultural and international environment.

Contract duration is up to six months and is for a full-time programme (40h per week). Please make sure your availability clearly appears in your cover letter.

Fusion for Energy (F4E) is looking for a highly motivated and experienced professional to work in the ITER Site and Buildings Legal Affairs Group of the Legal Service Unit at the ITER Site in Cadarache, France.

Closing date for applications: 29/09/2020 - 12:00 noon (local time, France). You will find all details in the enclosed Annexure (pdf).

INLA Website

Just to let you know that we faced some technical difficulties in updating the INLA website recently (for which we apologize!). We're happy to say that this is now sorted out and we're happy to post any information which could be of relevance to the INLA members. Feel free to email your input to: inla@aidn-inla.be.

Price for INLA – Membership fees – Introducing PayPal

All good things come with a price! We try to keep the membership fee as nominal as possible and would encourage all INLA members to kindly settle any outstanding membership fees at the earliest.

For 2020, the INLA Board of Management has decided to fix the membership fee's amount at 90 EUR for ordinary members and 20 EUR for students.

As you know, the PayPal system has now been launched to facilitate all membership payments; or for onward disbursement by the domestic chapters of the membership fees they collected. Should you have any questions in this regard, please, don't hesitate to contact: info@aidn-inla.be.

Feel free to suggest!

As you know, we have created a "suggestion box" on INLA's website to enable all INLA members to share their suggestions with regard to INLA's activities, or any topic of relevance to INLA. Feel free to send your ideas and feedback to:

<http://aidn-inla.be/suggestion-box/>.

Remember: on-line directory of all INLA members

Should you want to quickly find a contact of any of the INLA members while on the go, do think of consulting INLA's on-line membership roster:

<http://aidn-inla.be/membership/membership-roster/>.

Would you like to announce something in the forthcoming INLA Update? Feel free to send us an email at: else@mvkini.com and bernadette.keymolen@aidn-inla.be