

Brief notes of Meeting New Council IARLJ
Cape Town, 30 January 2009.

Chair: Sebastiaan de Groot, President
Attendees: as per attached list.

Composition of Council

All Chapter Representatives will be members of the Executive and hence Council members.

Constitution

A Committee will be appointed in order to draft proposals for an update of the Constitution and the relationship of the Association and the Chapters. Sebastiaan de Groot will forward a proposal for the composition of such a Committee.

Frequency of Council Meetings

It is noted that regular meetings are of the essence.

Executives: as the needs arise and Council 3 to 4 times per year. Meetings by teleconference in order to get as many participants as possible and preferably no longer than 1 hour.

Finances

A Committee is to be appointed to come with proposals for the budgetting of the IARLJ.

Associate membership

Resolved to leave this unchanged under the Constitution. Council can decide on associate membership.

Suggestion to have the criteria for membership on the website. The new Committee on the Constitution should also put in a caveat the definition of a judge.

Usually around conferences there is a fair flood of applications for Associate membership. If not eligible applicants can be allowed as observers. All this on votes by Council.

Prime objectives of the Association:

- World conferences every 2/3 years;
- Working Parties;
- Maintaining Website
- Jurisprudence Database
- Facilitating Professional Network

- Capacity Building
- Recurrent Professional Workshops/Trainings

Next World Conference

It is agreed that the tentative timeframe would be the fall of 2011 or more likely 2012.

A general invitation will be sent out to members to make a proposal for hosting the event.

Europe seems to be the most likely host. It would be good to take into account the best possibility to make the proven combination of World conference with a pre-conference training.

In May 2009 the President, Vice President and European Chapter Representative will be in Geneva to meet with unhr representatives. A good opportunity to discuss cooperation and possibilities for funding.

Working Parties

The Council values the work of coordinator James Simeon highly. James's apparent offer to continue his work is accepted with much pleasure. It is discussed that the programme of the WP's should come from both sides, IARLJ Council and proposals from the side of the participants to the WP's.

Capacity building

In Africa, much has been achieved and the work should be continued. Attention should be given to Training-for trainers courses. There may be good cause for an update of the Manual.

It is noted, that we have a white spot on the map in SE Asia. The Council is of the opinion that we should focus our attention on that area. To be discussed with UNHCR.

Database

Given the many initiatives here, it seems obvious that cooperation is to be sought with other projects. To be discussed with Paul Tiedemann.

IARLJ Website

This should be maintained and, where possible extended as source of information for members and non members. Initiate a forum for discussion.

Networking

The possibilities of facilitating this object of our Association should be further explored.

List of attendees

1. Kashim Zannah
 2. Eamonn Cahill
 3. Juha Rautiainen
 4. Tony North
 5. Mohamed Elayoubi
 6. Hugo Storey
 7. Catriona Jarvis
 8. Andrew Nyirenda
 9. Ahmed Arbee
 10. Lois D. Figg
 11. Rolf Driver
 12. Irene O'Connell
 13. Luc Martineau
 14. Brian Goodman
 15. Juan Osuna
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