



## **GOVERNANCE**

### **INLA conference & related WG sessions**

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The Covid pandemic and the resulting quasi-paralysis of international travels has not spared our Association and its ability to organize meetings among its members, the core of its activity. The readers of the Spring INLA Update will remember that the Board of Management, at its 12 April 2021 session, supported a proposal by our President, Bill Horin, aimed at addressing the prolonged postponement of the traditional bi-annual congress, with a plan consisting of virtual meetings at the level of Working Groups. These are meant not only to reactivate this essential component of INLA activities but also to prepare the ground for a "virtual" two-day INLA congress in the fall (26-27 October 2021). You will find our President's letter Annexed again for ease of reference. A more detailed overview of the program and related Working Groups sessions will be shared shortly.

Since then, the representatives of the Working Groups have received detailed proposals from the President and the US INLA Chapter, and meetings are already planned.

### **INLA Board's mandate**

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INLA's Board met again virtually on July 23, 2021, to consider whether to extend for the second time its standard two-yearly mandate or whether to proceed with the election of a new Board.

It must be recalled that the current Board members were elected at the end of the 2018 Abu Dhabi congress, as is the usual practice, for a period expected to terminate at the end of 2020. The start of the pandemic early 2020 followed by the lockdowns and travel restrictions imposed in many countries, made the postponement of the Washington congress in November 2020 inevitable.

In June 2020, considering these extraordinary circumstances, INLA's Board held a virtual meeting combined with a General Assembly, and it was agreed to extend the mandate of the Board by one year, and to postpone until 2021 the General Assembly when a new Board would be elected.

Unfortunately, the world is still struggling with the pandemic and the same restrictions continue to apply. Confronted with this situation, the Board has concluded at its June 2021 meeting that there was no other solution, given the practical impossibility of "physical" gatherings and of a "normal" election, but to extend its term by another year. It will remain nevertheless necessary, for statutory reasons, to convene a General Assembly before the end of this year.

Importantly, during the June meeting, the Board also addressed the scope expansion and creation of certain INLA Working Groups, which you can read more about below.

## **New INLA Members – Welcome!**

We welcome all the new INLA members who have joined us since May 2021, to know:

- Steve BARKER, Commercial Director, Aquila Nuclear Engineering (UK)  
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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**

Despite the inevitable negative impact of the covid pandemic on the working of INLA Working Groups, here are some interesting developments worth sharing:

- Working Group 2 on Nuclear Liability and Insurance

A development which is relevant for all our INLA members is the fact that 2004 Protocols to amend the Paris and the Brussels Supplementary Conventions are scheduled to enter into force on January 1, 2022.

As you know, the Protocols aim at improving the nuclear liability regime set up by both Conventions by increasing the amount of compensation available in the event a nuclear incident occurs on the territory of a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention, extending compensation for nuclear damage to a larger category of victims (including those suffering damage in non-Convention States under certain circumstances), broadening the range of damage subject to compensation and extending the prescription period for loss of life or bodily injury.

You can read more about this important international development here:

[https://www.oecd-nea.org/jcms/pl\\_60159/2004-protocols-to-amend-the-paris-and-brussels-supplementary-conventions-to-enter-into-force-on-1-january-2022](https://www.oecd-nea.org/jcms/pl_60159/2004-protocols-to-amend-the-paris-and-brussels-supplementary-conventions-to-enter-into-force-on-1-january-2022)

The WG2 is invited to meet virtually on Tuesday 5 October 2021. The agenda will be prepared soon, but it is expected that the group exchanges on recent developments regarding nuclear liability and insurance and prepared the contribution of the WG2 to the INLA virtual congress that will take place in October 2021.

If INLA members that are not WG2 members are interested to attend, they can contact the co-Chairs, Mr Bill Horin ([WHorin@winston.com](mailto:WHorin@winston.com)) and Ms Ximena Vásquez-Maignan ([Ximena.VASQUEZ@oecd-nea.org](mailto:Ximena.VASQUEZ@oecd-nea.org)).

- **Working Group 4 on Radiological Protection**

As we look forward to restarting INLA and working group activities after the past year's hiatus, we would like to update the WG4 membership list. If you currently are and/or would like to be a WG-4 member, please, send your name and current e-mail to Mark Sanders at e-mail: [mark@sandersengineering.us](mailto:mark@sandersengineering.us). We would like to organize a short zoom meeting soon to plan out future WG-4 activities.

- **Working Group 5 on Waste Management**

WG 5 will be holding a meeting on September 30, 2021, from 2pm to 4pm (Paris time). The meeting will be held online and the zoom link details will be shared shortly. The agenda is being finalized as well. Should you be interested in joining this meeting, please, do email Nuria Prieto Serrano, Chairperson WG 5, at: [NPRS@enresa.es](mailto:NPRS@enresa.es)

- **Working Group 6 on Nuclear Security and Non-Proliferation**

The Board of Management considered the proposal to broaden the terms of reference of WG 6 with a view to cover explicitly, in addition to security issues, the legal aspects of the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international safeguards. That proposal was approved by the Board and, as a result, the title of the Group now reflects the dual dimension of its field of work.

The Board also approved the designation of Sonia Drobysz, Director of VERTIC, as chair of the Group, as well as that of Sylvain Fanielle and Jonathan Herbach, both from the IAEA, as Secretaries.

- **Working Group 7 on Transport**

As we look forward to continuing WG7 activities after the past year's hiatus, we would like to update the WG-7 membership list. If you currently are and/or would like to be a WG-7 member, please send your name and current e-mail to Khalil Bukhari at [khalil.bukhari@ntsglobal.uk](mailto:khalil.bukhari@ntsglobal.uk) with a view to having a Zoom/Teams meeting in early October to discuss WG7 activities.

- **Working Group 8 on Nuclear Fusion**

The Board further discussed a proposal to set up a new working group (WG 8) to be devoted to the study of the legal aspects of a subject of growing importance, nuclear fusion. One may remember the successful joint WGs meeting in Cadarache, France, in 2019, hosted by the ITER organization.

The Board welcomed this initiative. Following a successful arrangement already adopted for WG 2, whereby co-chairs are appointed for different geographical areas, it nominated Will Fork as Co-Chair for North America and Karoly Olajos as Co-Chair for all the other countries.

## **Academic Corner**

### **IAEA International Nuclear Law Conference: Vienna, 7-11 February, 2022**

This is a reminder about the IAEA First International Nuclear Law Conference - The Global Debate (ICNL 2022). The conference will be held at the headquarters of the Agency at Vienna, from 7 to 11 February, 2022. You'll find all the information here: <https://www.iaea.org/events/icnl-2022>

This meeting is intended to provide a forum for representatives of governments, international and non-governmental organizations, for the nuclear industry, the legal and insurance sectors, academia and the civil society, to discuss current nuclear law matters.

The conference will be made of topical sessions, high-level roundtable and panel discussions on cross-cutting issues, covering the four branches of nuclear law, namely safety, security, safeguards and civil liability - as well as the interaction of nuclear law with other fields of law.

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and on-going travel restrictions, participants will be informed by the end of September 2021 whether this event will also be open for virtual attendance.

Questions relating to the participation to this event or the presentation of papers can be addressed to [ICNL2022@iaea.org](mailto:ICNL2022@iaea.org).

### **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. 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](mailto:nlb@oecd-nea.org)

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



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

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### **NEA, Paris**

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.

## **Price for INLA – Membership fees – Introducing PayPal**

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Due to the pandemic situation, there has been no new meeting of the INLA Board of Management. However, the Board has decided to leave the membership fees for 2021 unchanged, that is: 90€ for ordinary members and 20€ 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).

## **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/>.

## **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/>

