

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Management of INLA
held on 1 December 2021**

Were present by video conference :

HORIN William, President

ABDEL-AZIZ Ahab
AMEYE Evelyne
GÜLEL BIRSEN Abide
FORK William
JAVANAINEN Jyrki
LAMM Vanda
LEGER Marc
MACIEL SANCHEZ Sara
NOMURA Toyohiro
REYNAERS Els
SALTER Ian
TONHAUSER Wolfram
VÁSQUEZ-MAIGNAN Ximena

REYNERS Patrick, Secretary General
VANDEPUTTE Godelieve, Deputy Secretary General

KEYMOLEN Bernadette, Administrative Secretary

by invitation and video conference :

BUKHARI Khalil
MAQUESTIEAU Benjamin
MLYNARKIEWICZ Lukasz
OLAJOS Karoly
ROYER-MAUCOTEL Sidonie
SANDERS Marc
TREILLARD Jean-Denis
VAN KALLEVEEN Alexandra

Apologies received :

BEYENS Marc
DOMINGUEZ Cristina
JANSEN TERSTEGEN Achim
PRIETO SERANO Nuria

I. Opening

The meeting of the Board was held on 1st December 2021, using once again a Zoom platform kindly arranged by the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency. It started at 2:00 p.m. and ended at 3:30 p.m. Paris time. The President, Bill Horin, welcomed all participants and he expressed to Ximena Vásques-Maignan his appreciation for the NEA's technical support. The Secretary General, Patrick Reyners, confirmed that the quorum was reached.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed Agenda [INLA Board (2021) 5] was included in the letter of convocation sent on 21 October 2021. The Secretary General suggested that various governance matters be handled under item 4 and that a recent proposition from October (WG 8) be discussed under item 6. Subject to these changes, the Agenda was adopted.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Management meeting on 8 June 2020

The Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Board of Management, held on 23 June 2021 [INLA Board (2021)4], were approved without change.

IV. Report by the President on activities of the Association since the last meeting

The President expressed his satisfaction with the successful organization in October of the Virtual Congress, in spite of the difficult context resulting from the continued pandemic. More than 60 persons had participated, including several distinguished speakers. He thanked all contributors and, particularly, the representatives of INLA Working Groups who had been specially active, a sign of the efforts towards the revitalization of this important component of the Association.

The President also confirmed his firm intention, and that of the US Chapter, to organize in October next year, in Washington, the congress in person which had had to be postponed two times. (A more detailed account of the President's report is to be found in the next issue of the INLA Update).

V. Governance of the Association and Financial Matters

The Secretary General referred first to the 2022 tentative budget which was meant to be subject to the approval by the General Assembly the same day. He noted that for the first time since many years, the budget showed a deficit (8.700,00 EUR). Furthermore, that deficit was not the result of unforeseen expenses but rather due, over the past two years, to increasing Secretariat costs (principally Ms Keymolen's salary) and administrative charges (internet and office). Compared to the situation in the past years, this coincided with the disengagement by the Nuclear Insurance Pools from their traditional support to the Association. It was also fair to observe that this deficit would be more than offset if all (or close to all) members did pay their dues. Finally, it was clear to him that any reductions in the operating costs of the Secretariat would severely curtail its actions.

Ian Salter had been in contact with representatives of the British Pool who did not seem to have a clear vision of what INLA could do of interest for insurers. He suggested to liaise with them and clarify the matter. The Secretary General replied that he would be pleased to contact the Pool. More broadly, Ximena Vásques-Maignan wondered whether the Association, especially on the level of its working groups, made enough efforts to satisfy the expectations of its members. She noted for example that WGs seldom met in between congresses. The President agreed though he noted that the pandemic had been a very difficult period for all and that the working groups had much contributed to the success of the virtual congress. He intended anyway to pursue efforts of revitalization of these groups and noted the case of WG6 and the creation of WG8. He reminded that an INLA Working Group Membership Survey had been circulated to all members on 24 September 2021. Finally, he wished to appeal to the members of the Board and ask them to be more proactive on their level in promoting these efforts. He planned to write to them.

The Board then moved to approve the statements of accounts as of 31-12-2020 and the tentative budget of 2022. It also agreed to keep the same level of membership fees for the coming year, that is 90 EUR for ordinary members and 20 EUR for students.

Finally, the Board decided to reappoint Patrick Reyners as Secretary General for another year and, similarly, to reappoint Godelieve Vandeputte as Deputy Secretary General.

VI. IAEA Nuclear Law Conference - AN INLA Event

At the invitation of the President, Wolfram Tonhauser commented on the progress in the preparation of the conference, since the previous meeting of the Board. The conference had been designed as to bring the first truly global debate on various aspects of nuclear law. Papers for the conference had already been selected by the IAEA secretariat and there would also be invited speakers. He expected a large participation from the nuclear law community, both physical and virtual. The IAEA Nuclear Law Committee would also meet during the conference. Several side events were planned including the invitation extended to INLA.

The Secretary General expressed his appreciation for the Agency's invitation. That event was tentatively planned to take place during the lunch break on Tuesday 8 February. A number of INLA members, particularly from WGs had already expressed an interest and he was in close contact with OLA colleagues for the organization of the event.

The President expressed his satisfaction and hoped that the event would boost the visibility of the Association. He recommended that all interested parties liaise with the Secretary General in preparing it.

VII. Fusion Energy Workshop

The President remembered the successful meeting of INLA WGs in Cadarache in 2019 and he noted that this project could in part be seen as a development from the recent establishment of the Working Group (8) on Fusion Energy Law. He invited Karoly Tamas Olajos to present his plans. The latter explained that the EU ITER Project Agency (Fusion for Energy), together with the ITER Organization, had decided to set up a workshop intended to primarily address procurement and contracting strategies as well as supply chain management. Fusion regulations could also be a topic. WGs 1, 2 and 3, and of course 8, had already been approached and he hoped that the Board would consider sponsoring the workshop.

There was really not sufficient time for a thorough discussion of the proposal but, absent any objection, it was understood that the Board would be kept closely informed of the progress in the preparation of the workshop and consulted on the form of a possible sponsorship by INLA.

VIII. Next Meeting

No decision was made in respect of the future meeting of the Board.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was closed.