
EDITORIAL

In retrospect, 1993 was a year of remarkable achievements for the Leiden Journal of International Law. The year commenced with the publication of the regular April issue. A few months later in September, the Journal launched its Special issue titled *The Flame Rekindled: New Hopes for International Arbitration* with a colloquium on the question *International Arbitration, to be Judicial or not to be Judicial?* The panel of prominent speakers included Mr.K.H. Ameli, Mr.Bola Ajibola, Mr.M.C.W. Pinto, Prof.Sh. Rosenne, was presided over by Mr.P. Sanders and inaugurated by Mr.P.J.H. Jonkman. The colloquium was an overwhelming success, resulting in a fruitful and stimulating exchange of views. The editorial staff would like to express its sincere gratitude to those who contributed to the making of this special issue, the speakers at the colloquium as well as the numerous participants. Building upon this success, the Journal intends to organise similar events in the years to come.

Next year, to mark the 50th anniversary of the International Court of Justice, the Leiden Journal of International Law Foundation will publish another special issue. It will serve as the Journal's third contribution in promoting the ideas and goals presented within the framework of the Decade of International Law. This publication will concentrate on future perspectives for the International Court of Justice.

In addition, the editorial staff would like to inform its readers of the commencement of a new series under the name *LJIL Papers*. The first edition of this series will focus on the question "How Environment and Trade Policies Could Become Mutually Supportive in Favour of Sustainable Development". This question was elaborately discussed during a high level conference which was jointly organised by the University of Leiden and the European Community at the beginning of this year. It will be published in the autumn of 1994.

Finally, the editorial staff would like to emphasise that over the past six years it has been the aim of the Leiden Journal of International Law to create a forum in which both students and experts could, in their respective fields, bring to a wider audience their views on the ever-changing and rapidly increasing number of international issues. This trend is one the editorial staff wishes to continue in the future, for which the help and support of its subscribers would be immensely appreciated, particularly in the form of article contributions. The editorial staff will always welcome your suggestions and comments concerning the Journal.