

SUMMARY

IISL-ECSL Program at UN COPUOS Legal Subcommittee 2001 Session

On April 2, 2001 a Symposium „METHODS OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF SPACE LAW DISPUTES“ was held shortly after the opening of the 40th Session of the Legal Subcommittee of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in Vienna. 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. *Mr. Philip R. McDougall*, Associate Legal Affairs Officer with the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs served as Rapporteur.

Fasan was able to welcome the President of the Legal Subcommittee, *Prof. Vladimir Kopal*; the President of ECSL, *Dr. Gabriel Lafferranderie*; and many of the distinguished delegates and guests. He transmitted the greetings and best wishes of *Dr. Nandasiri Jasentuliyana*, President of IISL, and introduced the speakers in the order of the agenda as follows:

First Speaker is Dr. Frans von der DUNK, Director, International Institute of Air and Space Law, Leiden University, and member of the board of Directors of our IISL. He will report on *Space for dispute resolution mechanisms – dispute resolution mechanisms for space? A few legal considerations.*

Second panelist is Dr. André FARAND, Administrator of the Legal Department, European Space Agency on *ESA's experience and practise on dispute settlement mechnism.*

And last but not least, we will have the pleasure of listening to Dr. Armel KERREST, Professor at the Université de Bretagne Occidentale, Faculté de droit de Brest, speaking on *Dispute Resolution Mechanism for Damage caused by Space Objects.*

After presentation of the papers by the speakers, there followed a questions and answers period, in which took part the distinguished delegates of The Russian Federation, EUMETSAT, ECSL, Ukraine, IAF, Italy, and the speakers.

In conclusion, the Chairman of the Legal Subcommittee, *Prof. Vladimir Kopal*, expressed his appreciation for the speakers and discutants, and to the International Institute of Space Law (IISL), and the European Center for Space Law (ECSL) for organising the event. On behalf of the Subcommittee, he expressed the wish that a similar Symposium on Space Law would again be organised for the 41st Session of the Subcommittee in 2002.

A little reception closed the event.

Dr. Ernst Fasan, Hon. Director, IISL.