



LOOKING TOWARDS THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING IN NUR-SULTAN



Dear colleagues,

The next - 62nd - IAJ annual meeting will take place, as you know, in Nur-Sultan (formerly Astana), Kazakhstan, on 15th – 19th September 2019.

Many important subjects will be debated. Apart from the International Conference on the subject “Quality and Efficiency of Justice: Trends and Best Practices” (on which see the Annex IV to this newsletter), the four Regional Groups will meet on Sunday, 15th September, followed by the Central Council (on 16th, 17th and 19th) and the Study Commissions (on 16th and 18th). The Presidency Committee will meet three times (on 14th, 15th and 18th), as will the Council of Honorary Presidents also (on 15th, 16th and 18th).

The Central Council will be called to discuss proposals for amendments of our Constitution and Regulations submitted by some European Associations and to discuss the applications of two new prospective members: the Lebanon and New Zealand.

The Nur-Sultan meeting will also, as usual, see the participation of a number of guests and observers. Among these a key role will be played by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, Mr. Diego Garcia-Sayan, who is really a great friend of the world judiciary and a courageous champion of judicial independence. It is hoped that he will be able to attend in person. However, if that is not possible owing to any entry visa issue, he will be available for Skype video-conference. In addition, there will be representatives from the International Bar Association, UNODC, the Latin-American Federation of Judicial Associations and the International Union of Portuguese Speaking Judges, together with observers from prospective new IAJ members, such as (in addition to the Lebanon and New Zealand) Gabon and Philippines and Yemen.

As to the Study Commissions, these will discuss the following items:

- 1st Study Commission: “Social media and the judiciary:
 - 1) how best to respond to unfair comments about judges made on social media
 - 2) use of social media by judges and courts: opportunity or danger”;
- 2nd Study Commission: “Problems, large and small, in the financing of litigation”;
- 3rd Study Commission: “The Media in Criminal Cases: Protecting the Integrity of the Proceedings and Communications with the Media”;
- 4th Study Commission: “Harassment, in a broad sense—moral and sexual— and its consequences on labour relations”.

All materials relating to these topics are available on our website. I remind you that, in order to enter the restricted area, you have to access the following site: <https://www.iaj-uim.org> (and no longer <http://www.iaj-uim.org>).

Information on the Nur-Sultan meeting is also available on this website: <http://justiceforum.kz/indexeng.html>.

Agendas for the meetings of the Central Council and Regional Groups meetings will be sent to you about a few weeks prior to the event. They will also be published on our website.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Nur-Sultan, I wish you an excellent summer,



Giacomo Oberto
Secretary-General of the IAJ

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**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENCY COMMITTEE IN ROME
(JUNE 2019)**



MEETING OF THE PRESIDENCY COMMITTEE – ROME
28th AND 29th JUNE 2019

The IAJ Presidency Committee met in Rome on 28th and 29th June, 2019. In attendance were the President, Mr. Tony Pagone, Honorary President Mr. Christophe Régnard, the Secretary-General, Mr. Giacomo Oberto, the First Vice-President Mr. José Manuel Igreja Matos, as well as Vice-Presidents Djamel Aidouni, Rafael de Menezes, Allyson Duncan, Duro Sessa, Mikael Sioberg and the Deputy Secretaries-General Lucio Aschettino, Galileo D’Agostino and Raffaele Gargiulo.

The Committee heard and discussed the reports of the President, Secretary-General and Presidents of the four Regional Groups. It discussed, among other things, the proposals from some European Member Associations for amendments to the IAJ’s Statutes which will be considered at the Central Council in Nur-Sultan. Those amendments deal with the reform of the current

monitoring procedure system, as well as with the introduction of the possibility of membership from the judicial associations which represent the Caribbean Islands and the Pacific Islands where there are no judicial associations for the individual island states. All associations have already received the proposals and will be called to vote on them in Nur-Sultan.

The Presidency Committee also discussed the item of relations with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, Diego Garcia-Sayan. On this point President Pagone pointed out that the UN Special Rapporteur has asked the IAJ to provide for a mechanism that allows a regular flow of information on the subject of judicial independence in the most “sensitive” countries. It is for this reason that the Presidency Committee asked during its meeting in Marrakesh in 2018 (and reiterated this request in Rome) that any Regional Group should send regular (e.g. every three months) updated and reliable reports wherever judicial independence might be at risk. To that end, Regional Groups should ask their members to send regularly updated information (e.g. how many judges in jail in Turkey, how many under process, what are the new laws adopted in a certain country, what are the new bills discussed in a given parliament, etc.) to the Special Rapporteur. The Secretary-General will therefore contact appropriate representatives of each Regional Group, as appointed by their respective Presidents, in order to encourage such reporting to be undertaken.

As far as future IAJ annual meetings are concerned, the Presidency Committee discussed the proposal from Costa Rica for the dates of 26th September to 1st October, 2020. A decision shall be adopted by the Central Council in Nur-Sultan. The Presidency Committee also noted that a similar proposal had been expressed by Israel for the year 2021.

As for the applications for membership the Committee noted that a favourable opinion had already been expressed on the reports on the Lebanon and New Zealand. The reports have already been distributed among member associations, which will be called to vote on the admission of those countries in Nur-Sultan.

As for the priorities for the work of the Presidency Committee and IAJ for the triennium 2018-2020, President Pagone pointed out that such priorities are the following:

(1) Encouraging the creation of judges associations: on this point Vice-President Sioberg will chair in Nur-Sultan a meeting of the working group charged with drafting some model statutes for prospective new judges associations;

(2) Fight against corruption in the judiciary: Vice-President Igreja Matos reported on the state of works on this subject;

(3) Judicial education: Vice-President de Menezes informed the working group composed of judges from the four Regional Groups: the work is focusing on subjects such as refugees, environmental law, corruption, artificial intelligence and other themes of educational interest for judges.

The Presidency Committee also discussed the relations with the Hague Conference on Private International Law and took note of the reports from the IAJ’s Representatives at the U.N.O. offices in New York, Geneva and Vienna – together with the report of the Executive President of the Foundation “Justice in the World,” taking some decisions on the development of further relations to such body.



MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF JUDGES – COPENHAGEN (MAY 2019)



MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF JUDGES
COPENHAGEN (DENMARK)
9th to 11th May 2019

The 2019 springtime meeting of the European Association of Judges, European Regional Group of the IAJ, took place in Copenhagen (Denmark), from 9th to 11th May 2019, under the organisation of the Danish Association of Judges. In attendance were 39 IAJ European Member Associations. The meeting was presided over by EAJ President and IAJ First Vice President, José Manuel Igreja Matos, with the attendance of the IAJ President, Tony Pagone; the IAJ Vice Presidents Đuro Sessa and Mikael Sjöberg; the Honorary Presidents Christophe Régnard, Gerhard Reissner, Maja Tratnik and Günter Woratsch; the Secretary-General, Giacomo Oberto; the Deputy Secretaries-General, Lucio Aschettino, Galileo D'Agostino and Raffaele Gargiulo.

Among the numerous items on the agenda, we may mention the comprehensive report by the EAJ President, who, among other things, remarked that he was more optimistic than last year, also thanks to the strong reactions by the EU Commission to threats to the rule of law. He underlined two major profiles: first, the importance to be present whenever is needed, wherever the problems are bigger. He mentioned the case of the Polish association “Iustitia”, whose members are the true representatives of the judiciary in the country. Also, the OSCE was helping the association, organizing conferences and round tables and translating laws into English, to facilitate the global comprehension of the problem. The same presence is shown in Hungary, where the EAJ sent an expert mission (see below).

The second priority was to be more influential. To this end, it should be noted that: the UNO has become a close partner of the IAJ; the Global Judicial Network was connected with the IAJ, there was a strong partnership with the Council of Europe and in particular with CEPEJ, whose President was invited to attend the meeting in Nur-Sultan; Mr. Oberto is a key figure within CEPEJ and Mr. Sessa is President of the CCJE.

Additional efforts regarding the EU were necessary. On this issue, the contribution of the WG presided over by Ms. Parisot will be essential. President Igreja Matos announced his attendance in a conference in Luxembourg on the rule of law and will look for support to the Commission's project on the rule of law. The Court of Justice had to deal with the case of the early retirement of Polish judges and in relation to that proceeding the Advocate General released a strong opinion on the clear infringement of art. 7 of the EU treaty as regards judicial independence. (Actually, after the meeting in Copenhagen, on 24th June, 2019, the Court decided that Poland's lowering of the retirement age of Supreme Court judges is “contrary to EU law” and breaches the principles of judicial independence: see the news on our web site: <https://www.iaj-uim.org/news/court-of-justice-of-the-european-union-judgment-in-case-c-61918-commission-v-poland/>.)

During the EAJ meeting, special presentations were made on the situation of the judiciary in Poland and other member Countries, such as Hungary, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Greece, Iceland and Romania.



As far as Poland is concerned, the Chairman of the permanent WG of the EAJ on the situation of Member Associations, Mr. Gass, read out the draft resolution on the ongoing reforms in that Country. President Igreja Matos underlined that the law mentioned in the resolution was adopted on 26 April and that the EAJ was very quick in reacting to threats to judicial independence. The Assembly unanimously approved the resolution.

In the framework of the Copenhagen meeting also the Chairperson of the Working Group “Ways to Brussels”, Ms. Parisot, took the floor to summarize the contents of the WG’s report. The Assembly unanimously approved a draft letter to be sent to the President, the first Vice-President and the

Commissioner for Justice of the European Commission aimed at presenting the EAJ and the IAJ and explaining the object of the working group. The Assembly unanimously approved the resolution on the rule of law. Later on, the Assembly approved also the resolution on e-evidence.

The EAJ plenary assembly discussed also at length certain proposals for amendments of the IAJ’s Constitution and Regulations. President Igreja Matos introduced first the proposal concerning the monitoring procedure: it proved inefficient, took long time and the final results were poor, therefore it should be reformed. The possibilities under consideration were to abolish the monitoring, to keep it as it is or to change the procedure, on an ad hoc basis or with a simplified questionnaire.

After a lively debate where a substantial aversion to the proposed amendment emerged, the Assembly agreed on establishing an “ad hoc” monitoring on initiative not only of the Presidency Committee, but also of a certain percentage of Member Associations, on submitting to the monitoring only a certain percentage of Member Associations per year and on changing the questionnaire in order to have lesser, more concrete, questions. Upon proposal of the President, the Assembly approved the composition of the WG charged to draft the European proposal for amendment of the Statute: Vice President Sessa; Honorary President Reissner, Mr. Wiggo Larssen (Norway) and Mr. Roland Kempfle (Germany).

President Igreja Matos then introduced the proposal of amendment concerning the membership ex art. 4 of the Constitution, explaining that its rationale was mainly to allow the application for membership by representatives of the judiciaries of very small countries (i.e. islands of the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific ocean) who do not have individual national associations but have regional ones - and so to allow the participation of other international associations of judges, already attending as observers the IAJ meetings.

After a lively debate where a substantial aversion to the proposed amendment emerged, the Assembly voted against the amendment of art. 4 of the IAJ Constitution. Mr. Picken (UK) suggested a modified formulation of a proposal of amendment aimed at achieving the objective of facilitating the admission of associations representing little island countries but, importantly, without widening membership to include non-judicial associations. Secretary-General Oberto recalled the rules concerning the proposition of amendments and sub-amendments, and subsequently a proposal has been put forwards by Mr Picken, Mr John Edwards (Ireland) and Mr. Wiggo Larssen

After the speech of Ms. Margrethe Vestager, European Commissioner for Competition, the Assembly considered some other items, such as the budget of the EAJ and extensive information was provided on the situation of the judiciary in Turkey and actions undertaken by EAJ, as well as on the Provident Fund of the European Association of Judges.

The assembly took note with pleasure of the information provided by the Portuguese delegation on the next springtime meeting of the EAJ, which will be held in Porto (Portugal), from 14th to 16th May, 2020.

The speech of Ms. Vestager is available at following web page:

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/commissioners/2014-2019/vestager/announcements/competition-and-rule-law-0_en.



RESOLUTION ON POLAND

1. At its meeting in Copenhagen on 10 May 2019 the - European Association of Judges ("EAJ") considered the provisions of the Act passed by the legislature of the Republic of Poland on 26 April 2019 amending the Act on the National Council of the Judiciary and the Act on the System of Administrative Courts.
2. The EAJ notes with much concern that, the Act of 26 April 2019 removes the right to bring proceedings challenging the appointment of a person to judicial office in the case of appointments to the Supreme Court. This removal from scrutiny of the appointment of persons as members of the Supreme Court constitutes an exception to the legal provisions governing the appointment of judges in Poland. It facilitates the appointment to the Supreme Court on political or other irrelevant grounds of persons lacking the qualifications and attributes which would be required for appointment on merit alone. It thereby threatens the independence of the Supreme Court and in turn the independence of the lower courts. It thus undermines the rule of law.
3. EAJ followed the many recent steps to change the legislation regarding the judiciary in Poland carefully and with great concern, including:
 - The reduction of the retirement age for sitting judges
 - The change in the way in which judicial members of the National Council of the Judiciary are elected
 - The creation of two new chambers of the Supreme Court, with a decisive influence of the executive power on the appointment of its member.
 - The regulation of disciplinary powers and their misuse.
 - The newly created power to reopen decided cases.
4. The EAJ observes further that the Act of 26 April 2019 was adopted when the conformity with European Union law of earlier alterations to the legal provisions governing the Supreme Court, the National Council of the Judiciary, and the judiciary in the lower courts is being considered by the Court of Justice of the European Union in proceedings pending before it. The EAJ considers that, far from bringing the provisions on the organisation of the judiciary in Poland into line with the requirements of European Union law, the Act of 26 April 2019 constitutes a further departure from those standards.
5. Moreover, in addition to abolishing any right to seek judicial review of appointments to the Supreme Court, the Act of 26 April 2019 also terminates with immediate effect all cases in which that right of challenge by judicial review is currently being exercised. Such interference by the legislature in ongoing judicial proceedings constitutes a serious interference with the independence of the judiciary and is inconsistent with any proper regard for the rule of law.
6. Accordingly, the EAJ
 - Deplores the foregoing provisions of the Act of 26 April 2019; and
 - Calls upon the executive and legislative authorities of the Republic of Poland to recognise the incompatibility of those provisions with international and European Union standards and take all appropriate measures to remove that incompatibility.

[Link document](#)

MEETING OF THE IBERO-AMERICAN GROUP – ROSARIO (APRIL 2019)



MEETING OF THE IBERO-AMERICAN GROUP – ROSARIO (ARGENTINA)
28th April – 1st May, 2019

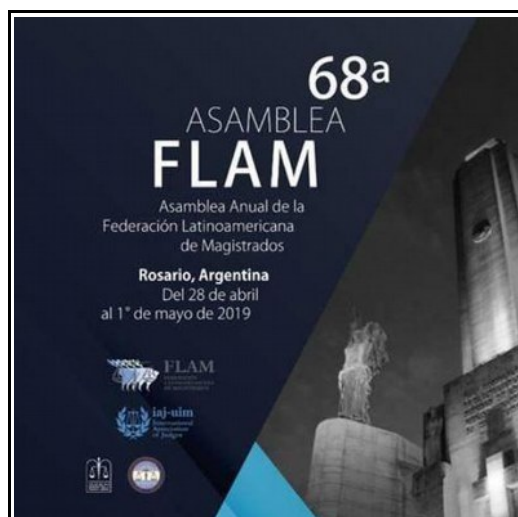
The springtime meeting of the Ibero-American Regional Group of the IAJ took place in Rosario (Argentina), from 28th April to 1st May, 2019, under the organisation of the Argentinean Association of Judges. In attendance were the majority of Associations belonging to the Group. The meeting was presided over by its Vice President Francisco Silla (Spain), as President Rafael de Menezes could not travel to Rosario for family reasons. In attendance were also the IAJ First Vice President and President of the EAJ, Mr. José Manuel Igreja Matos, as well as IAJ Deputy Secretary-General and Treasurer, Mr. Galileo D'Agostino. The IBA Group unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting held in Marrakesh in 2018 and the current status report on the judicial power of the member countries of the same Group.

The Deputy Secretary-General and Treasurer Mr. D'Agostino presented the financial report of the IBA Group, which was approved. During the event Judge Teresita Ricardi from Paraguay, representing the Union of Ibero-American Judges (UIJ), made a presentation on future work activities, explaining the way to increase the visibility of our organization. She also illustrated the site of the Union: <http://unioniberoamericanadejueces.com/site/>.

The assembly selected the Dominican Republic as the host country of the IV Seminar against Corruption due to take place in December 2019. In conjunction with the Latin American Federation of Judges - Flam, it approved an international oversight in Ecuador to address the issue of judicial assessments. In this sense, the Ibero-American Group - IBA, of which is part the Association of Magistrates and Judges of Ecuador - AEMAJ, wishes to participate as an international observer in the mentioned process. Therefore the IBA Group requested the President of the Judicial Council of Ecuador to accredit delegates of the IBA Group, which will be designated by the Group for the purpose.

The Group approved a declaration on the situation of Judge Maria Afuni of Venezuela, holding that her recent five-year sentence of imprisonment for an alleged crime of "spiritual" corruption infringes unacceptably the basic standards of human rights.

The next meeting of the IBA group was scheduled for the Annual Meeting of the UIM in the city of Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, on Sunday 15th September, and in April 2020 in Asunción, Paraguay.



MEETING OF THE AFRICAN REGIONAL GROUP – CAPE TOWN (JUNE 2019)



**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
JUDGES 2019 CONFERENCE DELEGATES**
MEETING OF THE AFRICAN REGIONAL GROUP – CAPE TOWN (SOUTH AFRICA)
2nd – 6th June 2019

The springtime meeting of the African Regional Group of the IAJ took place in Cape Town (South Africa) from 2nd to 6th June, 2019, under the organisation of JOASA (Judicial Officers Association of South Africa). In attendance were 11 IAJ African Member Associations, as well as delegations from six other non-member Countries (Botswana, Gabon, Kingdom of Eswatini, Lesotho, Zambia and Zimbabwe), which were admitted as observers, in view of a possible application for membership. The meeting was presided over by IAJ Vice-President Djamel Aidouni, with the attendance of IAJ President Tony Pagone and of IAJ Secretary-General Giacomo Oberto, as well as of Deputy Secretary-General Raffaele Gargiulo.

President Aidouni submitted his report and coordinated the presentation of national reports by delegates in attendance both from member and non-member Countries. He also took the floor on the subjects of the application of Gabon and of the interest shown by Ethiopia, Tanzania and Uganda on a possible application for membership.

President Aidouni invited the Group to encourage the associations in other African countries to apply for membership since, out of 54 countries in the African continent, only 19 national associations are member of the IAJ. He informed the assembly about his activities as rapporteur on the applications for membership submitted by the associations of Yemen and the Lebanon. He could not travel to Yemen because of the war and hoped to meet Yemenite judges in the Lebanon, as they had proposed, but finally they did not come. As to Lebanon, the representatives of the association proved to be passionate and engaged. President Aidouni informed the assembly about his participation in a seminar in Valencia (Spain) organized by the IAJ and the International Union of Notaries (see Annex II). He then referred to the Commission set up to reflect on the possibility of establishing a collegial body charged to assist the President of the African Group. The Commission did not draft a proposal until now and the President exhorted it to restart its activities. Ms. Benbelhassen (Tunisia) said that she was ready but the other two members were absent. The President then proposed to replace them in order to allow the Commission to work and to make a proposal during the present meeting. The Commission was composed, therefore, of Ms. Benbelhassen, Mr. Koutou Thomas (Ivory Coast) and Mr. Toussaint Attivi (Togo).

President Aidouni also explained the issues of the proposal of amendments of IAJ Statutes and of the relations with UN Special Rapporteur. He explained the importance of the participation of Group's representatives in working parties, such as the one presided over by Vice President Mikael Sjoberg on the issue of encouraging the creation of judicial associations in Countries of the world in which such organisations do not still exist. He pointed out that the African delegate in this group is the Senegalese colleague Abdoul Khadin K. Diop.

President Aidouni thanked in particular JOASA President Mr. Daniel Thulare not only for the perfect organisation of the event in Cape Town, but also for the activity deployed as African representative charged with keeping the relations with the UN Special Rapporteur; actually, his task is that of providing the office of Mr. Diego Garcia-Sayan with regular and updated information on the situation of judicial independence in African Countries. Mr. Aidouni also thanked the Tunisian delegate, Ms. Aicha Benbelhassen, for her participation in the working party co-ordinated by IAJ Deputy Secretary-General and Treasurer Mr. Galileo D'Agostino: this group is currently working on the issue of working and official languages within the IAJ.



It is also worth mentioning that, as no association offered the organisation of the springtime meeting of the Group in 2020, the President asked all member associations to kindly consider the possibility to host such an event.

The meeting of the African Group took place in the framework of an international conference on the topic of “*Safeguarding the independence and conditions of service of judicial officers*”. The event had been organised by the Group and by the local Association. During this conference several international participants took the floor (see Annex III).

WEB BASED MEETING OF THE ANAO REGIONAL GROUP (MAY 2019)



WEB BASED MEETING OF THE ANAO GROUP
15th May 2019

The web based meeting of the ANAO Regional Group of the IAJ took place on 15th May, 2019, under the co-ordination of Vice-President of the IAJ and President of the Group, Allyson Duncan. The meeting had members from Australia, Bermuda, Canada, Mongolia, New Zealand, Taiwan and the United States of America.

The Group approved the Minutes of Meeting in Marrakesh on October 14th, 2018. After this, the President submitted her report, in the framework of which she explained the proposed Revisions to the IAJ Statutes and Regulations and co-ordinated the debate on this point. The Group considered the activities of the other Regional Groups (agendas and meeting reports).

The ANAO Group then heard the report by the Taiwanese delegate Ms. Grace Lin on the Expert Group Meeting on the Gender-Related Judicial Integrity Issues Discussed by the UNODC at Seoul. After this Judge Robert Blair talked about the issue of “Judicial Stress”. In particular, Robert Blair noted that Justice Wilson has prepared an excellent paper on that subject from the Australian perspective and he will be the presenter in Kazakhstan. The paper touches on a number of important issues such as mental health, caseloads, panic attacks, and loneliness.

The Mongolian delegate Judge Tsogt Tsend discussed then the developments regarding the Mongolian judiciary. He underlined that the law on the judges’ status was amended. The National Security Council, which consists of the president, speaker, and prime minister, can suggest that the chief judge or any other judge be removed from the Supreme Court. The Court appealed to the Constitutional Court which has the final say. Immediately after the amendment, the Chief Justice resigned but there is a suspicion that this was coerced. The general prosecutor and his deputy have been dismissed under this law, as have members of an anti-corruption agency and a deputy. Many international organizations, including the UN Special Rapporteur on Judicial Independence, are weighing in on this issue and some rapporteurs from the UN are actually on site. ANAO sent a letter, which has been posted on the IAJ website (see: <https://www.iaj-uim.org/news/anao-letter-to-the-president-of-mongolia/>), asking the relevant parties to reconsider this amendment. Judge Tsend offered to circulate this information, including some links in English. He noted that corruption had been an issue in the Mongolian judiciary but hopes the country could overcome these laws. He will provide an update in Kazakhstan.

Finally the Group dealt with the efforts deployed for the possible recruitment of new members, discussing as well the applications from the Lebanon and the Philippines. In particular, Judge Tsend noted that South Korea is interested in applying and

would be in ANAO; Justice Kang, who is in charge of international affairs, reached out to President Duncan, Judge Tsend, and the Secretariat; the IAJ expressed its willingness to assist with the application. India has also been on ANAO's list since 2011; Judge Tsend has sent the standard letter but has not been successful yet. Judge Angela Kaptein of the Netherlands visited but was not able to make contact. Judge Tsend also tried to reach out to Bhutan, sent the standard letter, and met with some of the judges in Geneva. They promised to follow up but have not yet. Judge Tsend renewed the standard letter and sent it to the new Chief Justice.

President Duncan noted that she would be happy to follow up.

ANNEX I

“Contemporary Challenges on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers from a Global Perspective”

*International Conference organised by the
United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers,
the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and the New York City Bar Association
(New York, U.S.A., 9th to 11th February, 2019)*



On 9th to 11th February, 2019 an international conference was held in New York on the following subject: “Contemporary Challenges on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers from a Global Perspective.” The event was organised by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and the New York City Bar Association. The IAJ was represented by President Tony Pagone, First Vice-President José Manuel Igreja Matos, Vice-President Allyson Duncan and Secretary-General Giacomo Oberto.

Presentations from IAJ's Officials available here:

- President Tony Pagone:
<https://www.iaj-uim.org/iuw/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Possible-role-of-the-International-Assoc-of-Judges.pdf>
- First Vice-President José Igreja Matos:
<https://www.iaj-uim.org/iuw/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Conference-New-York-Jose-Igreja-Matos.pdf>
- Vice-President Allyson Duncan:
<https://www.iaj-uim.org/iuw/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Overview-of-the-Contemporary-Challenges-of-the-Independence-of-Judges-and-Lawyers.pdf>
- Secretary-General Giacomo Oberto:
https://www.iaj-uim.org/iuw/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Oberto_The_Universal_Charter_of_the_Judge_2017.pdf

ANNEX II***“Enforcement of Extra-Judicial Titles and Voluntary Jurisdiction”***

*Joint Workshop of the International Association of Judges and of the International Union of Notaries
(Valencia, Spain, 24th and 25th May, 2019)*



The International Association of Judges and the International Union of Notaries organised a Joint Workshop on the following subjects: “Enforcement of Extra-Judicial Titles and Voluntary Jurisdiction” in Valencia on 24th and 25th May, 2019.

Programme of the Workshop:

<https://www.iaj-uim.org/iuw/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/EN-PROGRAMME-Valencia-24-25-May.pdf>

Opening Speeches:

José Manuel IGREJA MATOS, First Vice President of the IAJ:

- <https://www.iaj-uim.org/iuw/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Copia-di-29184-1.pdf>

Giacomo OBERTO, Secretary-General of the IAJ:

- https://www.iaj-uim.org/iuw/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Oberto_Judges_and_Notaries_in_Europe.pdf

Presentations:

José Manuel IGREJA MATOS, *Jurisdicción Voluntaria*

- [*Jurisdicción Voluntaria*](#)

Giacomo OBERTO, *Marriage and Cohabitation Contracts*

- [*Prenuptial Agreements in Contemplation of Divorce: European and Italian Perspectives \[HTM\]*](#)
- [*Prenuptial Agreements in Contemplation of Divorce: European and Italian Perspectives \[PDF\]*](#)
- [*Prenuptial Agreements in Contemplation of Divorce: European and Italian Perspectives \[English hypertextual version\]*](#)
- [*Les contrats prénuptiaux en prévision d'un éventuel divorce et le rôle du notaire dans la prédétermination des conséquences de la crise du couple \[HTM\]*](#)
- [*Les contrats prénuptiaux en prévision d'un éventuel divorce et le rôle du notaire dans la prédétermination des conséquences de la crise du couple \[PDF\]*](#)
- [*Cohabitation Outside Marriage and Cohabitation Contracts in Italy*](#)

José Antonio GARCÍA VILA, Notary in Barcelona, Spain:

- [*The executive force of the public deed*](#)

Rafael MARTÍNEZ DÍE, Notary in Boadilla del Monte, Spain:

- [*The execution of extrajudicial titles*](#)

Nathalie LENDERMANN, Judge of Berlin Regional Court, Tegeler Weg Service:

- [*Overview on the execution of arbitral awards, ADR settlements, lawyer and notary settlements and other notary deeds under German and EU law*](#)

ERBER-FALLER, UINL Vice-president for Europe, Notary in Memmingen, Germany:

- *European Enforcement Order from a notary's point of view : in [German](#) and [Spanish](#)*

Juan MONTERO-RÍOS GIL, Notary in Torrent, Valencia, Spain:

- [*The notarial act in the law of real estate credit*](#)

Salvador TORRES RUIZ, Notary in Granada, Spain:

- The competences of Spanish notaries in voluntary jurisdiction: [*right of obligations, real rights, commercial law and*](#)

maritime law

Carlos JIMÉNEZ GALLEGO, Notary in Palma de Mallorca, Spain:

- <https://www.iaj-uim.org/iuw/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Jimenez-Gallego-seminario-valencia.pdf>

Articles

- <https://www.iaj-uim.org/iuw/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/COMPLETO-Dossier-Seminario-internacional-notarios-y-magistrados.pdf>
- <https://www.iaj-uim.org/iuw/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/NP-Inauguracion-Seminario-Internacional.pdf>

ANNEX III***“Safeguarding the Independence and Conditions of Service of Judicial Officers”****International Conference*

Organised by the African Group of the International Association of Judges and by the Judicial Officers Association of South Africa (JOASA)

*In the Framework of the 2019 Springtime Meeting of the African Regional Group of the IAJ
(Cape Town, South Africa, 4th June, 2019)*



On 3rd June, 2019, in Cape Town (South Africa), an international conference took place on the subject: “Safeguarding the independence and conditions of service of judicial officers.” The event was organised by the African Group of the International Association of Judges and by the Judicial Officers Association of South Africa (JOASA) in the Framework of the 2019 Springtime Meeting of the African Regional Group of the IAJ.

Programme of the meeting:

<https://www.iaj-uim.org/iuw/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/ARG-Programme-2-6-June-2019.pdf>

Agenda of the meeting:

https://www.iaj-uim.org/iuw/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/AGENDA_AFR-May-2019.pdf

Live streaming of the event:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjBZxW2zWh-MDMwn8hCq4sw>

Contributions and Interventions:

- Daniel Thulare – [Opening Address at the African Regional Group Meeting](#)
- Daniel Thulare – [Opening Remarks at the Welcome Dinner](#)
- Giacomo Oberto – [Selection and Appointment of Judges](#)
- Raffaele Gargiulo – [Security of Tenure](#)
- Report from Lesotho – [Working Conditions of Judges](#)
- Report from Zimbabwe – [Working Conditions of Judges](#)

ANNEX IV**“Quality And Efficiency Of Justice: Global Trends And Best Practices”
Nur-Sultan (Astana) International Justice Forum**

*Programme of the International Justice Forum
Organised by the International Association of Judges and by the Judges Association of Kazakhstan
In the Framework of the 2019 Annual Meeting of the International Association of Judges
(Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, 18th September, 2019)*

9.00-10.00	Registration and Welcome coffee	
BLOCK A 10.00-11.00	OPENING CEREMONY	
	MODERATOR - RAMIN GURBANOV (COE-CEPEJ)	
	Word of welcome from the Head of State	
	President of the IAJ Tony Pagone	
	President of the IACA Mark Beer	
	AIFC Chief Justice Lord Woolf	
	Chairman of the Supreme Court of Kazakhstan Zh.K. Asanov	
BLOCK B 11.00-12.30	PANEL DISCUSSION: MANAGING QUALITY OF JUSTICE: GLOBAL TRENDS AND BEST PRACTICES	
	MODERATOR – SANDIE OKORO , Senior Vice President and World Bank Group General Counsel	
	Participants: 1) Singapore – Chief Justice 2) Canada – Chief Justice (TBC) 3) South Korea – Chief Justice 4) Susan Acland-Hood, CEO of Her Majesty’s Courts and Tribunal Service (UK) 5) Duro Sessa (IAJ) 6) Allyson Duncan (IAJ) 7) Giacomo Oberto (IAJ)	
12.30-14.30	LUNCH BREAK (NOT COVERED)	
BLOCK C 14.30-16.30	SESSION 1: IT TECHNOLOGIES AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE Moderator:	SESSION 2: NEW SYSTEM FOR COURT MANAGEMENT Moderator – Mark Beer
	1) Professor Richard Susskind (UK) 2) The Head of the Court of the Internet (China) 3) Mohammed Al Suboosi, Chief Justice of the Commercial Courts or Arul Jose, Head of IT at the DIFC Courts (Dubai) 4) Dory REILING, Honorary senior judge, independent information technology and judicial reform expert (Netherlands)	1) Philip Langbroek (NL) 2) HR (judges and court staff) 3) Change Management (IFCE) 4) Dan Hall (US) 5) Jesper Wittrup, Efficiency and Data science (Denmark)
BLOCK D 16.30-17.00	CLOSING CEREMONY	
	Secretary-General of the IAJ Giacomo Oberto President of the IACA Mark Beer Chairman of the Supreme Court of Kazakhstan Zh.K. Asanov	
19.00	GALA DINNER	