

Depending on how one counts these things, this is the forty-first proceedings issue of the International Journal of Legal Information (IJLI). It also represents a departure from prior proceedings issues in that it is the *first* issue in the 41st volume rather than the usual *second* issue. We made this change in an effort to close the gap between actual IALL conferences and that conference's corresponding proceedings issue in the IJLI. We believe this change makes a lot of sense, and we hope you agree, and we begin with proceedings from last year's AILL conference in Canada.

In remarks to the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa on February 23, 1995, former United States President, Bill Clinton, said that “[i]n a world darkened by ethnic conflicts that tear nations apart, Canada stands as a model of how people of different cultures can live and work together in peace, prosperity, and mutual respect.” This message of intentional, cooperative, and productive multiculturalism was evident throughout the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) 31st Annual Course on International Law and Legal Information held in Toronto, Canada from September 30 to October 4, 2012. The conference theme was Canada: The Cultural Mosaic and International Law.

IJLI proceedings issues are intended to contain the content from speakers at IALL annual conferences. Sometimes it can be a challenge to get content from those speakers, particularly when the proceedings issue appears a year – and sometimes more than a year – from the actual conference dates. There are many reasons and circumstances that can conspire to make this so. Law professors, judges, lawyers, librarians and others who spoke at a given conference may have changed jobs, moved away, or otherwise moved on from the scholarly or intellectual position they occupied at the time they spoke at the IALL conference. Happily for IJLI readers, for this proceedings issue we were able to obtain a great deal of the content from the IALL conference, held last autumn in Toronto, Canada.

Inside this issue of the IJLI are pieces by Professor **Faisal Bhaba**, Professor **Kent McNeil**, Ms. **Renu Mandhane**, Professor **Kent Roach**, Professor **Peter Hogg**, Mr. **Greg Tereposky**, and Mr. **Jon Johnson**. We have also included a great deal of information – more than in past proceedings issues – about the conference itself. We have published much more content from the conference booklet, including summaries from *each* of the speakers,

information about social events, and welcome messages from IALL President, **Petal Kinder**, and from **the Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada**. The idea is to provide a more complete picture of the really excellent program and substance that is the IALL Annual Course on International Law and Legal Information. Of course, we also include our section of Book Reviews, edited by **Thomas Mills**, and the International Calendar, edited by **Aslihan Bulut**.

I want to encourage all of you who have never attended an IALL conference – or for whom it has been many years since you have – to strongly consider the possibility of attending a conference in the near future. The very next IALL conference will be held in Barcelona, Spain from the 15th to the 19th of September 2013. The succeeding conference will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from the 28th of September to the 2nd of October 2014. Details about the Barcelona conference can be found on the IALL website at <http://www.iall.org>. Both the Barcelona and Buenos Aires conferences promise to be extremely “content-heavy” but will also offer many opportunities for delegates to develop or establish networks of colleagues, to explore the region, visit libraries, and commune with colleagues from around the world. We hope to see you there!

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