

IATJ  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE  
February 8, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.  
By Teleconference

Participants:

Eugene Rossiter, Philippe Martin, Michael Beusch, Friederike Grube and Wim Wijnen

1. The Minutes of the meeting of December 21, 2018 were approved as circulated.

2. Financial Report:

The President provided a comprehensive financial report:

a) for the budget year ending December 31, 2018, all figures were in for the operations for the year and show a surplus as anticipated from the initial budget. Some explanations were given with respect to some items which were over expended during the 9<sup>th</sup> Assembly; and

b) the financial status as of November 30, 2018 was also reviewed with particulars on monies on deposit and the status of the financial resources of the IATJ.

3. 10<sup>th</sup> Assembly Update:

Program:

(a) Judge Wim Wijnen advised that the Program has basically been completed with the exception of some information from the UK including particulars as to who would give the welcoming comments and who was going to present on the panel on UK Tax Procedures. This information is expected to be completed by March 31, 2019. In the meantime, a condensed version of the Program will be made available on the website for circulation and promotional purposes.

(b) Logistics – A report from Malcolm Gammie with respect to the logistics for the 10<sup>th</sup> Assembly was briefly reviewed. The President advised that he will be in contact with Malcolm Gammie to discuss and flesh out some particular items per the protocol that is usually followed on logistical items for each Assembly. Some items which were mentioned were ensuring for appropriate tables for panel presentation members plus in the presentation room appropriate audio/visual, as well as concerns with respect to responsibility for printing of materials.

4. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project:

Judge Wim Wijnen advised that he had made invites to eleven (11) countries (both civil and common law) to participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project. These countries have experience in dealing with international tax law and in particular international treaty law. He received positive responses from four (4) countries and expects to receive responses from others in the near future. There was some concern with respect to the title for the publication and this is to be dealt with by Judge Wim Wijnen to ensure that both common and civil law countries comprehend what the papers are about. It is planned that the papers will be subject to review by an editorial board by May 1, 2019 and will be published by the IBFD with 100 to 125 copies being made available to the IATJ for distribution to its members with possibly some costs being associated with same.

5. Website:

The President advised that the website is continuing to be updated. It is an ongoing project which he will monitor as time progresses and proof the site to ensure that everything is accurate.

6. Membership:

The Executive Committee is continuing to solicit member support around the world. Judge Wim Wijnen is pursuing opportunities in South Africa. Invitations were also made to Judges from New Zealand, as well as acknowledging a new member from the Ukraine and the India Appellate Tribunal and other Courts in India.

7. Speaking Engagements:

It was noted that the IATJ will have two representatives speaking at a conference sponsored by the UN in Nairobi, Kenya in March 2019. This speaking engagement is consistent with the outreach program of the IATJ and the assistance it can provide to developing countries. All other speaking engagements will go through the Executive Committee for appropriate assignment.

8. Newsletters:

The President advised that he needs materials for circulation in the newsletters and is looking for assistance with respect to same.

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