



## Message from the INLA President

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Dear INLA Members:



**Season's Greetings to all Members of INLA!**

Wherever your season, whatever your holiday celebration, I want to extend best wishes to all. It is a time to reflect, looking forward and back, and be thankful for family and friends. May the coming year be a great one for all!

As President, I would be remiss if I didn't also renew the invitation for INLA Congress 2020, in Washington, DC, from October 25-29, 2020. I hope your plans for the coming year will include attendance at the Congress. Additional information, beyond that in the First Notice, will be arriving soon.

Happy Holidays!

Bill Horin

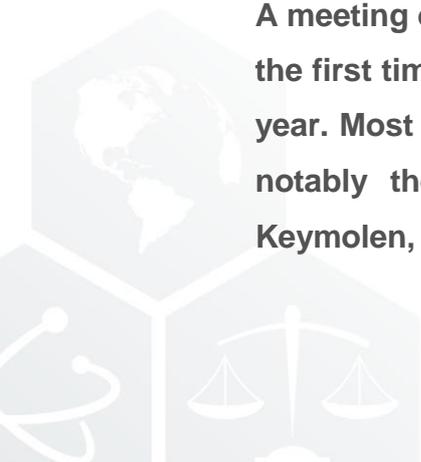
President, INLA



## INLA Board Meeting held in Vienna, 3 December, 2019

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A meeting of the Board of Management was held in Vienna on 3 December 2019, the first time its members were convened since the congress in Abu Dhabi, last year. Most points on the agenda related to the management of the Association, notably the installation of a new Secretary in Brussels, Mrs. Bernadette Keymolen, replacing the well-known Brigitte.



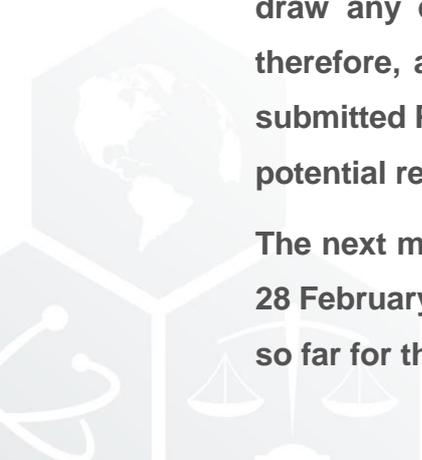
Also, the question of INLA compliance with the requirements of the EU 2016 Regulation on the protection of physical persons private data and access to such data, which is under review. The effectiveness of the procedure for the admission of new members was further examined and the current rules confirmed.

The financial situation of the Association - which is sound - was also examined and on that occasion the Board decided to leave unchanged for 2020 the level of membership fees, that is: 90 EUR for ordinary members and 20 EUR for students. On the other hand, the members of the Board noted that a greater effort should be made to improve the collection of fees.

Another frustrating subject was the INLA Prize, a competition traditionally organized at the same time as congresses. For several years now, INLA has been unable to award the Prize (of 2500 EUR) simply due to lack of suitable candidates. The Board noted that recent efforts to revitalize the competition have also not met with success. Accordingly, it was decided to suspend the INLA Prize until further notice.

Of particular relevance for the development of nuclear law was an invitation extended recently to INLA, as a learned society, to be involved in an international enquiry called the “Chorus Initiative Project”. Behind it is the notion that individuals may vary as to their particular sensitivity to ionizing radiation exposure. Radiosensitivity is already taken into account in medical practices. The Chorus Initiative Project, which was recently submitted to the EU, would aim to enlarge this approach to the domains of radioecology and the nuclear industry (including post-accidents situations). The Board discussed the merits of a possible participation of INLA to this legal research exercise. It considered that research in this field was of great importance, although it could be premature to draw any conclusions at this stage in terms of nuclear regulations. It was, therefore, agreed that the INLA Secretariat would observe the progress of the submitted Project and keep the INLA Board informed of the developments of this potential research collaboration.

The next meeting of the Board of Management will take place in Paris on Friday 28 February 2020, during which, there will be a review of the Abstracts submitted so far for the INLA 2020 Congress in Washington, DC.



## New INLA Members – Welcome!

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We welcome all the new INLA members who have joined us since October 2019, to know:

- Sergey BABICH, Director for Legal and Corporate Affairs JSC/TVEL (Russia) - [seababich@tvel.ru](mailto:seababich@tvel.ru)
- John H. BERNHARD, Advisor on International Political and Legal issues, nuclear security (Denmark) - [johber@youmail.dk](mailto:johber@youmail.dk)
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**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

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Particularly for the new members, it may be worth reiterating that INLA has 7 Working Groups, focusing on the following topics:

- WG1: Safety & Regulation
- WG2: Nuclear Liability & Insurance
- WG3: International Nuclear Trade & New Build
- WG4: Radiological Protection
- WG5: Waste Management
- WG6: Nuclear Security
- WG7: Transport

If you're interested in joining any of those Working Groups, feel free to contact the Chairperson or Secretary of the WG, which you will find here:

<http://aidn-inla.be/working-groups/>.



## Upcoming nuclear law training programs

### International Nuclear Law Essentials (INLE), Paris, 17-21 February 2020

The five-day International Nuclear Law Essentials (INLE) course, which will be held in Paris, between 17-21 February, 2020, is designed to provide participants with a practical and comprehensive understanding of the various interrelated legal issues relating to the safe and peaceful use of nuclear energy. This intensive course in international nuclear law addresses the needs and interests of lawyers working in either the public or the private sector but will also be of interest to scientists, engineers, policymakers, managers and other professionals working in the nuclear field.

The program is available here: <https://www.oecd-nea.org/law/inle/2020-INLE-programme.pdf>

Registrations are open and the application form can be found here: <https://www.oecd-nea.org/law/inle/>

Please, feel free to contact the Office of Legal Counsel of the NEA by email if you have any questions: [inle@oecd-nea.org](mailto:inle@oecd-nea.org)

### 7th Certificate Course on Nuclear Energy & Law, organized by the Nuclear Law Association, India, New Delhi, 2-6 March, 2020

The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of this unique training course in India on nuclear energy and law, will be held between Monday 2 – Friday 6 March, 2020, and includes a one-day site visit to a Nuclear Power Plant.

The course will be held at the TERI School of Advanced Studies, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.



This multidisciplinary program will familiarize the participants with the basic understanding of nuclear science and technology; the functioning of a nuclear power plant; the role played by the IAEA; the various international nuclear treaties; the regulatory structures and liability regimes in various jurisdictions; including India's nuclear laws and judicial decisions pertaining to the nuclear energy sector; as well as the recently launched India Nuclear Insurance Pool (INIP).

The lecturers will include international and Indian practicing lawyers, esteemed nuclear scientists, representatives from the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB), the India Nuclear Insurance Pool (INIP) as well as from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the OECD's Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA).

More details about this 5-day certificate course and the registration form, can be found here: <https://nuclearlaw.wordpress.com/2019/10/24/7th-certificate-course-on-nuclear-energy-and-law-monday-2-friday-6-march-2020/>

### **UK INLA, one-day meeting: 10 March, 2020**

UK INLA is holding a one-day meeting to be held on 10 March 2020 in Birmingham UK which will be open to all INLA members but places are filling fast. To reserve a place please email Gareth Davies [gareth.davies@daviesnuclear.co.uk](mailto:gareth.davies@daviesnuclear.co.uk) who is holding places on a first come first served basis. More details will be posted to the website in due course.

### **Academic Corner**



**“Nuclear Energy Safety, Regulatory Independence, and Judicial Deference: The Case of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board of India”** by: M. P. Ram Mohan, K. V. Gopakumar, Tyson Smith

**Abstract:** Research examining regulatory independence has either suggested de iure independence to be a predictor of de facto independence or suggested that the presence of de iure may not always indicate de facto independence. We study the Indian Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) to emphasize how the AERB has enjoyed de facto independence, even in the absence of de iure independence. Using “judicial deference” principle, and through a mapping of substantive court cases, the article demonstrates the Indian judiciary has consistently applied deference to AERB's decision-making process, thereby showing confidence in the nuclear regulatory regime sustained since its inception.

**Journal:** Administration & Society, October, 2019

**Link:** <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0095399719882640>

## **OECD Report on Legal Frameworks for Long-Term Operation (LTO) of Nuclear Power Reactors**

The aim of this OECD report is to provide insights into the various laws, regulations and policies that contribute to different countries' approaches to LTO. By collecting information from more than 20 NEA member and non-member countries, this report highlights both commonalities among approaches as well as possible reasons for variations. Ultimately, the information gathered can serve as a vital resource for future exchanges respecting the legal aspects of LTO, with a view to further development and strengthening of the collective understanding of these issues.

You can download the copy of the OECD Report (free) here:

<https://www.oecd-nea.org/law/pubs/2019/7504-long-term-operation-npp.pdf>

## **Job positions / research opportunities / internship announcements**

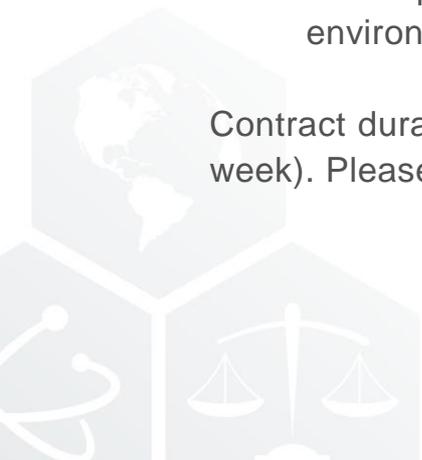
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The OECD Nuclear Energy Agency's Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) accepts applications for internships from students from its [member countries](#) throughout the year. If you are interested in applying for an OLC internship, please send a cover letter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



## INLA Website

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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](mailto:inla@aidn-inla.be).

## Price for INLA – Membership fees – Introducing PayPal

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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](mailto:info@aidn-inla.be).



## Feel free to suggest!

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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

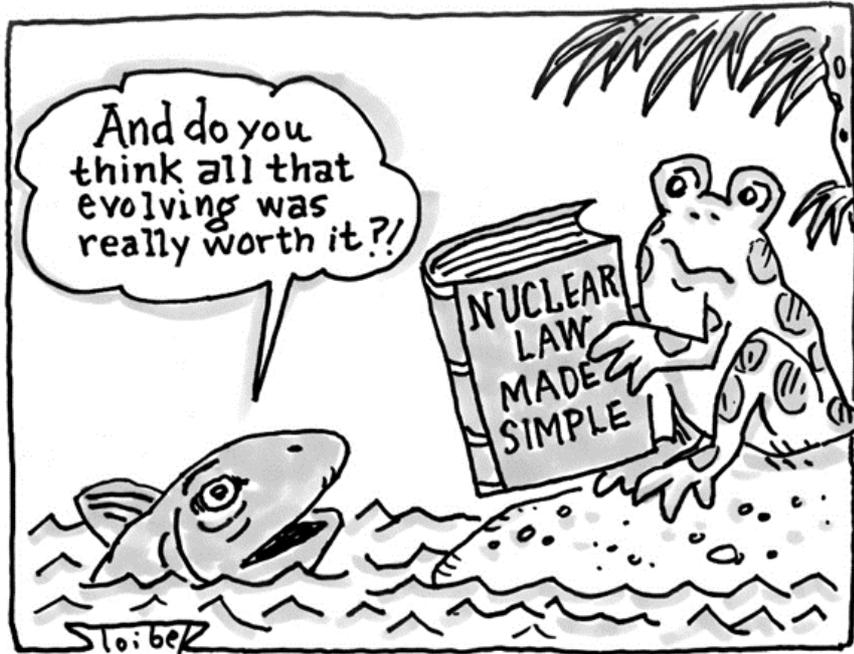
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Should you want to quickly find a contact of any of the INLA members while on the go, do think of consulting INLA's on-line membership roster:

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



**Cartoon – by Carlton Stoiber**



Would you like to announce something in the forthcoming INLA Update? Feel free to send us an email at: [else@mvkini.com](mailto:else@mvkini.com)

