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### *Council Meeting—Buenos Aires, Argentina*

The Council of the Inter-American Bar Association (IABA) held a successful and well attended meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina, last May 18-20, at the invitation of the Federación Argentina de Colegios de Abogados, a National Member Association of IABA. The Inaugural Session was held at the headquarters of the Colegio de Abogados de Buenos Aires and attendants at the ceremony included the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vice-Admiral Antonio Montes; the Minister of Justice, Brigadier General Julio Arnaldo Gómez; and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Dr. Adolfo Gabrielli, who delivered a message on behalf of Admiral Emilio E. Massera, transmitting best wishes for the success of the meeting. Speakers at this session included the Minister of Justice; the President of the Federación Argentina de Colegios de Abogados, Dr. Reynero M. Bernal; IABA President, Dr. Policarpo A. Yurrebaso Viale of Argentina; and the President of the Colegio de Abogados de Buenos Aires, Dr. Manuel V. Ordoñez. Remarks were also made by the following IABA officers, who represented the Spanish, English and Portuguese speaking delegates: Dr. Pedro J. Mantellini of Venezuela, Chairman of the Executive Committee; Dr. John O. Dahlgren of the United States, Secretary General; and Dr. Helio Dias de Moura of Brazil, a member of the counsel. The working sessions were primarily directed towards the restructuring of the Permanent Committees, appointment of Chairmen and Co-Chairmen and consideration of topics for the next Conference.

The new Committee structure as approved by the Council at its meeting in Buenos Aires, is as follows:

#### COMMITTEE I. PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Section A. Law of the Sea and Oceanography

Section B. Air and Space Law

Section C. United Nations and Hemispheric Organizations

#### COMMITTEE II. PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

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**COMMITTEE III. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

Section A. Defense of Independence of the Judiciary and Irremovability of Judges

**COMMITTEE IV. ADMINISTRATIVE AND MUNICIPAL LAW**

**COMMITTEE V. CIVIL LAW**

Section A. Law of the Person and of the Family

Section B. Law of Personal Property, Obligations and Contracts

Section C. Intellectual and Industrial Property. Inter-American Copyright Institute

**COMMITTEE VI. CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL PROCEDURE**

Section A. Inter-American Commercial Arbitration

**COMMITTEE VII. COMMERCIAL LAW**

Section A. Banking Laws, Capital Markets and Trust Laws

Section B. Transportation and Communications

Section C. Corporation Law

Section D. Insurance

Section E. Bankruptcy

**COMMITTEE VIII. CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE**

**COMMITTEE IX. MILITARY LAW**

**COMMITTEE X. LABOR LAW**

**COMMITTEE XI. FISCAL LAW**

Section A. Taxation

**COMMITTEE XII. DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION**

Section A. Constitutional and Legal Aspect of Development and Integration

Section B. Monopoly and Restrictive Commercial Practices. Cooperation in the Transfer of Technology

**COMMITTEE XIII. LEGAL EDUCATION**

Section A. Inter-American Academy of International and Comparative Law

**COMMITTEE XIV. THE LEGAL PROFESSION**

Section A. Professional Standards of Conduct

Section B. Assistance and Social Security for Lawyers

**COMMITTEE XV. NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Section A. Energy Resources

Section B. Natural Resources

## COMMITTEE XVI. HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEFENSE OF WESTERN DEMOCRACY

## COMMITTEE XVII. FOOD AND DRUG LAW

It is anticipated that there will be a meeting of the Council in Lima, Perú, early in February 1979.

*XXI Conference—San Juan, Puerto Rico*

The IABA XXI Conference will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from August 25 through 31, 1979. The host association, the Colegio de Abogados de Puerto Rico, has advised that Conference arrangements have been made at the Condado Beach Hotel and at La Concha Convention Center. Readers of *Lawyer of the Americas* interested in further details should write to IABA Executive Headquarters—1730 K Street, N.W., Suite #315, Washington, D.C. 20006.

Topics dealing with subjects of current interest and particular importance in the Western Hemisphere have been assigned to the various Committees many of which have already started planning their respective programs. The continuing interest in our Association's activities assures a large attendance at this meeting.

*IABA co-sponsorship of international meetings*

The Inter-American Bar Association will be co-sponsoring the following meetings:

*III Inter-American Congress on Fiscal Law*—Rosario, Argentina, October 4 through 8, 1978. This meeting will be co-sponsored by the Inter-American Association on Fiscal Law. The Central Theme for the Congress is "Basic standards in the codification of tax laws" and specialists from Argentina and other countries will participate in the presentation of this main topic. Dr. Manuel de Juano, President of the Inter-American Association on Fiscal Law, Moreno 580, Rosario, Argentina, will furnish further information upon request.

*Comparative Law Seminar*—Cali, Colombia, November 6 through 8, 1979. This seminar will be co-sponsored by the Nova University Center for the Study of Law, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The program includes presentation of the following subjects: U.S. Immigration Law and its impact on foreign persons doing business in the

United States; minimizing the taxation of foreign investments and operations in the United States; comparative legal system; U.S. Banking; legal aspects of international commercial transactions; exclusive economic jurisdiction regarding minerals; fisheries and oil rights; customs considerations for importing merchandise into the United States; structuring export operations to the United States; aspects of United States laws relating to investments in Latin America.

Five law schools from Cali will be participating in this second international seminar held by the Nova University Law Center. Speakers from New York, Washington, D.C., Indiana, Miami and Fort Lauderdale will present aspects of the United States laws, and the Cali law schools will present the comparative aspects of the Latin American laws.