

Addendum

IISL Programme at the UN COPUOS Legal Subcommittee 1995 Session

Under the presidency of *Dr. Nandasiri Jasentuliyana*, the International Institute of Space Law (IISL), with the assistance of the Institute of Air and Space Law (IASL), sponsored a Symposium on the "Technical and Policy Issues Related to the Use of the Space Environment", on the occasion of the 34th Session of the Legal Subcommittee. The event took place on 27 March 1995, immediately prior to the opening of the Subcommittee's Session.

The Symposium co-ordinator was *Dr. Ernst Fasan*, Honorary Director of the IISL, and the Rapporteur was *Mr. Jitendra Thaker*, Political Affairs Officer in the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs. *Dr. Fasan* welcomed the Chairman of the Legal Subcommittee, *Dr. Vaclav Mikulka* of the Czech Republic, the speakers, and the Delegates and guests attending the conference. He pointed out that the International Institute of Space Law had been organizing such Symposia since 1979. He then explained that these sessions are meant to be informative in nature, and to contribute informally to the deliberations of the Legal Subcommittee, by giving the COPUOS Member State Delegations an account of the latest developments and the important policy and legal issues involved in the subject chosen for discussion.

The first speaker, Professor *Lubos Perek* of the Astronomical Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences in Prague, and, among others, member of the International Academy of Astronautics, presented a paper on "Space Debris: Summary of the Discussion in the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee."

Dr. Richard Crowther of the British National Space Center then followed with the paper jointly written by him and *Dr. Tremayne-Smith*, also of BNSC, on "Current Technical Issues Related to the Space Environment".

The third paper was presented by *Dr. Peter Nesgos*, Partner in the New York law firm of Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts. He spoke on "Space Environment: Policy Issues".

The last speaker was Professor *Peter Malanczuk*, Chair in International Law of the University of Amsterdam, who presented his paper on "Review of the Regulatory Regime Governing the Space Environment".

After the presentations, a lively and learned question-and-answer period followed, in which comments and statements were made by Messrs. *Ribeiro* (Brazil), *Schally* (Austria), *Terekhov* (U.N.), *Kopal* (I.L.A.) and *Lála* (U.N.), and the four speakers.

Dr. Mikulka, pointed out the importance of the views expressed for the deliberations of the Legal Subcommittee, concluded the session by expressing his thanks to the organizers and speakers.

A reception brought the conference to a close.