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International Institute of Space Law

A. Background information

1. The International Institute of Space Law (IISL) was founded by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) in 1960 with the purpose of carrying out activities for fostering the development of space law and studies of legal and social science aspects of the exploration and use of outer space. IISL currently has individual and institutional elected members from over 40 countries, who are distinguished for their contributions to space law development. As IAF is an officially recognized observer at sessions of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and Legal Subcommittee, members of IISL are entitled to be designated as IAF observers to those sessions.

B. Recent activities

1. 49th Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space

2. The 49th IISL Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space was held in Valencia, Spain, from 2 to 6 October 2006. The Colloquium was well attended and the discussions were constructive. Approximately 70 papers were presented during five sessions on the following topics: (a) legal aspects of space transportation and launching; (b) legal aspects of disaster management; property rights on the Moon and legal issues; (c) international cooperation in space activities, with a special focus on remote sensing; (d) space law at times of armed conflict; and (e) other legal matters, including the relationship between government and the private sector in space activities. In addition, a scientific and legal round table entitled “Nuclear power systems in space: the new reality” was held, and IISL organized a plenary session entitled “Enabling the frontier: regulatory challenges to the utilization of space”.

2. Fifteenth Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition

3. The fifteenth Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition was held during the 49th IISL Colloquium. The case concerning the sale and operation of certain commercial remote sensing satellites (*Galatea v. Thalassa: Proteus intervening*) was written by Ricky Lee. Preliminary rounds were held at the regional level in Europe (among 6 teams), in North America (among 10 teams) and in the Asian and Pacific region (among 40 teams).

4. The finals were judged by three judges of the International Court of Justice: Judge Abdul Koroma, Judge Peter Tomka, and Judge Bernardo Sepúlveda.

5. The winner of the final round was the University of Auckland, New Zealand. The Institute of Air and Space Law (IASL), McGill University, Canada, was the runner-up and the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, was the second runner-

up. The Eilene M. Galloway Award for Best Written Brief was won by IASL, while the Sterns and Tennen Award for Best Oralist was won by Andrew Williams of IASL.

6. The Generalitat Valenciana, local universities and various other Spanish sponsors, as well as IASL, the European Space Agency/European Centre for Space Law (ECSL), the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency and the German Aerospace Centre sponsored the 2006 world finals and the IISL dinner.

3. Eilene M. Galloway Symposium on Critical Issues in Space Law

7. The Eilene M. Galloway Symposium on Critical Issues in Space Law was organized by the National Center for Remote Sensing, Air and Space Law at the University of Mississippi School of Law, the Journal of Space Law and IISL and held at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C., on 11 December 2006. The speakers were Jonathan F. Galloway, Stephen Doyle, George Robinson, Rusty Schweickart and Corinne Jorgenson, and a panel discussion was moderated by Joanne Irene Gabrynowicz. Eilene Galloway was unable to attend in person, but a special video message from her was broadcast for the participants.

8. The second Eilene M. Galloway Symposium on Critical Issues in Space Law will again be hosted by the National Center for Remote Sensing, Air and Space Law and held at the Cosmos Club on 10 December 2007.

4. Awards

9. A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Luboř Perek (Czech Republic) and a Distinguished Service Award was presented to Leslie Tennen (United States of America).

10. The Dr. I. H. Ph. Diederiks-Verschoor Award was given to Yun Zhao from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China for his paper entitled "Protection of intellectual property rights in outer space". The Award honours the best paper presented at an IISL colloquium by an author under 40 years of age who has not published more than five papers in the proceedings of IISL colloquiums. The Award consists of a medal and a prize of 500 euros.

5. Elections

11. F. von der Dunk, J. Galloway, V. Kopal, T. Kosuge, T. Masson-Zwaan, J. Monserrat, S. Murthi, S. Ospina, J. Gabrynowicz and A. Kapustin were re-elected to the Board of Directors. V. Kopal and J. Galloway were re-elected vice-presidents. T. Masson-Zwaan was re-elected secretary and F. von der Dunk was re-elected treasurer. Marcia Smith and A. Terekhov had announced that they would not stand for re-election.

12. Two institutional and 22 individual members were elected to IISL in 2006.

C. Future activities

1. IISL and ECSL symposium for delegates of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

13. IISL and ECSL will again organize a symposium, on capacity-building in space law, for delegates of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, to be held on 26 and 27 March 2007.

2. 50th Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space

14. The 50th IISL Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space will be held in Hyderabad, India, from 24 to 28 September 2007. The Colloquium will have the following session topics:

(a) *The impact of outer space law on regional policies.* This session will focus on outer space policy and the legal implications for national laws in Europe, Asia and North America. In particular, regional coordination and current and future programmes and legislation will be examined.

(b) *Legal issues of private space flight and space tourism.* Since the X-Prize was won in October 2004, plans for private space flights taking tourists into outer space have rapidly grown. The session solicits papers addressing the many legal aspects of these developments, as well as the broader context of private space flight in the service of public manned missions.

(c) *New legal developments in the protection of the space environment.* This session will combine views on space debris and planetary protection. In the field of space debris mitigation, the United Nations is in the course of adopting guidelines, national space legislation and licensing regimes to provide new means for establishing innovative regulation. In the field of planetary protection, recent plans for space exploration will have to be checked with existing and future regulations. The session aims at providing new ideas for legal and ethical approaches.

(d) *Legal aspects of satellite navigation.* Legal aspects of satellite navigation, including air traffic service applications, are becoming ever more important with the Galileo satellite navigation system shortly coming online, the Global Positioning System being scheduled for modernization and the efforts of the Russian Federation to bring the Global Navigation Satellite System back to full operational status. Moreover, these developments take place in a broader context such as satellite communications and remote sensing (including geographical information systems). This session intends to address the legal issues involved at both the global and national levels.

(e) *Fortieth anniversary of the Outer Space Treaty and other legal matters.* In this session, authors are invited to write papers focusing on the fortieth anniversary of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies,¹ not only looking back, but also discussing its value for the future of space activity. They may also address any other matters relating to the law of outer space, with special emphasis on recent developments.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 610, No. 8843.

15. A scientific and legal round table will be held in Hyderabad, India, on “Google Earth et al.: pros and cons of easier access to satellite images” and IISL will again organize a plenary session on the topic “New space industry actors in the global marketplace: policy and regulatory aspects”.

3. Sixteenth Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition, 2007

16. The world finals of the sixteenth Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition will be held in Hyderabad, India, in September 2007.

17. The case concerning international liability (*Emeralda v. Mazonia*) was written by Jean-François Mayence and David Sagar. Three judges of the International Court of Justice will be invited to judge the finals. Regional rounds will again be held in Europe, North America and Asia and the Pacific. Details about each round and the case may be found at the website of the competition (<http://www.spacemoot.org/>).

4. 51st IISL Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space

18. The 51st IISL Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space will be held in Glasgow, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, from 29 September to 3 October 2008.

5. Seventeenth Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition, 2008

19. The world finals of the seventeenth Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition will be held in Glasgow, United Kingdom, in October 2008.

D. Publications

20. The following publications have been or will be published:

(a) The proceedings of the 48th Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space, held in Fukuoka, Japan, were published by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics;

(b) The proceedings of the 49th Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space, held in Valencia, Spain, will be published by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics;

(c) The Report of the Standing Committee on the Status of International Agreements Relating to Activities in Outer Space was prepared by Andrei Terekhov and will be published in the IISL proceedings;

(d) IASL has published a summary report of the IASL-IISL international and interdisciplinary workshop on policy and law relating to outer space resources: the example of the Moon, Mars and other celestial bodies, held in Montreal, Canada, in June 2006. IASL will also publish the proceedings of the workshop;

(e) The proceedings of the fourth IISL regional space law conference, held in Bangkok in August 2006, will also be published by IASL;

(f) The proceedings of the third IISL regional space law conference, held in June 2005 in Bangalore, India, were published by the Indian Space Research Organization;

(g) *Origins of International Space Law and the International Institute of Space Law of the International Astronautical Federation*² was published by Univelt in 2002;

(h) IISL prepared material for the United Nations annual review of developments in international cooperation and space law *Highlights in Space*,³ under contract with the United Nations;

(i) IISL submits annual reports on IISL activities to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

(j) The IISL website (<http://www.iafastro-iisl.com/>) is regularly updated;

(k) IISL is finalizing, in collaboration with the Office for Outer Space Affairs of the Secretariat, an update of its bibliography of IISL proceedings, covering 1996-2006.

² Stephen E. Doyle, *Origins of International Space Law and the International Institute of Space Law of the International Astronautical Federation* (San Diego, United States of America, 2002) (see <http://univelt.com/univelpubs/index.html>).

³ *Highlights in Space 2006* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.07.I.9).