

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Issue 39.2 of the International Journal of Legal Information (IJLI) brings us another proceedings issue. This year contains the proceedings from the last International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) conference: DUTCH GATEWAYS TO INTERNATIONAL LAW, which was held 5th September - 8th September 2010 in The Hague and Rotterdam, Netherlands, with an optional day in Delft and Leiden.

This issue is full of excellent articles reproduced from the original texts of the conference speakers. The content is truly first rate. There are pieces covering many aspects of international law and Dutch law. Most of these articles were prepared by the Netherlands' leading legal academics, practitioners and jurists. As editor, my policy is to record these speeches or presentations as faithfully as possible. While we cannot recapture in a journal issue the full experience of attending an IALL Annual Meeting, the IJLI attempts to report the essential, substantive content from each Annual Meeting. Although I edit each piece according to standard American English, this attention to faithful reproduction is why you will occasionally find idiosyncratic expressions in the IJLI. This is particularly true in the proceedings issues.

In addition to being a wonderful professional and personal experience, the Hague conference was a model of efficiency, thanks in large part to the local organizing committee and its two IALL Board liaisons, **Ruth Bird** and **Jeroen Vervliet**. In keeping with the efficient conference organization, this particular issue of the Journal has been one of the smoothest proceedings issues to assemble and edit that I have experienced since becoming the IJLI's editor in 2005. In this regard, I owe special thanks to my colleague, Jeroen Vervliet, who undertook to gather and send me the texts from the Dutch conference speakers. The Dutch reputation for efficiency, punctuality and discipline are well merited!

Keeping with tradition, this proceedings issue includes the President's Report – the first for IALL's new president, **Petal Kinder**. In addition to her actual report for the past year, there is also the text of the conference program from the Hague conference and a brief conference report prepared by **Sharon Wang**. Ms. Wang was an IALL bursary recipient for the Hague conference. Her report records her impressions and experiences as a first-time attendee of the IALL Annual Meeting.

Ms. Wang's report is a perfect segue to inviting all of you to attend an IALL Annual Meeting and Conference. Those who have already done so one or more times understand the value of these experiences to their professional development – to say nothing of the enjoyable camaraderie, unique and interesting venues, and excellent networking opportunities. To those of you who have never attended an IALL conference, I urge you to plan ahead to do so. This year, the conference will be in exotic Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Next year (2012) it will be in the vibrant city of Toronto, Canada, and in 2013, the conference will be in historic, lovely Barcelona, Spain.

Of course, I should add that in addition to all of the other wonderful content in this issue of the IJLI, the present issue contains the standard, popular features: the International Calendar, edited by **Aslihan Bulut** and book reviews, edited by **Thomas Mills**. So sit back, relax, and enjoy!

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