

Summary of the First Regular Meeting of the IAA/IISL Scientific-Legal Liaison Committee

1. Date and Place

Fukuoka, Saturday 15.10.05, 16.00-18.00

2. Participation

Schrogl (Chair), Mendell (Co-Chair), Kopal, Molette, Perek, von der Dunk, (Jasentuliyana briefly)

3. Adoption of the Charter of the Committee

The Charter was adopted as follows:

CHARTER OF THE IAA/IISL SCIENTIFIC-LEGAL LIAISON COMMITTEE
adopted at Fukuoka on 15 October 2005

Purpose and scope of the Committee

The Committee shall foster the communication between the legal and the scientific-technical fields on issues of mutual interest in the realm of astronautics. It shall also ensure a close cooperation between IAA and IISL.

Relationship to other Bodies and Organisations

The Committee will closely work in particular with IAA Commission V.

The Committee will also work with other relevant organisations outside IAA and IISL.

Procedure

The Committee meets at least once during the annual IACs. The Chair, through the Secretary, invites to these meetings. If possible, the Committee can also meet during the spring meetings of IAF/IAA/IISL in Paris. At least one fourth of Active Members present at the meeting will constitute quorum. The Committee will make all efforts to reach its decisions by consensus.

Membership

Membership of the Committee should reflect its interdisciplinary character. Membership has to be recruited from IAA and IISL. All four Sections of IAA should be represented. The Committee should limit its active membership to 20 persons.

Outgoing active members can be named Honorary Members and will still have the possibility to attend the meetings of the Committee or keep contacts with it.

Members will be appointed by consensus of the participants to the Committee meetings, subject to the approval by the Presidents of IAA and IISL. The term of Members, as well as the term of officers of the Committee is three years. Re-appointment is possible.

Products

The Committee will organize Scientific-Legal Roundtables at IAC on an annual basis. These Roundtables will be promoted through IAA Commission V and be part of their respective symposia. They will also be coordinated with IISL. The proceedings of the Roundtables will be published in the IISL proceedings.

The Committee will through its Secretary maintain a site in the IAA Webpage. The Committee may also organize symposia or other meetings in inter-session periods between the IACs. The Committee may cooperate with other committees and Study Groups by participating in the elaboration of joint papers and holding joint meetings. The Committee reports on its activities to IAA through Commission V.

4. Roundtables 2005 and 2006

The Roundtable 2005 was fully prepared and was (at the time of writing these minutes) successfully conducted. Although the participation was rather low with maximum 20 participants, the format of invited presentation and a following roundtable discussion amongst the speakers and with the audience could be regarded as very productive.

The Roundtable for 2006 on NPS was further prepared with the following suggestions for topics and speakers:

- US plans (N.N.)
- European views (Haerendel)
- Safety issues (N.N.)
- UN activities (Harbison)
- Legal aspects (von der Dunk)
- Critical view (Scheffran)
- Presentation of the ongoing IAA study (N.N.)

Wendell Mendell (co-chair together with Vladimir Kopal) will draft the final proposal until spring next year.

5. Topic for the Roundtable in 2007

Amongst a number of ideas (private exploration and exploitation of space, space debris, space tourism, space surveillance) the following topic was selected:

“Google Earth et al. – Privacy and Secrecy Lost?”

Wendell Mendell and Kai-Uwe Schrogl will draft a proposal for the next meeting. Participants could be i.a. Brachet, Rao, Gabrynowicz, Monserrat Filho.

6. Study activities

Lubos Perek and Frans von der Dunk might organize a study on “technical and legal aspects of ‘space objects’/useful-useless objects”. Kai-Uwe Schrogl, in his capacity as vice-chair of IAA Commission V introduced this idea there, so that a study group can be established under the auspices of this Commission.

7. Next Meeting

In the future, the Committee will meet during IACs on Tuesdays following the morning sessions.