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XVIII CONFERENCE — RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

The Council of the Inter-American Bar Association met last January 29-30 in Mexico City to discuss the program and plans for the XVIII Conference to be held in Rio de Janeiro, August 18-24, 1973. The *Barra Mexicana-Colegio de Abogados*, with Lic. Benjamin Flores Barroeta as its President, was the host association for the meeting. Dr. Theophilo de Azeredo Santos, President of the *Instituto dos Advogados Brasileiros*, the host association for the XVIII Conference, and also Chairman of the Organizing Committee, attended the meeting and advised that plans were well advanced in Brazil and that the Federal Government, the Government of the State of Guanabara and the Minister of Justice have assured their full support to the host association.

In addition to the topics approved for consideration by the Committees during the Conference, there will be three principal topic-themes to be considered by the overall Conference, i.e. 1) Law and Technology; 2) Capital Markets; 3) Law on Latin American Integration. Three experts will make presentations of these subjects during the general sessions American Integration.

Further information on the XVIII Conference and other IABA's activities can be obtained by writing directly to: John O. Dahlgren, Esq., Secretary General, IABA, 1730 K Street, N.W., Suite 315, Washington, D. C. 20006.

(*) Topics marked with an asterisk are translations from original Spanish texts.

(**) Those marked with two asterisks are topics suggested since the Council meeting in Mexico.

TOPICS FOR XVIII CONFERENCE

Main Topic-Themes to be presented at general sessions by specially designated experts:

1) Law and Technology 2) Capital Markets 3) Law on Latin American Integration.

The following topics have been approved by the Council for consideration by the Committees during the Conference. Additional or revised topics may be approved at a later date. This list reflects the new Committee structure.

I. PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

**Topic 1. Uniform standards for legislation on tourism.

**Topic 2. Business Men's Visas to the United States.

Sec. A. Oceanography and the Law of the Sea

Topic 1. The establishment of clear responsibility for regulating fisheries.

Topic 2. The need to assure conservation of the resources of the sea.

Topic 3. The protection of the economic interests of Coastal states in such resources of the sea.

Topic 4. International cooperation in fisheries research and development.

Sec. B. United Nations and Hemispheric Organizations

Sec. C. Juridical Defense of Western Democracy

Sec. D. Inter-American Air Law

*Topic 1. Legal aspects of air transportation and tourism as related to integration and development (jointly with Com. XI, Sec. A, topic 4).

II. PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

*Topic 1. Inter-American Specialized Conference on Private International Law convoked by the OAS to be held in 1973.

Topic 2. International judicial cooperation in penal matters.

*Topic 3. Attachment before judgment and actual collection of pensions or alimony (specially in connection with foreign judgments).

Sec. A. International Judicial Procedure

Topic 1. The Hague Conventions on private international law.

III. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Sec. A. Defense of Independence of the Judiciary and Irremovability of Judges

*Topic 1. Assurance of representative elections.

*Topic 2. Financing of Courts.

*Topic 3. Enforcement of judicial decrees and judgments.

Sec. B. Delay and Congestion in the Courts

Topic 1. Study of the various systems established in the American countries to prevent delay and congestion in the Courts.

Sec. C. Constitutional Problems of Latin American Integration

*Topic 1. Constitutional crisis and changes.

*Topic 2. Workable models of constitutional structures.

*Topic 3. What forms of Court structures are compatible with development and freedom.

IV. MUNICIPAL LAW

Sec. A. Housing Law

Topic 1. The use of condominiums in Latin America.

V. CIVIL LAW

Sec. A. Law of the Person and of the Family
(Law of the person, paternity, heirship, domestic relations).

**Topic 1. Inter-American recognition and enforcement of judgments of divorce, custody, alimony and maintenance.

*Sec. B. Law of Personal Property, Obligations and Contracts
(Civil Liability Negligence, Contracts).*

- *Topic 1. Compulsory automobile insurance to cover civil responsibility.

Sec. C. Intellectual and Industrial Property

- Topic 1. Industrial property licenses under existing and proposed legislation, and work in this area undertaken by the OAS and the Commission of the Agreement of Cartagena.
- **Topic 2. Support to the Meeting of Governmental Experts on Industrial Property convoked by the OAS to be held in 1973.
- *Topic 3. The role of patents in the transfer of technology to developing countries.
- Topic 4. Juridical problems of intellectual and industrial property.
- Topic 5. Inter-American Institute on Copyright.

VI. CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL PROCEDURE

Sec. A. Inter-American Commercial Arbitration

- Topic 1. Comparative study of the law and practice of commercial arbitration in the countries of Latin America.
- Topic 2. The use of arbitration to resolve economic disputes between foreign private entities and host Governments or quasi-Government corporations.
- Topic 3. Consequences to Inter-American Commercial Arbitration of the accession by Latin American Governments to the U.N. 1958 Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards.

VII. COMMERCIAL LAW

Sec. A. Banking Laws and Trusts

- *Topic 1. Bank financing for economic integration.
- *Topic 2. Uniform law on securities and credit certificates (jointly with Com. XI, Sec. A, topic 5).

Sec. B. Transportation

Topic 1. The application of a Unified Code of Highway Safety to the Pan American Highway.

Sec. C. Corporation Law

*Topic 1. Multinational corporations (jointly with Com. XI, Sec. A, topic 1).

*Topic 2. Joint ventures.

Sec. D. Insurance

*Topic 1. Insurance against political risks.

*Topic 2. Uniform law on inter-American insurance.

Sec. E. Bankruptcy

*Topic 1. Comparative study of Bankruptcy laws in the American countries.

Sec. F. Communications

Topic 1. Influence of technology on developing communications laws of the Americas.

Topic 2. Legal problems in connection with membership in IN-TELSAT.

Topic 3. Comparative communications laws of the Americas.

Topic 4. Legal aspects of direct satellite communication.

VIII. CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

Topic 1. Death penalty in connection with hijacking.

Topic 2. Crimes connected with drugs.

Topic 3. The law on transplants.

Topic 4. Kidnapping.

**Topic 5. Extradition.

*Topic 6. Legislation on juvenile delinquency in America.

IX. LABOR LAW

Topic 1. Comparative study of the labor laws in force in the Western Hemisphere.

X. FISCAL LAW*Sec. A. Taxation*

Topic 1. Relations between tax authorities and tax payers.

Topic 2. Continuation of studies on effect of inflation on taxation.

Topic 3. Tax Haven in America.

*Sec. B. Customs Law***XI. LEGAL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION***Sec. A. Legal Aspects of Economic Development and Integration*

*Topic 1. Multinational corporations. (jointly with Com. VII, Sec. C, topic 1).

*Topic 2. Nature of juridical relations between foreign private entities and the National Government.

*Topic 3. Science and technology and its influence in law.

*Topic 4. Legal aspects of air transportation and tourism as related to integration and development (jointly with Com. I, Sec. D).

*Topic 5. The role of securities legislations and capital market's improvement in assisting the economic development of a country (jointly with Com. VII, Sec. A, topic 2).

Sec. B. Monopoly and Restrictive Commercial Practices

*Topic 1. Model Antitrust Law

XII. LEGAL EDUCATION*Sec. A. Inter-American Academy of International and Comparative Law*

Sec. B. Deans of Law School in the Western Hemisphere

- **Topic 1.** The role of the Law Schools in the promotion of economic integration in the Americas.

XIII. LEGAL DOCUMENTATION

- Topic 1.** Studies on progress of all projects on Digesting, Indexing and Codifying throughout the Hemisphere.

XIV. ACTIVITIES OF LAWYERS

Sec. A. Professional Standards of Conduct

Sec. B. Assistance and Social Security for Lawyers

- **Topic 1.** Unemployment insurance for lawyers.

Sec. C. Legal Aid

Sec. D. Problems in Starting the Legal Profession

- *Topic 1.** Statement of the problems in starting a legal practice.

XV. NATURAL RESOURCES

Sec. A. Oil and Gas Laws

- Topic 1.** Studies of recent oil and gas laws.

Sec. B. Laws Concerning Agriculture

- Topic 1.** Survey of current agrarian reform laws.

Sec. C. Environmental Law

- *Topic 1.** Legal problems on ecology and pollution

XVI. SPACE LAW

- Topic 1.** Impact of Space Law on general international law.

- Topic 2.** Legal aspects of earth resources and the earth environment.

Topic 3. Legal regime of earth orbital stations.

Topic 4. Legal problems concerning the Moon and other celestial bodies.

XVII. MILITARY LAW

Topic 1. Study of the source, specialized training, use, and status of lawyers in the armed forces of the hemisphere.

Topic 2. Study of national laws of the countries of the hemisphere relative to voting rights of members of the armed forces.

Topic 3. Study of military sentencing in the countries of the hemisphere.

Topic 4. Study of rules and regulations for the rehabilitation of military prisoners in the countries of the hemisphere.

XVIII. HUMAN RIGHTS

*Topic 1. Science and technology in relation to human rights.

*Topic 2. Exhaustion of internal resources in the inter-American system for the protection of human rights.

*Topic 3. Evaluation of factors in each country causing delay in the ratification of the American Convention on Human Rights (Costa Rica, 1969).

*Topic 4. Means to promote cultural, social and economic rights.

*Topic 5. Establishment of National Committees on Human Rights and coordination of their activities with the appropriate agencies of the U.N. and the O.A.S.

XIX. FOOD AND DRUG LAW

*Topic 1. Government regulations in the pharmaceutical industry.

Topic 2. Current developments and trends of the Latin American food and drug law.

XX. NUCLEAR LAW

- Topic 1. Support to the Special Legal Committee of the Inter-American Nuclear Energy Commission.
- Topic 2. Ratification of/or Adherence to the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage.
- Topic 3. Establishment of national legislation and regulations governing peaceful nuclear energy activities.

XXI. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND PROCEDURE