



International Association of Law Libraries

President's Report

September 2015 to July 2016

This is my last report during my first term as President of IALL, 2013-2016. It covers the period between the Berlin Conference of September 2015 and the days preceding the Oxford conference of 2016.

The Board

In Berlin, the Board consisted of the following Officers. President: Jeroen Vervliet, Peace Palace Library Director; First Vice-President: Ruth Bird, Bodleian Law Library, University of Oxford; Second Vice-President: Bård Tuseth, Department of Public and International Law Library, Domus Bibliotheca, Oslo; Secretary: Barbara Garavaglia, Director, University of Michigan Law Library; Treasurer: Xinh Luu, University of Virginia Law Library.

The following Members made up the Board of Directors until September 2015: Kristina Alayan, Duke University School of Law; Daniel Boyer, Nahum Gelber Law Library, McGill University, Montreal; Kurt Carroll, Library of Congress, Washington; Lily Echiverri, University of the Philippines; David Gee, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London; Kerem Kahvecioglu, Istanbul Bilgi University; Ivo Vogel, Leiter des Sondersammelgebietes und der Virtuellen Fachbibliothek Recht, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin; Mark D. Engsborg (ex-officio), MacMillan Law Library, Emory School of Law, Atlanta; Marci Hoffman (ex-officio), Associate Director and International & Foreign Law Librarian, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law Library.

The Immediate Past President is a Board Member. This position is being fulfilled by Petal Kinder, High Court of Australia.

In September 2015 the Treasurer, Xinh Luu, requested to be discharged; the Treasurer's responsibilities have been assumed by Kurt Carroll. Marci Hoffman, the ex-officio Board Member acting as Communication Committee Chair, also asked to be relieved; this task has been fulfilled temporarily by Bård Tuseth. Both Xinh Luu and Marci Hoffman have been thanked wholeheartedly for their valuable contributions to the progress of IALL.

Board Meetings

The Board met on Friday, 18 September 2015, Saturday 19 September 2015, and on Friday 25 September 2015 in Berlin; annually recurring items were discussed as well as strategic issues, especially the proposed new Constitution, and changes in the membership structure, the Election Process planned for 2016, the move of the *International Journal of Legal Information* from Hein to Cambridge University Press, and the subscription-based model of *IJLI* for institutions (because

individual persons being a member of IALL will continue to receive *IJI* as a benefit). No extra or informal Board meetings occurred although business contact through email is very frequent.

Representation

I accepted an invitation to attend the American Association of Law Libraries annual conference in Philadelphia, that took place in July 2015, where I spoke (briefly) at the “International Attendees Joint Reception” (of AALL, IALL and FCIL-SIS). Ruth Bird, the First Vice-President accepted the request of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries, and at the Australian Law Librarians' Association the Immediate Past President, Petal Kinder, kindly assumed the responsibilities.

34th Annual Course of IALL in Berlin

The 2015 conference “Within and in between. German legal tradition in times of internationalization and beyond” took place in Berlin (20 – 24 September 2015). It touched upon human, civil and women’s rights, constitutional law, legal aspects of the German Unification, Germany and Europe, and the legal blog as a new phenomenon in scientific communication etc.

This highly interesting annual course at the ‘Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin’ was prepared by Ivo Vogel, Head of the Scientific Information Service for International and Interdisciplinary Legal Research, Katrin Spitzer, Department of Public Relations, Angela Pohl, Law Librarian, Dr. Christian Mathieu, Law Librarian.

The three regular professional development bursaries to attend the 34th Annual Course in Berlin were awarded to: Rita Lam, Research Librarian, Law, Li Ka Shing Library, Singapore Management University; Daisy Otic, Law Librarian, Fortun Narvasa & Salazar Law Offices, Makati City, Philippines; Kamil Yeşiltaş, Head of Reference Services, Law School Liaison Librarian, Koç University Suna Kıraç Library, Istanbul, Turkey.

Three IALL Members-Only bursaries were awarded to: Susan Gualtier, Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Librarian, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University; Jonathan Pratter, International & Foreign Law Librarian & Lecturer, Tarlton Law Library, University of Texas at Austin; Bobbi A. Weaver, Foreign & International Law Reference Librarian, California Western School of Law.

Many exhibitors and sponsors were present and assisted: Wolters Kluwer-Law & Business, William S. Hein & Co., Inc., Law Business Research, Brill-Martinus Nijhoff, Casalini Libri, C.H. Beck, CUP, Eleven, Elgar, Erasmus, Hart Publishing, Intersentia, InvestorStateLawGuide, Nomos, OUP, TradeLawGuide, Wildy & Sons Ltd/ICLR.

AGM

The AGM was held on 23 September 2016. Scholarship and bursary recipients were announced. Regular reporting took place.

Current and future locations for IALL’s annual course

Oxford and its annual course ‘Common Law Perspectives in a Global Context’ were selected in 2014. The Local Planning Committee consisted of: Ruth Bird, Bodleian Law Librarian, Daniel Boyer, Board

Liaison, David Gee, David Wills, Elizabeth Wells, Hannah Chandler, Katherine Jackson, Loyita Worley, and Margaret Watson. Daniel Boyer and I completed a pre-conference-visit in March 2016.

The Philippines will host IALL in 2017. The 2018 annual course is expected to take place in Atlanta, and Sydney is the planned venue for 2019.

Jeroen Vervliet, President of IALL, The Hague, 12 July 2016