

IATJ  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
February 27, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.  
By Teleconference

Participants:

Chief Justice Eugene Rossiter  
Judge Philippe Martin  
Judge Michael Beusch  
Judge Friederike Grube  
Judge Wim Wijnen  
Justice Henry Visser

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.
2. The Minutes of:
  - a) Executive Committee meeting of September 8, 2022
  - b) Board of Directors meeting of September 8, 2022
  - c) Board of Directors meeting of September 11, 2022were approved as circulated.
3. The President reviewed the following:
  - a) Actual Budget Year Ending December 31, 2022 was presented in terms of revenue and expenses and any matter which were outstanding;
  - b) Financial Status as of December 31, 2022 was approved as circulated.
4. 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly  
The President advised that there were no accounts outstanding with respect to the 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly save and except the finalization of the account of honorarium which may be presented to the general reporter Bob Michel.

The President reviewed the variety of letters of thanks that he had forwarded to the Curia of Hungary including letters of thanks to the President of the Curia of Hungary, Dr. András Zsolt Varga, Director of International Affairs, Dr. Lipót Hóltzl, Dr. Péter Darák and Dr. Csilla Heinemann expressing the appreciation for all of the assistance which was rendered by the Curia of Hungary in making the 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly such a huge success. The President also confirmed that letters of thanks for attendance had gone out to all attendees of the 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly. Follow up letters were sent to IATJ members inquiring as to why they were unable to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly. This was done to get some direction as to what might be done to improve the attractiveness of the program or reasons why members did not attend which could be addressed.

#### 5. Website Update

The President reviewed the steps being taken with respect to the website update including the following:

- a) Announcement on the home page of the website of the 13<sup>th</sup> Assembly as to the dates and location and pictorial representation of The Hague;
- b) Pop up announcement on all aspects of the website for the 5<sup>th</sup> webinar announcing the date is April 21, 2023, the Chairperson, and the topic;
- c) Executive and Board members for 2022-2023 will be revised and put on the website in the near future;
- d) Assembly information with respect to the 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly has been collected and will be put on the website including a General Report once it is completed. Other Assemblies have also been analyzed to ensure that they are complete;
- e) Minutes from the 11<sup>th</sup> Virtual Assembly for 2021 as well as the President's Report from the 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly will also be placed on the website;
- f) An updated membership list for 2022 will also be on the website giving the name of the member, the court, the country and the members email address.

6. General Reporter

It was agreed that it was crucial for IATJ to provide information to our colleagues both present and prospective members and the public generally who may seek information from our website. It is imperative we continue with the services of Bob Michel as the general reporter for the assemblies as well as the webinars. Attempts have been made to formalize this relationship and hopefully will be finalized in the near future.

7. Membership and Recruitment

There was a comprehensive discussion about the possibility of establishing a recruitment committee and the pros and cons with respect to a freestanding recruitment committee. It was generally concluded that the IATJ should focus on keeping the website up to date with as much information as possible which will be of interest to members and potential members. It was felt that the website would be best useful to maintain and attract members.

The President also advised that he was researching to develop a list of all tax courts and tribunals around the world with particulars with respect to their jurisdiction, President or Chairperson with a view preparing a letter for and on behalf of the IATJ inviting the Presidents/Chairpersons of such courts or tribunals to join the IATJ or at the very least circulate information on the IATJ to the members of such courts and tribunals. Once the research is complete this will be followed up on immediately.

8. Translation of Website

There was a discussion with respect to the possibility of translation of the website. Again it was suggested that we focus on the completeness and regular updating of the website as it is the cornerstone for information on the IATJ. It was felt that a translated or having a home page in French; Spanish or German would not be suffice.

9. Scientific Research Project

This matter was discussed on prior occasions with the Executive Committee. Wim Wijnen had explained his concept with respect to the scientific project and the limitations that we are operating under

at the present time. It was agreed that this was conceptually a very good idea but we must focus on the successionship at the present time for the leadership of the IATJ plus the website as the information base for potential new members.

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