

LETTER OF THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

1. On June 24, 1959 law librarians from 6 countries and delegates of several institutions concerned with foreign and international law assembled under the roof of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York for the organization meeting of the IALL. The main address was delivered by *K. Howard Drake*, who spoke on "Some of the Constructive Things an International Association of Law Libraries May Do". Thereafter the meeting discussed and adopted the proposed Constitution and elected Prof. *William R. Roalfe* President of the new Association.

Today, 15 years after this beginning, the IALL has brought together law librarians and libraries of more than 50 countries and proudly confers its first *Honorary Membership* upon *William R. Roalfe*. He has been instrumental in preparing and structuring the IALL and it is my particular pleasure to confer the honorary membership upon him at the end of my term as a token of appreciation and gratitude.

The certificate presented to William R. Roalfe reads as follows:

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

Honorary Membership Certificate presented to William R. Roalfe

for his distinguished contributions to international law librarianship; for his initiative and foresight in planning and structuring this Association and for leading and guiding its members as their first president. With appreciation and gratitude presented at St. Paul, Minnesota this 23rd day of June 1974.

President
Hans G. Leser

Secretary and President Elect
Gerhard J. Dahlmanns

2. At the end of another term of office we can confine ourselves to a brief glance over the last three years. In this period of time, the IALL has increased its membership by more than 50% as has enlarged its activities and services. In addition to continuing the tradition of the IALL courses with the Rome seminar in 1972 and the publication of the Heidelberg papers, it has started to work regularly within the framework of IFLA, beginning, in 1973, with its open meetings at the General Council Conference in Grenoble. The IFLA/IALL Working Group on Copyright and the

beginning of the Thesaurus inquiry belong into this context. Last not least our periodical could be put on its own feet, after it has been printed, for the first time, in 1972 and after it has been remodeled into the International Journal of Law Libraries. The responsibility for the publication now largely rests upon the shoulders of its two General Editors, *Klaus Menzinger* and *Dr. Ivan Sipkov*, whose term does not expire with that of the officers. All of us are deeply indebted to them for their truly important work. In all instances, these improvements have been achieved despite the sometimes dangerously small financial basis at the disposal of the administration, with occasional outside help for the start of the Journal and for the Rome Course. After three years of stepped-up activities even a slight surplus has remained so that the official change of administration, which will take place at the end of June, will be a smooth and effective one.

This is the time to thank the members of the outgoing Board of Directors for their cooperation and support over the last three years. We are particularly indebted to the Secretary and Treasurer, *Gerhard J. Dahlmanns*. In an exceptional way he has devoted his time and energy to promote the IALL, thereby initiating the projects which will be continued under his guidance in the future. It is with confidence and good wishes that I am putting the IALL into his hands.

3. Because of a possible conflict of interests, the Secretary, with approval of the Board, has delegated the task of conducting the election to Mr. *Christian Dittrich*. I should like to thank him and the Nominating Committee, chaired by Mr. *Adolf Sprudz* and listed in the Journal Vol. I, 3, p. 49, for their cooperation. Mr. Dittrich has just reported the results of the election as follows:

“Pursuant to the authority which is vested, by the Constitution of the International Association of Law Libraries, in the IALL Secretary and which has been delegated to me, by the Secretary with the approval of the Board of Directors, I have — in accordance with the slate of candidates presented to me by the IALL Nominating Committee — conducted an election of Officers and four Members of the Board of Directors by the Association’s membership body as well as the procedure for the appointment of an additional four Members of the Board by the outgoing Board of Directors, to serve for the three-year period beginning July 1, 1974.

I hereby certify that a count of the secret ballots returned to me resulted in the election or appointment of the following persons to constitute the IALL Officers and Board of Directors for the term July 1, 1974 — June 30, 1977.



I. OFFICERS

1. President:

Mr. Gerhard J. Dahlmans, Dozent, University of Marburg, D-355 Marburg, Universitätsstr. 6, Germany.

2. First Vice-President:

Mr. Igor I. Kavass, Professor of Law and Law Librarian, Duke University, Durham, N. C. 27706, USA.

3. Second Vice-President:

Mr. William A. F. P. Steiner, Librarian, University of London, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 25 Russell Square, London WC1 B5DR, England.

4. Secretary-Treasurer:

Mr. Hans-H. Münkner, Professor of Law, University of Marburg, D-355 Marburg, Universitätsstr. 6, Germany.

II. ELECTED AND APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

1. Mr. S. B. Aje, Director, National Library of Nigeria, 4 Wesley Street, P. M. B. 12626, Lagos, Nigeria.

2. Mr. Edwin J. Glasson, Law Librarian, Monash University, Clayton, Vic., Australia.

3. Mr. Masami Ito, Professor of Law, Chairman of the Managing Committee for the Center for Foreign Legal Materials, University of Tokyo, 3-1, 7-chome, Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan 113.

4. Mr. Jacob D. Korevaar, Chief, Reader's Services and Documentation Section, United Nations Library, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland.

5. Mr. Hans G. Leser, Professor of Law and Law Librarian, D-355 Marburg, Universitätsstr. 6, Germany.

6. Mr. Lajos Nagy, Director, Magyar Tudományos Akadémia Allamés Jogtudományi Intézete, Szemere utca 10, Budapest V., Hungary.

7. Mrs. Marianne Scott, Law Librarian and Lecturer, Faculty of Law, McGill University, 3644 Peel Street. Montreal 2, Quebec, Canada H3A 1W9.

8. Mr. Adolf Sprudz, Foreign Law Librarian and Lecturer in Legal Bibliography, University of Chicago Law School, Library, 1121 East 60th St., Chicago, Ill. 60637, USA."

I wish the new officers and the new Board a most successful term for the benefit of our Association.

Hans G. Leser