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, Brigadeer 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. Manual V. Ordoñez. Remarks were also made by the following IABA officers, who represented the Spanish, English and Portuguese speaking delgates: 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 Ir-removability 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
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.