Inter-American Bar Association

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COUNCIL MEETING — KINGSTON, JAMAICA

The Council of the Inter-American Bar Association met in Kingston, Jamaica, on November 8 and 9. This was a very successful meeting well attended by representative Council members from countries throughout the hemisphere.

At this meeting, Dr. Marco Tulio González, a distinguished Ecuadorian jurist, current President of the Colegio de Abogados de Quito, was elected President of the Inter-American Bar Association, succeeding Lic. Licio Lagos, of Mexico.

The new President reported on plans for the XVII Conference which will be held in Quito, Ecuador, May 1 to 5, 1972, with the Colegio de Abogados de Quito as the host association. He stated that full cooperation had been assured by the President of the Republic of Ecuador, as well as by the Supreme Court and bar associations in Ecuador in order to make this Conference an outstanding success.

The Hon. Victor Grant, Q.C., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Mr. Leacroft Robinson, Chairman of the General Legal Council and President of the Jamaica Bar Association, and Mr. James Bovell, President of The Incorporated Law Society of Jamaica, spoke at the Opening Session on Monday morning, November 8. Past President of IABA, Lic. Fernando Fournier, of Costa Rica, and Dr. Policarpo A. Yurrebaso Viale, of Argentina, a member of the Executive Committee of IABA, responded in behalf of the Inter-American Bar Association.

The Council reviewed and approved topics for consideration by the Committees during the XVII Conference and considered items to be included in the agenda for that meeting.

Several Committees of the Association met at the same time in Kingston, in order to organize their programs for the Quito Conference.
According to information furnished to the Council by President Dr. Marco Tulio González and Dr. Luis A. Andrade, Council member from Ecuador, the present plans for the XVII Conference are as follows:

**Date:** May 1 to 5, 1972, with registration of delegates on Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30.

**Headquarters:** Palacio Legislativo. This will be the site for General Assemblies and Committee meetings.

**Hotels:** “Hotel Inter-Continental Quito”, “Hotel Colón Internacional”, “Inca Imperial”, “Humboldt” and others.

**Travel Agency:** Metropolitan Touring — Quito, Ecuador.

More detailed information with respect to the Conference will be furnished to all members of IABA in the December Letter to Members.

Anyone interested in additional information with respect to the XVII Conference of IABA, may write directly to: John O. Dahlgren, Esq. Secretary General, IABA, 1730 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

**TOPICS FOR XVII CONFERENCE**

Quito, Ecuador — May 1-5, 1972

**COM. I — PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW**

**Sec. A. Oceanography and the Law of the Sea**


Topic 2. Legal regime to foster the peaceful exploitation of natural resources of the seabed and ocean floor: a) living resources; b) oil and gas; c) hard mineral resources.

**Sec. B. United Nations and Hemispheric Organizations**

**Sec. C. Juridical Defense of Western Democracy**

**Sec. D. Inter-American Air Law**

Topic 1. The problems of hijacking.
COM. II. — PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

Topic 1. International judicial cooperation in penal matters.

Sec. A. International Judicial Procedure


COM. III. — CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Topic 1. The application of constitutional law to nationalization and expropriation of property.
Topic 2. Right to reelection of presidential candidates.
Topic 3. Assurance of representative elections.
Topic 4. Security of tenure and stability for judicial power.
Topic 5. Financing of courts.

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

Sec. B. Delay and Congestion in the Courts

Topic 1. The desirability of creating a Western Hemisphere Central Computer Clearing House on court delay and congestion.
Topic 2. Study of the various systems established in the American nations to prevent delay and congestion in the courts.

Sec. C. Constitutional Problems of Latin American Integration

Topic 1. Constitutional crisis and changes
Topic 2. Workable models of constitutional structures
Topic 3. What forms of court structures are compatible with development and freedom.

COM. IV — MUNICIPAL LAW

Topic 1. Increasing problems of urban unrest as a threat to the rule of law.
Topic 2. Is the evolution of municipal law meeting the challenge of metropolitan growth?

Sec. A. Housing Law

COM. V — CIVIL LAW

Sec. A. Persons, Family and Succession

Topic 1. Study of harmonization of various concepts of laws of descent and inheritance in the Americas.

COM. VI — CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL PROCEDURE

Sec. A. Inter-American Commercial Arbitration

Topic 1. Comparative analysis of commercial arbitration laws in the Western Hemisphere.

Topic 2. Relationship of arbitration procedures to those in Eastern Europe, Western Europe and Asia.

Topic 3. Arbitration between private companies and state owned autonomous corporations.


Topic 6. Utilization of arbitration in expropriation cases.

COM. VII — COMMERCIAL LAW

Sec. A. Banking Laws and Trust

Sec. B. Transportation and Communications

Sec. C. Corporation Law

Sec. D. Insurance

Sec. E. Bankruptcy

COM. VIII — CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

Symposium to deal with:

Topic 1. Hijacking and what could be done about it.

Topic 2. Whether the possession and sale of marijuana and LSD should be crimes.
COM. IX — ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND PROCEDURE


COM. X — FISCAL LAW

Sec. A. Taxation

Topic 1. Effects of inflation.
Topic 2. Tax problems of devaluation of currencies.

Sec. B. Customs Law

Topic 1. Condition of Inter-American trade as affected by discriminatory tariffs.
Topic 2. Tariff preferences to less developed countries and its effect on international trade.

COM. XI — LEGAL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION

Topic 2. Legal problems of the Permanent IAECOSOC Special Committee for Consultation and Negotiation.

Sec. A. Legal Aspects of Economic Development and Integration

Topic 1. Progress in harmonizing the legal aspects of the Latin American Free Trade Association, the Central American Common Market and the Andean Pact.
Topic 2. Foreign investment, nationalization and expropriation.

Sec. B. Labor Law

Topic 1. Recent developments in comparative labor legislation.
Sec. C. Monopoly and Restrictive Commercial Practices

Topic 1. Model Antitrust Law (Res. 36).

Topic 2. Report on legislation relating to antitrust and unfair competition.

Topic 3. Antitrust legislation in America.

COM. XII — LEGAL EDUCATION

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

Sec. B. Deans of Law Schools in the Western Hemisphere

COM. XIII — LEGAL DOCUMENTATION

COM. XIV — ACTIVITIES OF LAWYERS

Sec. A. Professional Standards of Conduct


Sec. B. Assistance and Social Security for Lawyers

Topic 1. The status of social security legislation in the American nations as it relates to lawyers.

Sec. C. Legal Aid

Topic 1. Why the apathy of legal aid in Latin American countries?

COM. XV — NATURAL RESOURCES

Sec. A. Oil and Gas Laws

Sec. B. Laws concerning agriculture

Topic 1. Study of laws on agrarian reform in American nations.

COM. XVI — SPACE LAW

Topic 1. International Symposium on Space Law.

Topic 2. The influence of space technology on the law.

Sec. A. Space Communications

Topic 1. Comparative study of national legislation in the American nations affecting terrestrial and space communications, including copyright law. (Res. 45)
Topic 2. The influence of satellites communications on the law.
Topic 3. Developing communication laws in the Americas.

COM. XVII — MILITARY LAW

Topic 1. A study concerning the feasibility and potential of a Judge Advocate's general group which would operate in cases of OAS actions.
Topic 2. A study of the application of the laws of war to guerrilla warfare and to those individuals who advocate guerrilla warfare and other subversive activities.
Topic 3. A comparative analysis of the domestic laws of the nations of the Inter-American system which are designed to combat subversive activities.

COM. XVIII — HUMAN RIGHTS

Topic 4. Implementation and creation of new national commissions.
Topic 5. Economic and social rights. Equal rights for children born in or out of wedlock.

COM. XIX — FOOD AND DRUG

Topic 1. The current status of the Western Hemisphere food legislation and the Codex Alimentarius.

COM. XX — NUCLEAR LAW

Topic 2. Consideration by the American States of ratification of or adherence to international conventions on civil liability in the field of nuclear energy.

COM. XXI — YOUNGER LAWYERS