

IATJ  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
September 7, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.  
Den Haag, Netherlands

Participants:

Chief Justice Rossiter  
Judge Michael Beusch  
Judge Wim Wijnen  
Judge Peter Panuthos  
Judge Akin Ajibola  
Judge Vesa-Pekka Nuotio  
Judge Anthony Gafoor  
Justice Henry Visser  
Judge Jennifer Davies

Absent with regrets:

Judge Philippe Martin  
Judge Vineet Kothari  
Judge Eui Young Lee  
Christopher McNall  
Caroline Vanderkerken

1. Financials:

- a) The budget for the year ending December 31, 2023 as of August 31, 2023 was approved as circulated.
- b) The financial status as of July 31, 2023 was approved as circulated.

2. Law Reports:

There was a discussion with respect to online collection of law reports in different jurisdictions when if at all possible linked and have a subscription based upon resource. Nigeria website has its own repository of its law and reports. This approach would show an immediate benefit to membership in the IATJ.

It was noted that online reports is the business of the IBFD. Many authors have access around the world. It was also noted that the

- IBFD have many reports available plus the IATJ on its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary had a special publication via IBFD for which many countries participated.
3. Human Rights Panel – Chile:  
There is the panel with respect to human rights of taxpayers held in Chile. Members of the IATJ participated on the panels.
  4. Scientific Committee:  
There was a prospect of a Scientific Committee on certain areas of the law. This would be a three to five year project with very limited resources presently available so it was thought to postpone this concept until resources were more readily available.
  5. Website:  
It was suggested that all membership countries have a website link to the IATJ website.
  6. Report of the 13<sup>th</sup> Assembly:
    - a) Program:  
The Permanent Program Committee started off with topics in November 2022 and established the topics by January 2023. The panelists were chosen by February keeping in mind concern with common law versus civil law, gender issues, experience in the topic and familiarity with the English language. By March and April all panels were in place. By April 1<sup>st</sup> the chairpersons were chosen. It was up to the chairperson to organize the panel and its structure.
    - b) Logistics:  
The logistics with respect to the lunch breaks, the dinner for Saturday, the opening reception for Friday, the excursions for both Friday, Saturday and Sunday were also discussed.
  7. Membership Recruitment:  
Membership and recruitment was discussed based upon the President's Report with respect to same.

8. Webinars:  
The webinar for 2023/2024 was also discussed.
9. Website:  
The situation with respect to the website was discussed.
10. Membership Survey:  
The prospect of developing a membership survey was considered and to be followed up by the Executive Committee.
11. Successorship Planning:  
A brief report was given in relation to the Executive Committee successorship planning session.
12. Nomination Committee:  
The Nomination Committee report was presented. The President and the Treasurer would each have two year terms; Judge Peter Panuthos would be brought on as Secretary/Treasurer for a one year term; Caroline Vanderkerken a 3 year term; Christopher McNall a 3 year term; Anthony Gafoor a 2 year term; Robert Koopman a 2 year term; Sam Sim a one year term and Pramod Kumar a one year term.
13. Location of Future Assemblies:  
The 14<sup>th</sup> Assembly 2024 possible locations, India and France; 2025 – Lisbon; 2026 – Melbourne and 2027 Stockholm.

There was a request from Anthony Gafoor to have the IATJ Assembly considered to be in the Americas, in particular, Trinidad and Tobago. There was the possibility of work with other courts for translation purposes.

14. Other Business:
  - a) There was a suggestion that we have Teams meetings in the future. It was decided that MS Teams would be used for Executive Committee and Board of Directors meeting in the future.

- b) Review and revisit the current constitution for any tweaking requirements needed.
- c) Newsletters – the production of newsletters was also a consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.