



**IALS**

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS

## **WHAT IS THE IALS?**

The International Association of Law Schools (IALS) is a non-profit organization founded in 2005 with a membership of educational institutions, associations, and legal educators from throughout the world. Its members are committed to the proposition that the quality of legal education in any society is improved when students learn about other cultures and legal systems and the diverse approaches to solving legal problems employed in those legal systems.



## WHAT LED TO THE FOUNDING OF IALS?

The idea for an international association of law schools emerged from several meetings of legal educators from around the world who recognized the growing inter-relationship of norms from transnational legal systems. The first such meeting, held in Florence, Italy, in 2000 consisted of 50 invited legal educators from twenty-seven countries. This meeting led to additional meetings of international legal educators, the most recent of which was held May 2004 in Hawaii. At this meeting, 130 legal educators from forty-seven different countries unanimously adopted a resolution to form a new international association of law schools. In May 2005 a select group of legal educators from fourteen different countries, representing all types of the world's legal systems, gathered in Istanbul, Turkey, and agreed to the terms of a charter for the International Association of Law Schools. In October 2005, the IALS was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia in the United States of America.

## WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE IALS?

*The mission of IALS is to:*

- foster mutual understanding of and respect for the world's varied and changing legal systems and cultures as a contribution to justice and a peaceful world;

- enhance and strengthen the role of law in the development of societies through legal education;
- serve as an open and independent forum for discussion of diverse ideas about legal education;
- contribute to the development and improvement of law schools and conditions of legal education throughout the world;
- contribute to the better preparation of lawyers as they increasingly engage in transnational or global legal practice, and when they pursue careers other than private practice, including governmental, non-governmental, academic, and corporate careers.
- share experience and practices regarding legal education;

## WHO MAY BECOME AN IALS MEMBER?

IALS has both voting and non-voting members. Voting members are institutions offering legal education. Non-Voting members include individual legal educators and associations of law schools. All members are committed to the principles and mission of the Association and to paying dues in an amount established by the Governing Board. Specific membership requirements and the membership application can be found on the IALS web site at [www.ialsnet.org](http://www.ialsnet.org).

Each voting member has one vote in the General Assembly, which is the ultimate authority of the Association. To assure that IALS will not be dominated by law schools in any single country the charter provides that, regardless of the number of voting members from any one country, no more than 10 percent of the vote totals in the General Assembly may be from such country.

The General Assembly elects eighteen members to the Governing Board. The Governing Board consists of four officers (President, President-elect, Immediate Past

President, and General Secretary/Treasurer). No country may have more than one member of the Governing Board except that one additional person may serve as an officer.

## HOW TO JOIN IALS

Applicants for membership should complete and return the application in this brochure or download it from [www.ialsnet.org](http://www.ialsnet.org).

**FOUNDING WORKING GROUP MEETING IN ISTANBUL** — Left to right starting in the back — V.S. Elizabeth, *National Law School of India University, India*; Yoshiko Terao, *University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Law and Politics, Japan*; Roger Burridge, *University of Warwick School of Law, United Kingdom*; Vincenzo Ferrari, *University of Milan, Italy*; Noor Aziah Hoji Mohd Awol, *Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia*; John B.K. Kaburise, *University of Development Studies, Ghana*; Monica Pinto, *University of Buenos Aires, Argentina*; Francis S. L. Wang, *Kenneth Wang School of Law, Soochow University, China*; Craig Scott, *Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Canada*; Mohammad Al-Moqatei, *Kuwait University School of Law, Kuwait*; Flávia Piovesan, *Catholic University of São Paulo, Faculty of Law, Brazil*; Joyce Saltalamachia, *Deputy Director, AALS, United States of America*; Carl C. Monk, *IALS President, United States of America*; Stephen Parker, *Monash University, Australia*; Dr. Feridun Yenisey, *Bahcesehir University, School of Law, Turkey*; **FOUNDING BOARD MEMBERS NOT PICTURED** — Norman Dorsen, *New York University School of Law, United States of America*; Chuma C. Himonga, *University of Cape Town, Faculty of Law, South Africa*; Frans Vanistendael, *K. U. Leuven Faculty of Law, Belgium*



## MEMBER APPLICATION



Name of Law School, Organization, or Individual \_\_\_\_\_

University Affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Name (for schools and organizations) \_\_\_\_\_

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Web site (for schools and organizations) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Complete \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ submits this application for membership in the International Association of Law Schools (IALS).

By submitting this application \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledges that (it, he or she) is the legal educator or type of institution described in section 3 of the Charter and pledges commitment to the mission and goals of the IALS and agrees to pay annual dues in the amount determined by the Charter and Governing Board of the IALS.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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