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COUNCIL MEETINGS

The IABA Council held a most successful meeting in Asunción, Paraguay, from April 21 to 24, at the Ita Enramada Hotel, with the Colegio de Abogados del Paraguay as the host association. The principal speaker at the inaugural session was the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Paraguay, Dr. Juan Félix Morales, whose address was on the subject “Codification Proceedings in Paraguay.” At this meeting, the Council discussed various matters pertaining to the XX Conference, including the central theme, topics for consideration by the permanent committees and sections, appointment of committee chairmen and co-chairmen, committee structure, council vacancies, amendments to the constitution and by-laws, implementation of a membership drive and the advisability of regional meetings.

The next meeting of the council will be held in San José, Costa Rica. Our hosts in Costa Rica have suggested January 25 to 29, 1977, as the dates for the meeting. Chairmen and co-chairmen of committees are encouraged to attend. Individual members of IABA are also welcome at these meetings.

XX CONFERENCE—ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The XX Conference of the association will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, from Saturday, April 30 through Friday, May 7, 1977. The United States was selected as the site for this conference as homage to the historical celebration of its bicentennial year. The official hosts for the conference will be the Atlanta Bar Association and the Section of International Law of the State Bar of Georgia. The headquarters will be the Atlanta Hilton Hotel, where all committee meetings and council sessions will be
The central theme for the XX Conference will be: "Constitutional Development in the Countries of the Americas. Beginning with the Constitution of Philadelphia." A working paper will be prepared and distributed to all delegates attending the conference. This paper will be thoroughly considered by an appropriate committee at a meeting attended by the authors of the paper and the central theme will be discussed during a plenary session.

TOPICS

The following preliminary topics have been approved for consideration of various committees during the XX Conference, subject to minor editing. Suggestions for additional topics for other committees may be forwarded to the Secretary General or to the chairman of the appropriate committee or section. All committee members are encouraged to communicate directly with their committee chairman as to any suggestions they may have for topics and for the committee program. The names and addresses of chairmen and co-chairmen of committees and sections are available from the association.

COM. I. PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

1. Immigration and nationality problems arising from migration of persons among countries.

Sec. A. Oceanography and the Law of the Sea

2. Exploration and exploitation of deep sea resources.

Sec. D. Inter-American Air Law

1. Environmental effects of high altitude flights. (with Com. XV. Sec. C)

COM. II. PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

1. Ratification of the six Conventions approved by the First Inter-American Specialized Conference on Private International Law (CIDIP-I)-OAS.

Sec. A. International Judicial Procedure

1. Enforcement of foreign civil law judgments.
2. Recognition and enforcement of foreign country money judgments.

COM. III. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

1. Nationality and citizenship under the American Constitutions.
2. Juridical effects of actions by de facto Governments.
4. Constitutional aspects of the right to work and social security.

Sec. C. Constitutional Problems of Latin American Integration

1. Constitutional implementation of regional agreements.

COM. VII. COMMERCIAL LAW

Sec. F. Communications

1. Legal frameworks for hemispheric (CITEL) and regional (COMTELCA-ASEITA) telecommunications arrangements.
2. Study of multilateral and bilateral telecommunications agreements in the Western Hemisphere.

COM. XV. NATURAL RESOURCES

Sec. A. Oil and Gas Laws

1. Juridical structure of oil and gas joint venture operations and sales in the Americas.

COM. XVII. MILITARY LAW

1. Proposed changes to the laws of war; especially the use of conventional weapons and the effect of changes in legal status of insurgents on national sovereignty.

2. Constitutional and statutory provisions of American countries that permit use of the Armed Forces to maintain internal order.

3. Legal basis for civil action by the Armed Forces.

4. Consideration of possible legal bases for cooperation among the American countries, in consultation with other organizations, in combating drug abuse in the Armed Forces.

COM. XVIII. HUMAN RIGHTS

Sec. A. Legal Status of Women

1. Study of the legal status of women in the Americas.

COM. XX. NUCLEAR LAW

1. Improvement of legislations concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.


GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Headquarters — The conference headquarters will be the new Atlanta Hilton Hotel, Courtland & Harris Sts., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. This hotel
is conveniently located in the heart of Atlanta and has excellent conference facilities, as well as 1,300 guest rooms, 80 deluxe suites, restaurants, shops, tennis courts, swimming pool and underground parking.

Rates:
$29-$45 single room
$39-$55 double room
$94—up, suites

Registration Fee — The Registration Fee for the Conference is:

US$50.00 for foreign members and for members of the Atlanta Bar Association and the State Bar of Georgia.

US$75.00 for all other members from the United States.

The Registration Fee will be payable in Atlanta, at time of registration.

Reservations — In order to be assured of reservations, members wishing to stay at this hotel should make their reservations promptly by communicating directly with the hotel. A Reservation Card was included in the last Newsletter to members.

Other Conference Hotels — For those members wishing to stay at other hotels, the local Organizing Committee has made arrangements with the following hotels:

Intown Motor Hotel — 89 Luckie Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Phone: (404) 524-7991. Located between the Atlanta Hilton and the World Congress Center. Rates: $20.00 single room with one double bed ($25.00 for 2 persons). $32.00 double room with two double beds ($14.00 more for each additional person). For reservations contact: Mr. R. Paul Tucker, General Manager, at above address.

The Center Inn — (formerly Holiday Inn), 231 Ivy Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Phone: (404) 577-1510. Located approximately 2 blocks from the Atlanta Hilton Hotel. Rates: $23.00 single room—$28.00 double room. Staff has Spanish and Portuguese language facilities. For reservations contact: Ms. Judy Walton, Director of Sales, at the above address.

The Marriott Hotel — Courtland and Cain Streets, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Phone: (404) 659-6500. 50 rooms committed. Rates: $29.00—$45.00 single room; $39.00—$55.00 double room. For reservations contact: Mr. Will Titus, Director of Sales, at above address.
The Peachtree Center Plaza — Peachtree at Cain Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30343. Phone: (404) 659-1400. Rates $30.00-$46.00 single room; $40.00-$56.00 double room. For reservations contact: Reservations Department—Phone Toll Free: (800) 228-3000.

Hyatt Regency Atlanta — 265 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Phone: (404) 577-1234. Rates: $29.00-$43.00 single room; $39.00-$52.00 double room. For reservations contact: Reservations Department.

Bus Transportation — The local organizing committee is planning to provide shuttle bus service from the airport to the headquarters hotel.

Tentative Program

Saturday — April 30
9:00 a.m. Registration of delegates and other participants
3:00 p.m. Council Meeting
5:00 p.m. Inter-American Bar Foundation

Sunday — May 1
9:00 a.m. Sightseeing tour
3:00 p.m. Organizational meeting with Committee Chairmen and Co-Chairmen
6:00 p.m. Opening Session at World Congress Center
7:00 p.m. Reception

Monday — May 2
9:00 a.m. Committee meetings
2:00 p.m. Committee meetings

Tuesday — May 3
9:00 a.m. Committee meetings and Council meeting
2:00 p.m. Committee meetings and Council meeting

Wednesday — May 4
9:00 a.m. Committee meetings and Council meeting
2:00 p.m. Council meeting

Thursday — May 5
9:00 a.m. Plenary Session
2:00 p.m. Plenary Session
Friday — May 6

9:00 a.m. Plenary Session
2:00 p.m. Plenary Session
5:30 p.m. Closing Session
6:00 p.m. Council meeting
7:00 p.m. Reception

Social Program — An extensive social program is planned which, in addition to the receptions indicated, will include a special program for the ladies and their families, and an "IABA Express" steam train ride through the beautiful countryside, on Sunday morning, May 1. Members of the Atlanta Bar Association are planning to entertain delegates in their homes one evening.

Appointment of Delegates by Member Associations — A special form for the appointment of delegates is being forwarded to all member associations of IABA. Members of IABA interested in being appointed delegates of a member association should contact their respective associations for this purpose. There is no limit to the number of delegates that each member association may appoint.

IABA Awards — A book award and a best paper award will be given by IABA at its XX Conference. Special committees designated by the council will be entrusted with the selection of the best publications. Members are encouraged to prepare and submit papers of real juridical value and general interest to the legal profession. Recommendations for the book award should be submitted to the executive headquarters.

Sub-Committees of Permanent Committees

At the XIX Conference in Cartagena, the following sections were added to Article VIII of the by-laws, in order to expand the activities of the association:

Section 3. In each nation there may be established national sub-committees composed of individual members of the respective permanent committees, after having obtained authorization from the parent committee and the councilors of that nation. The proceedings and the conclusions of these subcommittees shall be turned over to the permanent committee.

Section 4. The permanent committees and sections may have their meetings in the places and times they select to discuss
matters within their jurisdiction. The results of their studies shall be submitted to the next conference of the association for final consideration.

With the assistance of council members and member associations in each country, these national subcommittees will be established in the near future and will start constructive programs.

Regional Meetings

The council is studying the advisability of holding IABA regional meetings. This subject will be considered in detail by the council at its meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica, next January. In the meantime, at its meeting in Asuncion, Paraguay, on request of the Colegio de Abogados del Paraguay and the Federacion Argentina de Colegios de Abogados, the council supported the sponsorship by IABA of a regional meeting of countries integrating the "Cuenca del Plata." The organization of the meeting was entrusted to the respective national member associations.

New Council Members

With our October 1975 "Letter to Members," members were advised of the names of members of the council elected during our XIX Conference in Cartagena, Colombia. Since then, the following have been designated to fill vacancies which were left at that time: Brazil: Dr. Raul Floriano da Silva, Rio de Janeiro. Colombia: Dr. Ramon Ariza Barrios, Cartagena. Ecuador: Dr. Armando Pareja Andrade, Quito. Jamaica: Dr. Douglas Brandon, Kingston. Nicaragua: Dr. Leon Rivera Lainez, Managua. Uruguay: Dr. Julio Cesar Jaureguy, Montevideo.

Membership Drive

An intensive membership drive is being planned in each country in order to stimulate the interest and participation of more lawyers in the growing programs of our association. All IABA members are urged to assist in this project. For this purpose, a membership application form is enclosed so that each member may sponsor a new member.