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The XXI Conference of the Inter-American Bar Association (IABA) was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, August 25-31, 1979, with the Colegio de Abogados de Puerto Rico as host. There were over 400 lawyers in attendance from nearly all of the nations of this hemisphere, and several international organizations were represented by observers.

The Committees presented several outstanding programs, including seminars and round table discussions on such topics as: 1) the ownership, use and protection of the continental shelf; 2) human rights and their protection in the American countries; 3) legal aspects and responsibilities of nations in supporting environmental protection; 4) development and integration; 5) basis for the rule of law in the American nations; 6) a code of conduct for multinational corporations; 7) discrimination in housing; 8) international traffic in illicit drugs; 9) international humanitarian law; 10) basic standards for the codification of tax laws; 11) judicial systems in the Common Market; 12) transfer of technology; 13) assistance and social security for lawyers; 14) solar energy; and 15) satellite communications.

Over eighty papers were presented for consideration to the various Committees. A list of these papers will be furnished to the Lawyer of the Americas, along with all resolutions adopted at the Conference.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in Mexico, in Spring 1980, with the Barra Mexicana-Colegio de Abogados as host. The XXII Conference will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, near year-end 1980, with the Colegio de Abogados de Buenos Aires as host.

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In recent years, the Association has participated as a co-sponsor of international seminars held in various countries of this hemisphere.

**Seminar on Industrial Property and Transfer of Technology—São Paulo, Brazil**—This seminar, organized by IABA members in São Paulo, was in October 1978 and was co-sponsored by the IABA, the Inter-American Copyright Institute, and the Associação dos Advogados de São Paulo. A series of sessions were held at which one or two lectures were given, followed by a debate. The main topics were: 1) Protection to the Inventor’s Rights—Lectures were given by Professor Antonio Chavez, Dean of the University of São Paulo Law School and Professor Ernesto Aracama Zorraquin, Argentina; 2) Inventor’s Certificate—Lectures by Professor David Rangel Medina, University of Mexico Law School, Professor Newton Silveira, from the Inter-American Copyright Institute and University of São Paulo Law School, and Professor Oscar Barreto Filho, University of São Paulo; 3) Transfer of Technology—Lectures by Professor Henrique Silveira de Almeida and Professor Nuno Fidelino de Fiqueiredo, of Brazil; 4) The WIPO and the Treaty of Cooperation for Patents—Lectures by Professor Arpad Bogsch and Professor Marino Porzio, both from WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization, Geneva); 5) Present Importance and Future Developments of Industrial Property Rights—Lecture by Professor Waldirio Bulgarelli, University of São Paulo. IABA Council Member Dr. Helio Dias de Moura of São Paulo represented the Association throughout the meeting.

**Seminar on Air and Space Law—Aruba, May 2–5, 1979**—This conference was held by the Latin American Association on Air and Space Law, with headquarters in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and was co-sponsored by the IABA, the University of Miami, McGill University, the Netherland Antilles University, and the Bar Association of Aruba. Main topics discussed were: 1) bilateral agreements between Europe and United States and their relation with Latin America; 2) Latin American Air Law Code; 3) problems relating to charter flights in Latin America and the bilateral agreement Bermudas 2; and 4) the Brussels Convention as relating to the protection of signals transmitted by satellites.

**International Conference on Global Interdependence and Law of the Sea—Princeton, N.J.**—This conference, co-sponsored by the IABA, the Federal Bar Association, the Philadelphia Bar Association,
and the American Foreign Law Association, was held April 6, 1979, at Princeton University, New Jersey. Judge Harold Berger, of Philadelphia, Chairman of IABA Committee I, Section B, Air and Space Law, was the Conference Chairman.