

EDITORIAL COMMENT

This is the annual proceedings issue of the International Journal of Legal Information (IJLI). The 26th Annual Course on International Law Librarianship, *Global Challenges and the Indian Legal System*, was held in Mumbai, India on December 1-5, 2007.

The Mumbai conference was notable for many reasons. It had an excellent program that was balanced between substantive lectures and social events. This was also the first time the IALL conference has been held in India. I cannot say enough good things about this conference and about Mumbai. I'll go so far as to claim that it was a fabulous experience for everyone who attended.

The Local Arrangements Committee was under the able direction of **Uma Narayan**. Ms. Narayan was at the time the Knowledge Manager for Nishith Desai Associates, a firm based in Mumbai. She was assisted on the committee by **Mrs. Nileema Deo**, Librarian for the Judge's Library, Bombay High Court, **Professor K.S. Narayan**, Ghanshyamdas Saraf Girls' College of Commerce and Arts, University of Mumbai, and **Mr. Jules Winterton**, who served as the IALL Board Liaison to the Local Arrangements Committee. The final program from the 26th Annual Course and photos from the conference are available on the IALL website: <http://www.iall.org/iall2007/>.

As editor of the IJIL I will confess that it is occasionally a challenge to obtain the text of presentations from every speaker at IALL conferences. This can be for a number of understandable reasons, including language barriers, cultural differences, changes in speakers' addresses or affiliations, and so on. This issue of the IJLI, however, is notable for containing the text of nearly every speaker's presentation given at the Mumbai conference. Our Indian colleagues, facilitated by the good offices of conference organizer Uma Narayan, were conscientious about submitting the text of their lectures to the IJLI. I heartily thank Uma and the conference speakers for their courteous and professional attitude.

There were a handful of speakers at the Mumbai conference who presented their talks extemporaneously, or used slide presentations to illustrate their extemporaneous comments. These lectures presented a publishing challenge for us. Normally we would not publish slides. However, because these presentations contained such good information, we chose to edit and publish the slides in a somewhat modified article format.

They do not read like a prose article, but they give an excellent outline of their respective subject matter. There was only one extemporaneous presentation for which we were unable to obtain the text. This is something of a record!

Finally, readers will notice a significant change in this issue: the International Calendar is missing. Never fear, this will be for only one issue. Recently, longtime International Calendar editor, **Lyonette Louis-Jacques**, announced her retirement from editing the Calendar. Lyo, as she is known to her friends and colleagues, conceived of and began publishing the International Calendar many years ago. She finds that it is time for her to move on to new challenges. We were unable to bridge this change in editorship without dropping the Calendar in at least one issue. Never fear: an updated version of the Calendar can be found on the IALL website:
<http://www.iall.org/calendar/newcal/show.asp>.

The IJLI will continue to publish the International Calendar, just with a different editor. The new editor is **Aslihan Bulut**, Reference Librarian at the Arthur W. Diamond Law Library at Columbia University's Columbia Law School in New York City. We wish Lyo well in her future endeavors, and we welcome Aslihan into the IJLI editorial fold. Aslihan's first foray into editing the International Calendar will be in the next issue, 36.3.

In addition to the content of the Mumbai program, this issue also contains the IALL President's Report, reports from conference scholarship recipients, and Book Reviews, edited by **Thomas Mills**. This is an engaging issue. Enjoy!

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