

CONFERENCES AND EVENTSILA (AUSTRALIAN BRANCH):. Annual General Meeting, 12 April 1984

This will be held at the Australasian Pioneers Club, 61 York Street, Sydney. The guest speaker at the dinner will be the Attorney General, Senator Gareth Evans, who will speak on the proposed Commonwealth Human Rights legislation.

. Farewell to participants at the Paris Conference, 21 June 1984

A dinner will be held at the Australasian Pioneers Club to farewell members attending the Paris Conference. The guest of honour will be His Excellency, M.J.B. Merimée, the French Ambassador. Details will be sent to members.

. Paris Conference, 26 August to 1 September 1984

The 61st ILA Conference will be held from Sunday, 26th August until Saturday, 1st September 1984 at the Hotel Sofitel in Paris. The subjects for discussion will be: the Law of the Sea, Space Law, Human Rights, Long Distance Air Pollution, Legal Status of Refugees, International Criminal Law, International Monetary Law, Legal Aspects of the New International Economic Order, International Commercial Arbitration, International Medical and Humanitarian Law, International Terrorism and Collisions at Sea.

In addition, there will be two informal workshop sessions on the Formation of Rules of International Law and Problems of the Relationship between the Exclusive Economic Zone and the Continental Shelf.

The social program includes a welcoming ceremony on Sunday, 26th August; a concert on Tuesday, 28th August; trips and excursions on Wednesday, 29th August and a closing banquet on Friday, 31st August.

The registration fees will be 2,700 French francs for members, and 1,800 francs for accompanying persons. Accommodation has been reserved at the Hotel Sofitel at a cost of 390 francs per double room per night.

A number of copies of the preliminary brochures have been sent to the Secretary and not to individual members as has been the practice in the past. Its essential contents have been summarized above. There was no provision made for preliminary registration. Copies of the preliminary brochure are available from the Hon. Secretary on request.

We have been assured that the final program and registration form will be available in early May. However, as we have experienced considerable difficulties in obtaining the preliminary program, members who are anxious to attend the conference are advised to write direct to the organising committee at Socfi 14 Rue Mandar, F 75002, Paris, and request a copy to be sent direct to them by airmail.

We have been contacted by several travel agents who are interested in assisting members wishing to attend the conference. They include Monahan International Tours of 5 Little Collins Street, Melbourne - telephone (03) 631-961 and 638-761 and for those interested combining attendance at the IBA 20th Bi-annual meeting in Vienna from 2nd until 7th September 1984, Compass Travel Pty. Ltd. of 244 Albert Road, South Melbourne, 3205 - telephone (03) 699-9766.

#### ASIAN PACIFIC SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW:22/27 November.

The Eleventh International Trade Law Seminar, given under the auspices of the Attorney General will be incorporated into a 4-day Asian Pacific Regional Seminar. This Regional Seminar is to be conducted in association with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and the Asian African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC). The Attorney General, Senator Gareth Evans has indicated that one of the objectives of the Regional Seminar is to implement the United Nations General Assembly resolutions with respect to UNCITRAL's training and assistance scheme.

A distinguished panel of international and national speakers has been invited to deal with such issues as the international sale of goods, arbitration in the region, institutional co-operation in the region, contracts for large industrial works, finance and investment in the region, extraterritorial issues and sovereign immunity. There will also be a number of workshop sessions to consider trading with Australia, China, Japan, Korea and ASEAN. Contact Attorney General's Department Barton, A.C.T. 2600. Phone: Keith C. Holland (062) 71 9320

#### SYMPOSIUM OF ASIA-PACIFIC LAWYERS

The first annual symposium will be held in Seoul, Korea from 9 June - 12 June 1984. Three themes will be addressed:-

- (1) Professional ethics and duties of lawyers
- (2) New Foreign Capital Inducement Law of Korea, and
- (3) Activities and programs of each bar association

Further details may be obtained from Mr. Byong Ho Lee, President, Seoul Bar Association, 37 Seosomun-Dong, Toong-Gu, Seoul, Korea.

THE P.C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL  
LAW MOOT COMPETITION

On 6 April 1984 a team of five law students from the University of Adelaide will arrive in Washington D.C. to prepare for the following week's international elimination rounds in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Competition. The Adelaide team won the right to represent Australia in this annual international competition in the Australian regional elimination rounds which were held in Canberra on 17-18 February. The Australian team in Washington will compete against about 25 foreign teams for the chance to meet the best United States student team in the Jessup Cup final.

The Jessup International Law Moot Competition was founded in the United States in 1962 by the American Society of International Law. It is named in honour of Philip C. Jessup, Hamilton Fish Professor of International Law and Diplomacy at Columbia University, and Judge of the International Court of Justice (1960-1969). It is now organized by the Association of Student International Law Societies (ASILS) which operates under the auspices, and out of the offices, of the American Society of International Law in Washington D.C., and enjoys the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of State and of the Dana Foundation.

The competition is held annually in two Divisions. In the (U.S.) Domestic Division, more than 100 law schools participate; regional finals are held after which 12 teams proceed to the Domestic Division finals. In the International Division, regional eliminations are held in each of approximately 25-30 participating countries to decide a national team to compete in the International Finals in Washington. The winners of the two Divisions then compete in the grand final for the Jessup Cup.

Australia first entered the competition in 1977. It has performed very successfully as may be shown in the following table:-

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Subject</u>                       | <u>Winner of Australian<br/>Regional Rounds</u> | <u>Place in international<br/>Division</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1977        | Nuclear Energy                       | Adelaide  | 3rd  |
| 1978        | Secession                            | Adelaide  | 2nd  |
| 1979        | Transfer of<br>Technology            | Adelaide  | 1st, and runner up<br>in Jessup Cup.       |
| 1980        | Air and Outer Space                  | Melbourne                                       | 2nd  |
| 1981        | Maritime boundaries                  | ANU   | 1st, and Winner<br>of Jessup Cup.          |
| 1982        | Human rights                         | Melbourne                                       | 4th  |
| 1983        | Transnational<br>pollution           | University of<br>N.S.W.                         | 9th  |
| 1984        | Expropriation of<br>foreign property | Adelaide  | [To be held<br>in April 1984]              |

The competition has attracted increasing notice and interest in Australia since its introduction in 1977. After a period of holding the regional elimination rounds in different capital cities, the competition has become permanently centred in Canberra, but with administrative responsibility circulating among the participating universities. For 1985 it is expected that the New South Wales Institute of Technology will assume the administrative role.

In the 1984 Australian elimination rounds, eight universities were represented by teams: Adelaide University, ANU, Melbourne University, Monash University, Macquarie University, the University of New South Wales, New South Wales Institute of Technology, and the University of Western Australia. A large number of judges - 24 in all - were required for the rounds, each of which under the rules must be argued before a bench of three. Most of the judges were found among the ranks of officers of the Attorney-General's Department and the Department of Foreign Affairs who have experience in international law. The final round between Adelaide and Monash was argued in the High Court before Mr. Justice Wilson (presiding), Mr. Patrick Brazil and Professor James Crawford.

The competition proceeds in the following way. Each year in September a problem is circulated by the Association of International Law Societies in Washington to all interested law schools. (This is done via the Australian co-ordinator in relation to Australia). This becomes the problem which is argued at every stage of the competition. A team consists of not less than two, nor more than five, law students who will not have taken out their basic law degree before entering. The team then prepares written memorials (pleadings) for both Applicant and Respondent sides of the problem case and submits these, in accordance with strict rules as to length and style, to the Australian co-ordinator by a fixed date in early February. Memorials are identified only by a number when submitted to a panel of three judges for marking. Later in February the teams come to Canberra to participate in the oral rounds, in which they argue at least twice, once for the Applicant side and once for the Respondent, against opponent teams drawn by lot. The two teams with the highest aggregate of memorial and oral scores enter the final.

The Jessup Competition has already secured for itself a firm place in the calendar of activities of Australian law students. It has done much to revitalize interest by law students in the optional subject of public international law. It has also, incidentally but importantly, provided an annual venue for a large gathering of academics, students, judges, practitioners and civil servants interested in international law.

The cost of sending the winning team to Washington presents to each year's organizer a major problem. So far, a number of organizations have contributed generous amounts, including the Australasian Law Schools Association, the Law Council of Australia,

the Attorney-General's Department, the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Utah Foundation, the International Law Association (Australian Branch), the Law Book Company, and Butterworths Ltd. But a substantial amount remains each year to be raised by the winning team from its local resources and the legal profession. Law firms in Sydney were very responsive to the UNSW team in 1983, but the same level of support cannot be expected in the smaller cities. This year renewed approaches to the federal government are being made for an annual recurrent grant, as a secure base upon which further fund-raising efforts may proceed.

Ivan Shearer

AUSTRALIAN MINING AND PETROLEUM LAW ASSOCIATION EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The conference will include sessions on the pipeline case and state revenues, Resource Rent Tax and the following issues in relation to Resource projects: government participation fiduciary obligations of operators and co-venturers, off-balance sheet financing, effect of changed circumstances, valuations, and challenging government decisions. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Hotel Perth 7-9 June 1984. Travel package, including a visit to Singapore are available. Further details may be obtained through the Executive Office, AMPLA, 8th Floor 160 Queen Street Melbourne 3000. Telex AA 35307 Telephone (03) 672544.

1984 ASIA PACIFIC PROJECT FINANCE CONFERENCE

This is an intensive two day conference for bankers brokers and lawyers on recent experinces in project financing. Case studies will include the Argyle Diamond Venture, the BHP acquisition of Utah and ACI's experience in financing Blair Athol and other projects. One session will be on the legal issues in project financing, another on financing of projects in China. the Conference will be held in Hong Kong 29 and 30 May 1984. For further details contact I.I.R. Ltd, 14/F Golden Star Building 20, Lockhart Road, Hong Kong. Telex 62172 IIR HK HX Telephone 5-291229.

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR R.W. RYAN TO QUEENSLAND SUPREME COURT

Professor K.W. Ryan Q.C. Garrick Professor of Law in the University of Queensland, has been made a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland. Professor Ryan has had a distinguished career as a public lawyer and barrister. He is editor of the second edition of International Law in Australia (to be published shortly by the Law Book co) and has published widely on International and constitutional law international law and taxation. He was Australian Trade Commissioner in Rome and Geneva from 1965 to 1969, and has more recently been an active member of the Queensland Law Reform Commission.

International Financial Law. This is the second in a series of conferences on International Business Law organised by the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore will be held at the Hotel Hyatt Regency, Singapore, 15-18 August 1983. The conference programme will deal with general framework and contractual issues, general contractual issues, including country risk evaluation, sovereign risks, rescheduling and default, legal opinions taxation implications and conflict of laws issues, bond issues and syndicated loans. A number of international experts will speak, including Mr. Phillip Wood of Allen and Avery, London, and Mr. John Lehane of Allen, Allen and Hemsley of Sydney. The advisory committee is led by Mr. Justice Lai Qew Chai, and includes Professors Molly Cheang, Tan Sook Yee, and Phillip Pillai of the National University of Singapore. The Australian consultants are Professor E.P. Ellinger of Monash University and Mr. Richard Ladbury of Mallesons, of Melbourne. Contact: National University of Singapore Faculty of Law, Kent Ridge, Singapore 0511.

International Chamber of Commerce.

The International Chamber of Commerce has announced that its 28th Congress will take place in Stockholm from 15 to 20 June 1984. The Congress theme is "Getting the World Back to Work: The Business Contribution". Of interest to international lawyers will be sessions on recent trends in computer law and trans border data flows, protectionism, taxation and government regulation of business. Among the speakers will be Dr. Harold Bell, of the A.M.P., Henry Ford II, Olaf Palme, the Prime Minister of Sweden, and Gaston Thorn, President of the EEC Commission. Contact International Chamber of Commerce, 38 Cours Albert 1, 75008 Paris.

Centre for European Studies

The Centre was established by the University of Sydney to encourage research in the area of European studies, and to facilitate co-operation and exchange of information among academics and others interested in European studies. A newsletter will be published, and seminars will be held - on "Europe Today" in May 1984, and later in 1984, on "Doing Business with Europe". A new course on "the Law of the European Committees" will be offered in the Master of Laws course, and it is hoped that a Month of European Studies will become available at the University at the beginning of 1985. Regular membership (\$10 . , is open to members of the university, an associate (\$10.00) corporate (\$40.00) and student (\$5.00) membership to others. The Foundation Director is Dr. Gyndel V. Prott, who will be known to our readers as a prominent writer in the field of international law, of the Department of Jur'sprudence of the University Law School, King Street, Sydney 2000. Phone 232 5944.



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#### - A ROLE FOR AUSTRALIA

Monday, 21st May, 1984 - 9.00 am-5.30 pm  
Regent Hotel, Sydney

A number of overseas speakers have been invited to address the Conference, to be chaired by Alan Smith, the Managing Director of Jardine Fleming Holdings Ltd., Hong Kong, on the development of international banking markets and the role of Singapore, Hong Kong and Tokyo as regional financial centres.

Prominent Australian speakers will speak on the taxation, legal and other administrative requirements for the establishment of international banking centres, with particular reference to Australia.

#### Speakers include:

- Nicholas Whitlam, Managing Director, State Bank of New South Wales, speaking on offshore banking
- Bob White, Managing Director, Westpac Banking Corporation, participating in a panel discussion on banking in Australia
- Paul Espie, Managing Director, Bank of America, joining in the same panel
- Professor John Hewson, University of New South Wales, giving an overview of Asian banking markets
- John Brady, Reserve Bank of Australia, speaking on the central bank's role in licensing and regulating banks
- Robert Pritchard, Partner, Clayton Utz, giving his views on administering Australian foreign investment policy
- Larry Smith, Partner, Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co., covering taxation constraints in Australia and regional countries
- Shunji Ushikoga, Director, Industrial Bank of Japan, speaking on the Tokyo experience
- William Lau, Bank of America, Singapore, speaking on the Singapore experience
- Thomas F. Greer, Citibank N.A., Hong Kong, giving an overview of the Hong Kong market

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