



Season's Greetings

Forty-five years ago, INLA was created with a vision to strengthen the relations and to promote the cooperation between nuclear energy lawyers across the globe. In 2015, this unique and truly international association can be proud to count over 50 nationalities amongst its 600-odd members.

Many of you have started your careers in law firms, most likely practicing in an entirely different field, and have stumbled upon the fascinating field of nuclear law along the way. Several of you have branched out into in-house legal positions of major energy suppliers, nuclear operators, or regulatory bodies. And, yet others have decided to study nuclear law more meticulously and undertaken PhDs in this field. It is precisely this diversity in your backgrounds which makes the exchanges within INLA so stimulating, and the flagship events of INLA – its biannual congresses – so enriching. We want to thank each one of you for making INLA what it is today and carrying it forward for many more years to come. We, therefore, very much encourage and welcome new suggestions and ideas on activities which can be undertaken or new topics which can be addressed within INLA.

It is in this spirit of ongoing engagement and eagerness to carry forward our comparative exchanges – necessarily influenced by

evolving policy landscapes, regulatory approaches, economic realities, legislative changes, international treaties and critical academic analyses – that we truly look forward to welcoming you in India during the next INLA Congress, which will be held in New Delhi, between Monday 7 and Friday 11 November, 2016! I would say: mark the date, submit your Abstract, or just come and participate!

Here's also enclosing a poem by one of the most talented and beloved Indian polymaths, Rabindranath Tagore – "Where the Mind is Without Fear". Although written in a pre-Independence India, much of it still very much rings true on the eve of 2016 and is apt for an international association such as ours which takes pride in its intellectual pursuit, critical analyses and most importantly: our borderless bonhomie that binds us all.

With this, rendezvous in India and may 2016 be a splendid year for each one of you!

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*"Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high
Where knowledge is free
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments
By narrow domestic walls
Where words come out from the depth of truth
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way
Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit
Where the mind is led forward by thee
Into ever-widening thought and action
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake."*

(Rabindranath Tagore, "Where the Mind is Without Fear")

PS: And, don't forget to be a "model nuclear lawyer" this year...
For instructions, please see the last page of this Update ☺



New INLA members – Welcome!

First of all, here's extending a warm welcome to the new INLA members who have joined us since September, 2015, to know:

- Ms. Anne Wilson, South Africa - anne@cwattorneys.co.za
- Mr. Crowell Jason, USA - jason@peacecrowell.com
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We look forward to meeting each one of you!





New on the INLA Website

We've created a new "vacancies" link on the INLA website for announcements of academic / research opportunities and internships, as we believe INLA is an ideal platform for such matchmaking.

You can access "vacancies" via this link: <http://aidn-inla.be/education/vacancies/>

Nuclear Law News

2015 was marked by two significant events relating to international conventions in the field of nuclear safety, namely the Diplomatic Conference to consider a Proposal by Switzerland to amend the Convention on Nuclear Safety (« CNS »), which was held on 9 February 2015 and the Fifth Review Meeting of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management (« Joint Convention ») held from 11 to 22 May 2015.

We are happy to share first-hand accounts of both key international events, with a summary of the outcomes of the Fifth Review Meeting of the Joint Convention prepared by **Ms. Alexandra van Kalleveen**, European Commission, Joint Research Centre (Karlsruhe), which you will find enclosed as **Annex 1**, and a summary of the CNS Conference written by **Ms. Judit Silye**, Hungarian Atomic Energy Authority, attached as **Annex 2**.

We thank both authors for their summaries, and encourage all INLA members to share such brief first-hand accounts!

News from the INLA Working Groups

o Future Joint WG1 and WG5 meetings:

- The next short one-hour update call / meeting of WG1 and WG5 will take place immediately after the INLA Board meeting on Tuesday 1st March, 2016, in Vienna. Dial-in details and the precise venue in Vienna will be sent shortly.
- A more comprehensive joint meeting of both WGs is proposed to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, on Wednesday 13 April, 2016. This would be the final meeting before the 2016 Inter Jura Congress in New Delhi.





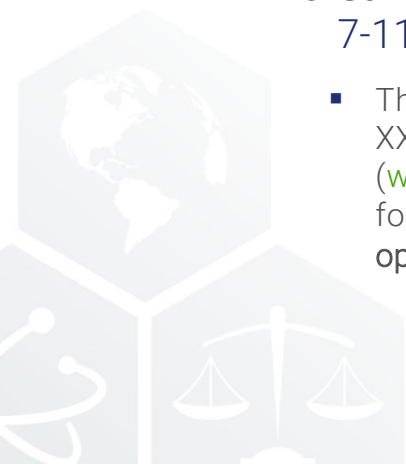
- WG 4 - Radiation Protection: first meeting on Wednesday 30 September, Erlangen, Germany:
 - By way of quick update, WG4 would like to share that on 30 September 2015 the renewed WG 4 had its first meeting - as a joint meeting with WG 2 - in the premises of AREVA GmbH in Erlangen/Germany.
 - The main topic of the meeting was the preparation of the next AIDN/INLA congress in New Delhi. It was suggested to have individual presentations as well as a panel discussion. WG 4 favors the “Protection of patients against ionizing radiation” as a possible topic for the panel discussion”.
 - The next meeting is supposed to take place in New Delhi on the occasion of the AIDN/INLA congress.

- WG7 on Transport:
 - Dr. (Mrs.) Odette Jankowitsch-Prevor, informed the INLA Board of Management during its last meeting that she wished to step down as Chairperson, WG 7, and she suggested that Mr. Khalil Bukhari, Head Legal, International Nuclear Services Limited (INS), Cheshire, UK, take over the baton from her. Any INLA member keen on joining WG7 can contact Khalil at: Khalil.bukhari@innuserv.com.
 - We would like to particularly thank Odette for the many years of invaluable inputs and enthusiasm with which she has carried forward the research and activities of WG7. That said, we count on Odette to remain actively involved in INLA!

Upcoming INLA events

- INLA’s next Board of Management meeting, Tuesday, 1 March 2016.
 - INLA’s next **Board of Management Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 1 March, 2016** Monday, with a stocktaking of the scientific program of the New Delhi congress 29 February, 2016, at Vienna, and all WG Chairpersons have been invited to attend the meeting too.

- Save the date: Nuclear Inter Jura 2016 - New Delhi, 7-11 November, 2016
 - The Nuclear Law Association, India (www.nlain.org) is thrilled to host the XXII Congress in 2016 in New Delhi, which will be held at The Imperial Hotel (www.theimperialindia.com). Hence, we would request you to block the following dates: **Monday 7 – Friday 11 November, 2016**. There will be an optional visit to the Taj Mahal in Agra on **Saturday 12 November**.





Upcoming INLA events

- Save the date: Nuclear Inter Jura 2016 - New Delhi, 7-11 November, 2016
 - The first call for papers has been circulated. Note that the deadline to submit Abstracts is **1 February, 2016**. You can find all details here: <http://aidn-inla.be/event/nuclear-inter-jura-2016-new-delhi/>.
 - Hotel details, rates, accompanying partner programs, optional travel packages, etc. – will all be shared with you in February, 2016, as well.

Academic corner & upcoming nuclear law courses

- Nuclear Law Bulletin

The latest Nuclear Law Bulletin, No. 95, Volume 2015/1, is available at: <https://www.oecd-nea.org/law/nlb/nlb95.pdf>

- Nuclear Law Courses

Do consult the education platform on our INLA website to keep track of any upcoming nuclear law courses: <http://aidn-inla.be/education/education-platforms/>. In the next months, the following nuclear law courses will be organized:

- **3rd Annual Certificate Course on “nuclear energy and law”**

The Nuclear Law Association, India, will be holding its **3rd Annual Certificate Course on “nuclear energy and law”** between **Monday 11 and Saturday 16 January, 2016**, at the TERI University, New Delhi. More details about the 5-day course and 1-day technical visit to a NPP can be viewed at: <https://nuclearlaw.wordpress.com/2015/08/12/certificate-course-on-nuclear-energy-and-law-11-16-january-2016-new-delhi/>

- **International Nuclear Law Essentials (INLE) course**

International Nuclear Law Essentials (INLE) course: a five-day, intensive course by the **OECD Nuclear Energy Agency** in international nuclear law designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the various interrelated legal issues relating to the safe, efficient and secure use of nuclear energy. The INLE is open to lawyers working in either the public or the private sector, as well as scientists, engineers, policymakers, managers and other professionals working in the nuclear field. The next INLE will take place from **15-19 February 2016** at the **OECD Conference Centre in Paris, France**. The application deadline is **29 January 2016** and applications will be processed on a rolling basis. More information on the course, including the application can be found at: www.oecd-nea.org/law/inle/





○ Conferences / Workshops / Seminars

The Nuclear Law Association, India, along with the Kerala State Higher Education Council, TERI University and the Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy & Training, and with the support of the Department of Atomic Energy, will be holding a **Seminar on Nuclear Power, Radiation and Regulation, on 6-7 January, 2016, at Trivandrum, Kerala (India)**. More details can be found at: <https://nuclearlaw.wordpress.com/2015/12/05/seminar-on-nuclear-power-radiation-and-regulation-a-development-perspective/>.



INLA Prize

Many of you may already be familiar with the INLA Prize which was created in 2001, with the aim to stimulate and encourage critical study on a subject of nuclear law, and to honor and reward an author of a paper of exceptional merit dealing with a subject related to nuclear law.

This is a call to all INLA Members with connections to the academic world to spread the word about the INLA Prize (<http://aidn-inla.be/inlas-prize/>), and to come forward with contact details of law professors whom we could send the information to. Please, email Dr. Vanda Lamm directly in this regard: Lamm.Vanda@tk.mta.hu

Price for INLA – Membership fees for 2015

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.

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/>.





Feel free to suggest!



o Suggestion box

We've created a new "suggestion box" on INLA's website to enable all INLA members to share their suggestions with regard to the organization of the upcoming INLA conference in New Delhi, India, in 2016 (for instance, which topics would you like to see addressed that otherwise don't receiving enough attention, etc.); or do you have any ideas pertaining to INLA's general activities? In short, we would love to hear from you!

You can access INLA's suggestion box via this link: <http://aidn-inla.be/suggestion-box/>

Best Wishes from INLA's Secretariat

*A little smile, a word of cheer,
A bit of love from someone near,
A little gift from someone dear,
Best wishes for the coming year ...
These make a Merry Christmas !*



Patrick and Brigitte wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year.

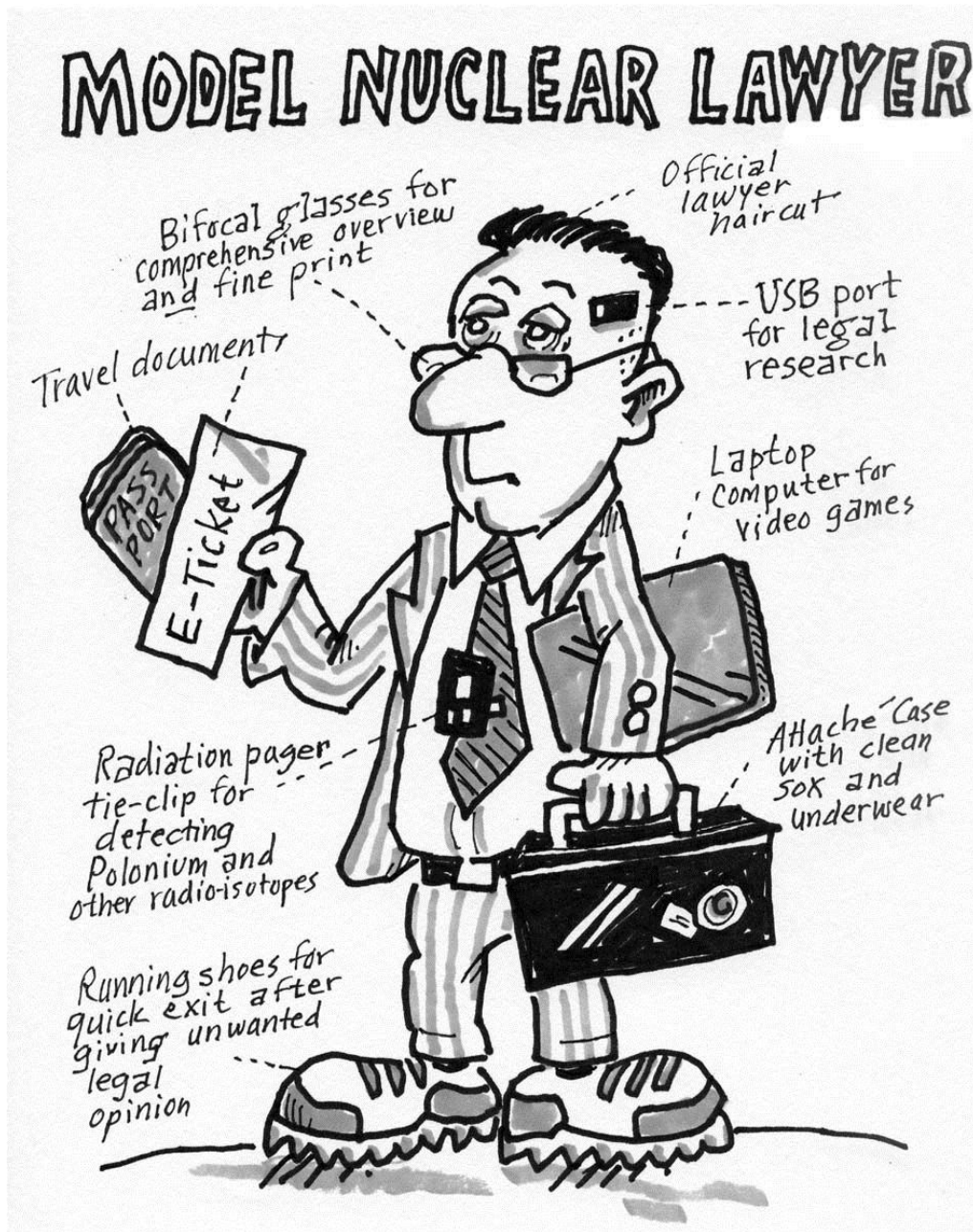
[See the latest "Carltoon" on the next page!](#)





Cartoon – by Carlton Stoiber

Best wishes & don't forget to be a model nuclear lawyer in 2016!



Would you like to announce something in the forthcoming INLA Update? Feel free to send us an email at: else@mvkini.com and mlynarkiewicz@gmail.com