

Introduction and Summary

IISL-ECSL Program at UN COPUOS Legal Subcommittee 2002 Session

On April 2, 2002, a Symposium „PROSPECTS FOR SPACE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT“ 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. Philippe Lacoste, 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:

The Discussion paper will be presented by *Dr. Kai-Uwe Schrogl*, Head, Corporate Development and external relations of German Aerospace Center, DLR.

Then the Discutants start with *Space Traffic Management* by *Dr. Armel Kerrest de Rozavel*, Professor at the Université de Bretagne Occidentale, Faculté.

Next speaker is Professor *Jose Monserrat Filho*, Brazil, member of the board of directors of the IISL, presenting *Space Traffic Management: Comparative Legal Aspects*.

There follows Professor *Dr. Lubos Perek*, also director of the IISL Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, and member of the Czech Delegation, to this distinguished subcommittee, taking *A look back to early concepts for space traffic*.

Next speaker will be Professor *Patrick Salin*, Centre of Air and Space Law, McGill University, on *Existing Elements of Traffic Management in the Field of Telecommunication*.

And then follows the concluding paper By *Dr. William Ailor*, Director, Center for orbital and reentry Debris Studies on the Aerospace Cooperation on the *Role of Aerospace Objects in the future*.

After presentation of these papers by the speakers, there followed an extensive questions and answers period. 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 42nd Session of the Subcommittee in 2003.

A little reception closed the event.

Dr. Ernst Fasan, Hon. Director, IISL.