

Addendum

IISL Program at UN COPUOS Legal Subcommittee 1996 Session

On March 18., 1996 a Symposium „PROTECTION OF THE SPACE ENVIRONMENT was held shortly after the opening of the 35th Session of the Legal Subcommittee of the UN. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The Symposium was organised by the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) and the European Center for Space Law (ECSL).

On request of the President of the IISL, *Dr. Nandasiri Jasentuliyana* the session was coordinated by *Dr. Ernst Fasan*, Honorary Director of IISL, and Mr. *Jitandra Thaker*, Legal Affairs Officer to the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs served as rapporteur.

Fasan was able to welcome the President of the Legal Subcommittee, *Dr. Vaclav Mikulka*, and many of its distinguished delegates and guests. He introduced the four speakers in the order of the agenda, namely: *Professor Dr. Lubos Perek*, of the Astronomical Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences; *Dr. Gabriel Lafferanderie*, Chairman of the ECSL, and Legal Adviser of ESA; *Bryan Chevront III, Esq.*, Senior Counsel of Motorola, Inc.; and *Professor Dr. Vladimir Kopal*, General Counsel of the International Astronautical Federation.

Fasan pointed out that the topic of the Symposium PROTECTION OF THE SPACE ENVIRONMENT was not on the Legal Subcommittees Agenda for this year but he expressed his hope that the papers to be presented would informally give some background information for the distinguished audience.

After presentation of the papers by the four speakers, there followed a „questions and answers“ period, in which took part the distinguished delegates of China, *Prof Huang Huikang*, of Australia, *Dr. Mc. Intosh*, and the speakers.

In conclusion, the Chairman of the Legal Subcommittee, *Dr. Vaclav Mikulka*, expressed his appreciation for the information given. He added that the problems of space debris were of major concern, and he thanked the IISL for the choice of this topic.

A little reception closed the event.