

EDITORIAL COMMENT

As announced on the webpage for the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL), issues 40-1 and 40-2 of the INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION (IJLI) have been combined into the double issue you have before you now. Combining issues in such circumstances is a fairly common practice some periodicals use to get back on track when their production schedule has been derailed. And there is precedent for this kind of remedy in the IJLI. For example, Volume 26 (1998) published all three issues in just one cumulative volume. I believe combining issues 40.1 and 40.2 is the best solution for you, the IJLI's readers. The high quality content and the regular features the IJLI's readers have come to expect will absolutely be retained; there simply will be two issues contained in a single binding. With issue 40-3, the IJLI will resume its normal publication schedule. The expected distribution date of issue 40-3 is February 2013.

Before I proceed, I should mention that two errors have in the previous issue have been brought to my attention. They appear in the article by Antoon (Teun) V.M. Struycken, *Codification of Private International Law: Efforts in the Netherlands, Book 10 Civil Code*. The author wishes his readers to note that the following should be deleted:

Page 290, first paragraph, in the last phrase the last words: 'of the code and the state that promulgated it'

Page 291, second before last paragraph, before last phrase, the words: 'of states'

We now turn from housekeeping matters to the excellent content contained in this double issue. In addition to the usual International Calendar, edited by **Aslihan Bulut**, and the section of Book Reviews, edited by **Thomas Mills**, the issue contains the annual President's Report, open submission articles, and the proceedings material from the 2011 IALL Annual Course, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on December 4-8, 2011.

We open the issue with a piece by **Ben Beljaars** and **Rene Winter**, both former IJLI authors. Their article examines the place of the Dutch academic law library within the broader university library context, comparing and contrasting it with academic law libraries in the United States, and suggesting areas ripe for change or reform. Following Beljaars and Winter is a comparative piece by **Aldo Borda** which examines Ad Hoc Tribunals. **Teresa Miguel** contributes a fine country by country article on Access to

Information in South America, and **Ian Ramsay**, a colleague from Down Under, writes about SSRN and Law Journals – a topic that is under frequent discussion at many law schools around the world. The first half of the issue concludes with **Pessi Honkasalo's** useful citation format guide focused on Finnish legal materials using the standard Bluebook citation system.

Last year's Annual Course on International Law and Legal Information held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia was organized around the theme, *Dynamics of Malaysian Law in the Global World*. It was a fabulous conference, with the IALL trademark of balance between substantive lectures and networking opportunities. Many thanks go out to the Local Planning Committee: **Harvinder Kaur, Janaki Sinnasamy, Ratnawati Mohd Amin, Mary George**, and **Uma Narayan** (IALL Board Liaison) for organizing such an excellent conference.

As mentioned above, this double issue contains the proceedings materials from the Kuala Lumpur conference, including the Conference Program. The range of papers presented at the conference – and published here – is remarkable. First is an excellent introduction to legal resources in Malaysia by **Sharifah Suhanah Syed Ahmad**. It is followed by **Sherin Kunhibava's** very instructive piece on Islamic Banking in Malaysia. Because of Malaysia's situation on a peninsula, it's relationship to the sea is vitally important. **Mary George** gives us an overview of the law as it relates to the country's proximity to and use of the ocean.

Three more articles round out the proceedings portion of the issue. **Izura Masdina Zakri's** update on developments of cyber laws in Malaysia is thorough and thought-provoking. This is followed by an article on biodiversity in Malaysia co-authored by **Tanya Marie Lopez, Rajesvaran Nagarajan**, and **Sobana Swarta Thevi**. The final piece is by **Ratnawati Mohd Amin** and **Robin Gardner**. This final piece contains the publication of presentation slides and is actually a portion of a five-person panel presentation on open access to legal materials in South East Asia and neighboring countries.

There is a wealth of material in this hefty issue. I hope you enjoy it!

*Mark Engsberg, Editor
International Journal of Legal Information
Macmillan Law Library
Emory University School of Law*