

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Management of INLA  
held on 22 June 2022**

**Were present by video conference :**

HORIN William, President

BEYENS Marc  
FORK William  
GÜLEL BIRSEN Abide  
JANSEN TERSTEGEN Achim  
JAVANAINEN Jyrki  
LAMM Vanda  
MACIEL SANCHEZ Sara  
NOMURA Toyohiro  
SALTER Ian  
VÁSQUEZ-MAIGNAN Ximena

REYNERS Patrick, Secretary General  
VANDEPUTTE Godelieve, Deputy Secretary General

KEYMOLEN Bernadette, Administrative Secretary

**by invitation and video conference :**

BUKHARI Khalil  
GEOFFROY Fiona  
MAQUESTIEAU Benjamin  
MLYNARKIEWICZ Lukasz  
NOWACKI Tomasz  
OLAJOS Karoly  
PRIETO SERANO Nuria

**Apologies received :**

AMEYE Evelyne  
DOMINGUEZ Cristina  
LEGER Marc  
REYNAERS Els  
TONHAUSER Wolfram

## **I. Opening**

The meeting was held on 22 June 2022, using again a Zoom platform kindly arranged by Winston & Strawn law firm. It started at 3 pm and ended at 4.30 pm, Brussels time. The President, Bill Horin, welcomed all participants. The Secretary General, Patrick Reyners, explained that convening this meeting before the summer recess had been found desirable in order to inform the Board about several on-going developments affecting the management of the Association, in anticipation of the decisions to be reached in October, at the time of the Washington congress. He also noted that the quorum was reached.

## **II. Adoption of the Agenda**

The proposed Agenda [INLA Board (2022) 1] was attached to the letter of invitation sent on 2 June 2022. The Secretary General suggested that in order to enable Lukasz Mlynarkiewicz to participate in the discussion of item 5(b) of the Agenda, that item be addressed first. Subject to this change, the Agenda was adopted. These Minutes, however, follow the same order as in the original Agenda.

## **III. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Board on 1 December 2021**

The Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 1 December 2021 [INLA Board (2021) 6], were approved without change.

## **IV. Progress report on the preparation of the Washington congress**

The President referred to the considerable team effort of the US Chapter which was about to finalize the 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement of the congress. He also drew attention to the theme adopted for the conference: The Next 50 years, an echo to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association. He explained the various events envisaged for the congress.

A special feature of the congress was the direct implication of the Nuclear Energy Institute and that of its active Legal Advisory Committee. The NEI would be organizing a special session in the afternoon of Monday 24 October. It was expected that the NEI, as a sponsor of the Congress, would attract the American community of nuclear lawyers.

Marc Beyens and others welcomed this information. Marc Beyens insisted on the importance of a quick release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement. (\*)

## **V. INLA Side Event during the ICNL and Aix-en-Provence Contracting Professionals Roundtable**

The President expressed his satisfaction at the success of both events. Will Fork praised the EC Fusion for Energy (F4E) Directorate for the high-quality presentations at the Roundtable and its excellent organization, and particularly Karoly Olajos Tamas, Co-Chair of INLA WG 8, who had been instrumental in initiating that meeting.

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(\*) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement was sent on 4 July 2022.

## VI. Governance of the Association

- Under 5 (a) of the Agenda, the Secretary General explained that, as usual, a letter of convocation for the General Assembly to be held during the Washington congress, would be sent to all members in the course of July. He insisted again that that letter should identify those current Board members who had expressed their wish to apply for the election of a new term. He noted that several Board members had not yet reacted to his request.
- Under item 5 (b), the Secretary General referred to the question of the organization of the INLA Nuclear Inter Jura coming after the Washington congress (2024). Considering that there was no longer any prospect to pursue the idea of a congress in Russia, other options needed to be explored and a new proposal had recently come from Poland. In fact, such a proposal was not entirely new since Polish authorities had already expressed such an interest several years ago. He proposed to give the floor to Lukasz Mlynarkiewicz, President of the National Atomic Energy Agency and to Tomasz Nowacki, Director of the Nuclear Energy Department at the Ministry of Climate and Environment of Poland. They confirmed their offer and explained that it would be timely with the progress achieved in the direction of a domestic nuclear power programme. Their plans were to have this offer supported by various nuclear energy institutions and industrial partners in the form of a letter of intent. Though they were confident that the response would be positive, they acknowledged that a final confirmation might have to wait until after the general elections next year.

The President and several Board members expressed their satisfaction at that proposal and looked forward to its presentation in Washington.

- Under item 5 (c), the Secretary General reminded the Board that he has already drawn its attention about the changing conditions in which the secretariat was operating, particularly financially, as a result of the progressive disengagement of the nuclear insurance pools. A more recent and unexpected development was that the Assuralia Building (Maison des Assurances) was being sold. As a consequence, the insurance organizations concerned, including the SYBAN, had to find new lodgings before the fall of 2023. As a consequence, INLA would have by that time to leave its historical seat, Square de Meeûs and find a solution, together or separately.
- Turning to his own case, the Secretary General told the Board that he felt, after some twenty years, that time had come to make room for a younger and dynamic new Secretary General. He and Marc Beyens had discussed the matter and since the latter was now about to retire from Engie, it constituted an opportunity for a replacement in that function.

The President and a number of Board members told Patrick Reyners that they reluctantly understood his decision. At the same time, they were persuaded that Marc Beyens would be a perfect candidate for the position. Marc Beyens thanked them, and he suggested also that Patrick Reyners be invited to continue for a period

acting as Scientific Secretary for INLA, in order to smooth the transition. He added that he was pursuing discussions concerning a future Belgian member of the Board. This question like those discussed before would of course be on the agenda in October.

- Under item 5 (d), the Secretary General observed that that the Board was now informed of the potential or actual impact of the recent developments on the finance of the Association. Some, however, like the change of address, were yet undetermined. For this reason, he suggested that this item be deferred until the next Board when he and Marc Beyens had time to consider the situation and make proposals. This was accepted.

#### **VII. Miscellaneous**

The Secretary General was pleased to inform the Board that, after long delays, the proceedings of the Abu Dhabi congress were now available as an electronic publication, therefore open to the public. The proceedings were already posted on the INLA website. He expressed his appreciation to Lukasz Mlynarkiewicz for his considerable help in the process.

#### **VIII. Next Meetings**

The President proposed that the members of the Board, for their last session of the current term, meet at the Willard Hotel, in the afternoon of Sunday 23 October 2022, before the inaugural reception of the congress.

Concerning the General Assembly and elections, his idea was that they take place in the morning of Thursday 27, that is after the end of the congress, the day before. Some other optional activities could be proposed the same day to the congress participants but were not yet firmly decided.

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There being no other business, the meeting was closed.