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**Information on the activities of international
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Information provided by the International Institute of Space Law

The IISL is sad to announce that its prominent member Professor Carl Q. Christol, a pioneer in the field of international space law, died in Santa Barbara, California on 22 February 2012 at the age of 98. The IISL will dedicate its 2011 Proceedings to Prof. Christol, and we invite those interested to send their expressions of sympathy to the e-mail address: memorial@iislweb.org. We will include these on a memorial page that we will set up on our website. On March 25th, a memorial service will be held in Los Angeles. An obituary is placed at www.iislweb.org/html/20120224_news.html.

UNCOPUOS

On 19 March, IISL and ECSL organized a Symposium for the delegates of the Legal Subcommittee in Vienna, on the topic "Transfer of ownership of space objects: Issues of responsibility, liability and registration". The event was followed by a reception.

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GLEX

From 22-24 May, the “Global Space Exploration Conference” (GLEX) will take place in Washington D.C., organized by the IAF and AIAA. IISL has organized and will chair and manage 2 legal sessions. See glex2012.org.

Toulouse

From 25-28 June, during the Toulouse Space Show, the IISL is co-host of the Space and Law Forum and will also organize the second IISL-IAA Symposium on Space Law & Policy. See www.toulousspaceshow.eu/tss12/en/?page_id=322.

Naples

From 1-5 October, the IISL will hold its 55th Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space in Naples. The Colloquium will have the following session-topics, for which 140 abstracts have been submitted, which will be evaluated in Paris this week.

- N. Jasentuliyana Keynote Lecture on Space Law (by Prof. Sergio Marchisio) & 4th Young Scholars Session;
- Interaction between Private International Law and Space Law and its Impact on Commercial Space Activities;
- International Legal Regulation of Outer Space within the Scope of Public International Law;
- Legal Evidence from Outer Space;
- Recent Developments in Space Law.

The 27th Scientific/Legal Roundtable will be held in Naples on Optical Communications, and another joint session with IAF will be held, addressing Legal Framework for Cooperative Space Endeavours.

The IISL is proud to organize a Plenary Event titled “Towards a Code of Conduct which makes the use of space safe and equitable”.

Galloway symposium

In December, the 7th Eilene Galloway Symposium on Critical Issues in Space Law will be held in Washington D.C. This event is organized annually by IISL and the National Center for Remote Sensing, Air, and Space Law of the University of Mississippi.

Moot court

In 2011, the winner of the World Finals of the 20th Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition was Florida State University College of Law (USA). The runner-up was National University of Singapore (Singapore), and second runner-up was the Saint Petersburg State University, Russian Federation. In Cape Town, an introductory round for Africa was held, which was won by Obafemi Awolowo University (Nigeria). Runner-up was University of Pretoria, Faculty of Law (South Africa), and second runner-up was Mount Kenya University, School of Law (Kenya).

The World Finals of the 21st Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition will be held during the 2012 Colloquium in Naples. Three Judges of the International Court of Justice will judge the Finals, and regional rounds will be held in Europe, North America, the Asia Pacific, as well as, for the first time, Africa. In total more than 60 teams have registered for the regional rounds.

Publications

The IISL has published the book “New Perspectives on Space Law”, containing the papers of the young scholars session in Prague (2010), with generous support by ISRO. This book is also published as an e-book on the IISL website, see www.iislweb.org/docs/NewPerspectivesonSpaceLaw.pdf.

The IISL is preparing a book about space law pioneers to be published later this year.

The IISL has concluded a new contract for publication of its proceedings with Eleven Publishers. Proceedings will be made available both in print form and in electronic format. Back issues of three years and further back will be published online with Heinonline.

The IISL participated with the IAA and IAF in a publication about the International Geophysical Year (IGY). See www.iislweb.org/docs/2012_IGY.pdf.

Finally, a booklet commemorating 25 years of the IISL/IAA Scientific/Legal Roundtables held at the International Astronautical Congress was produced and is available at www.iislweb.org/docs/25years%20IAA_IISL%20Roundtable.pdf.

More information

Please visit our websites: www.iislweb.org for general information, and www.iislweb.org/lachsmoot for the Manfred Lachs space law moot court competition.

Membership

The IISL would warmly welcome delegates of the Legal Subcommittee to apply for membership in IISL. Nomination forms are available on the website or may be obtained from the IISL representatives.