

IISL Program at UN COPUOS Legal Subcommittee 1998 Session

On March 23, 1998 a Symposium "Review of the Status of the Outer Space Treaties" was held shortly after the opening of the 37th 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. Philip McDougall*, Associate Legal Affairs Officer with the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs served as rapporteur.

Dr. Fasan was able to welcome the Chairman of the Legal Subcommittee, *Dr. Vaclav Mikulka*, and many of its distinguished delegates and guests. He introduced the speakers in the order of the agenda, namely: *Dr. Stephen Doyle*, Member of the Board of Directors, IISL; *Mr. Andre Farand*, of ECSL, who would present the paper of *Dr. Gabriel Lafferandierie*, Chairman of ECSL; and *Professor Dr. Lubos Perek*, of the Astronomical Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences, and Member of the Board of Directors, IISL. As *Dr. Frans von der Dunk* had to excuse himself for urgent personal reasons, his paper would be read by the rapporteur, *Mr. McDougall*.

Dr. Fasan pointed out that the topic of the Symposium "Review of the Status of the Outer Space Treaties" was on the Legal Subcommittee Agenda for this year and he expressed the hope that the papers to be presented would informally give some background information for the distinguished audience.

After the presentation of the papers by the various speakers, there followed a "questions and answers" period, in which the distinguished delegates of Japan, *Mrs. Naoko Sugita*, the Czech Republic, *Prof. Vladimir Kopal*, Vice-President of the IISL, and the Symposium speakers participated.

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

A small reception closed the event.

1998 IISL/ECESL SYMPOSIUM

REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF THE OUTER SPACE TREATIES

On the occasion of the 37th Session of the Legal Subcommittee of the United Nations
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

- Coordinator:** E. Fasan (Austria)
Rapporteur: P. McDougall (United Nations)
- 16h00** Opening remarks by the Coordinator
- 16h05** *1967 Outer Space Treaty*
S. Doyle
International Institute of Space Law
- 16h25** *1968 Rescue Agreement*
G. Lafferranderie
European Space Agency/ECESL
- 16h45** *1972 Liability Convention*
F. von der Dunk
International Institute of Air and Space Law
- 17h05** *1976 Registration Convention*
L. Perek
Czech Republic
- 17h25** *1979 Moon Agreement*
RS. Jakhu
International Space University
- 17h45** Discussion period
- 17h55** Remarks by Chairman of the Legal Subcommittee
Dr. V. Mikulka

Note: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the paper by Mr. G. Lafferranderie was presented by Mr. A. Farand, the paper by Mr. F. Von der Dunk was presented by Mr. P. McDougall, and the presentation by Prof. R.S. Jakhu was replaced by brief presentations by Dr. S. Doyle and Mr. A. Farand.

TOPICS NOW OR SOON REQUIRING

COPUOS-LSC ATTENTION

Dr. Stephen E. Doyle - 1967 Outer Space Treaty :

1. ROLES & STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
2. ROLES AND STATUS OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS IN SPACE
- 3 AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT (PRINCIPLES) ON SPACE DEBRIS
4. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTIES CREATED IN OUTER SPACE
5. A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF SPACE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
6. LEGAL STATUS, RIGHTS & OBLIGATIONS OF CREWS IN SPACE
7. LEGAL REGIME FOR SPACE-BASED NAVIGATION SYSTEMS
8. DELIMITATION OF OUTER SPACE
9. RECURRING, FRUSTRATING PROBLEMS OF TERMINOLOGY