

## **Addendum**

### **IISL Program at the UN COPUOS Legal Subcommittee 1994 Session**

The International Institute of Space Law under the presidency of Dr. Nandasiri Jasentuliyana sponsored, with the assistance of ECSL, during the UN COPUOS Legal Subcommittee meeting a symposium on March 23, 1994. The event took place at the Congress Center in Vienna and the topic was "Legal Questions Regarding Commercial Activities in Outer Space."

Dr. Vaclav Mikulka, president of the Legal Subcommittee, and many members attended. The meeting was moderated by Dr. Ernst Fasan, Honorary Director of the IISL, who remarked as follows:

"For many years now, this Institute has been honored by the possibility to present a symposium program to the delegates attending a COPUOS Legal Subcommittee Session, this year for the first time in Vienna. I thank you, Mr. Chairman, for this and for your kind words.

Dr. Nandasiri Jasentuliyana, who is at the same time director of the Office of the United Nations Outer Space Affairs and President of the International Institute of Space Law, has requested me to serve as coordinator; this gives me the special pleasurable opportunity to welcome you in my own country on this account, too.

The topic chosen for our symposium is Legal Questions Regarding Commercial Activities in Space. It is not on the agenda of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, but nevertheless of extreme importance for the future. The Symposium is meant to be informative in nature and might informally contribute to the deliberations of this outstanding audience.

We are happy to have four very knowledgeable panelists, member of our Institute, namely Dr. Peter Nesgos from the USA; Mrs. Valerie Kayser from France; Dr. Pryatna Abdurrasyid from Indonesia; and Dr. Walter Thiebaut from Belgium. All four have impressive lists of Space Law publications.

And may I introduce our Rapporteur, Mr. Matthew Sanidas, associate Legal Affairs Officer to the Outer Space Affairs Office, and Mr. Jitendra Thaker associate Legal Affairs Officer as well, to whom we are grateful for the practical organization.

If it so pleases this distinguished audience, an overall discussion might follow after the last paper, but if according to your opinion a presentation would request an immediate comment that of course would be in order."

The four speakers then presented their papers which are included in these proceedings.

A lively discussion ensued.

After the symposium the attendants were invited to a cheese and wine reception, sponsored by IISL with assistance from ECSL.

*Dr. Ernst Fasan  
Honorary Director IISL*