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The XIX Conference of the Inter-American Bar Association will be held in the historic and charming city of Cartagena, Colombia, September 27 to October 3, 1975. The Colegio de Abogados de Bolivar, a member association of IABA, will be the host association. With the enthusiasm of the lawyers in Cartagena and the support offered by the Mayor of the City of Cartagena and by the Governor of the State of Bolivar, it is anticipated that this Conference will be a great success.

One of the means of accomplishing the objectives of IABA is through the Committee work during the Conferences. The importance of the work of the Committees is reflected in the Conference resolutions which make substantial contributions to many fields of law. The resolutions, recommendations and declarations adopted at the Conferences are widely disseminated not only to IABA members but also to the Governments of the American States, to the Organizations of American States and other interested international organizations. For the Cartagena Conference, the IABA Committees are planning constructive and interesting programs which will stimulate participation of the Association's members at this important meeting of lawyers from nearly all nations of this Hemisphere. Official representatives of international organizations will be invited to participate and send observers.

The topics approved for consideration by the Committees at the Cartagena Conference were included in the February issue of the Lawyer of the Americas. Members of the Association are being encouraged to prepare papers of real juridical value, and an IABA Award for the Best Paper will be given at the Cartagena Conference.

Readers of the Lawyer of the Americas interested in further information with respect to the XIX Conference should write directly to
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To be eligible for individual membership in the Inter-American Bar Association one should be a citizen and a lawyer of good reputation of a nation of the Western Hemisphere. Those interested in becoming members of IABA may also write to the office of the Secretary General for information regarding membership.

Council Meeting—San Juan, Puerto Rico

The Council of IABA met in San Juan, Puerto Rico, at the El Convento Hotel, from May 7 to 11, 1975. Among other matters, the Council considered the organizational plans and program for the XIX Conference in Cartagena.

The Colegio de Abogados de Puerto Rico, the host association, arranged a most interesting program which included a visit to Ponce Catholic University. The delegates were also received by the Attorney General at La Fortaleza and by Hon. Carlos Romero Barceló at the Alcaldía de San Juan. The warm hospitality extended by the Puerto Rican colleagues was greatly appreciated by those in attendance.

This was the second meeting of the Council since the XVIII Conference in Rio de Janeiro in August, 1973. The first meeting was held in Caracas, Venezuela, July 27-30, 1974, with the Federación de Colegios de Abogados de Venezuela as host.

Inter-American Association on Fiscal Law

Pursuant to a resolution adopted at the First Inter-American Congress on Taxation, organized by IABA Committee X, Fiscal Law and held in Rosario, Argentina, in November 1970, the Inter-American Association on Fiscal Law was established in Santa Fe, Argentina, on May 26, 1972. Its President, Dr. Manuel de Juano, has advised that the Association is now engaged in the creation of an Information Center on Fiscal Law, in Rosario, Argentina. A resolution in support of this project was adopted at the XVIII Conference of IABA held in Rio de Janeiro, in August, 1973. The Center will provide means of stimulating research, study and improvement of the tax law, which is the goal of IABA Committee X, Fiscal Law.
The Inter-American Association on Fiscal Law has held three workshops in Argentina and now has a substantial membership consisting of tax law experts, judges, professors of fiscal law and interested organizations. Annual membership dues are US$10.00 for individuals and US$20.00 for associations. Those interested in joining may apply directly to President Dr. Manuel de Juano, at the Association’s Headquarters: Moreno 580, Rosario, Argentina.