

## **DASLS International Relations Sub-Committee**

### List of International Organisations

It is hoped that DASLS Members will find this list helpful – any feedback would be welcome to [monique@dasls.com](mailto:monique@dasls.com) - thank you.

#### **1. American Bar Association (ABA)**

Aims are to serve their members, improve the profession, eliminate bias and enhance diversity and advance the rule of law.

The ASA was established in 1878.

It is open to all lawyers, not just those from USA.

[www.americanbar.org](http://www.americanbar.org)

321 North Clark Street

Chicago

#### **2. International Development Law Organisation (IDLO)**

IDLO is an intergovernmental organization with a mandate to promote the rule of law. Headquarters are in Rome and IDLO is also present in Hague. The vision of IDLO is one where law, broadly defined, creates the premises for development. IDLO enables countries to design reform and strengthen those laws, and institutions most apt to deliver justice, dignity and economic opportunity. IDLO has experience of working in 170 countries with a network of 2500 experts.

[www.idlo.int](http://www.idlo.int)

#### **3. International Law Association**

The International Law Association was founded in Brussels in 1873. Its objectives, under its Constitution, are “ the study, clarification and development of international law, both public and private, and the furtherance of international understanding and respect for international law “. The ILA has consultative status, as an international non- governmental organization, with a number of the United Nations specialized agencies. The activities of the ILA are organized by the Executive Council, assisted by the Headquarters Secretariat in London.

Membership of the Association, at present about 3500, is spread among Branches throughout the world. The ILA welcomes as members all those interested in its objectives. Its membership ranges from lawyers in private practice, academia, government and the judiciary, to non-lawyer experts from arbitration organizations and chambers of commerce.

The association’s objectives are pursued primarily through the work of its International Committees, and the focal point of its activities is the series of Biennial Conferences. The

conferences, of which 75 have so far been held in different locations throughout the world, provide a forum for the comprehensive discussion and endorsement of the work of the Committees.

British Branch = St. Anne's College, Oxford, OX2 6HS

[www.ila-hq.org](http://www.ila-hq.org)

#### **4. Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC)**

The ACC is the world's largest organization serving the professional and business interests of attorneys who practice in the legal departments of corporations, associations and other private – sector organizations around the globe.

Promotes the common interests of members, provides resources to help save them time, money and effort, contributes to their continuing education, helps them succeed in their careers and provides a voice on issues of national and international importance.

[www.acc.com](http://www.acc.com)

#### **5. Avocats Sans Frontiers (Lawyers Without Borders)**

ASF is non-governmental organization acting in the field of law and justice. It was created in 1992 by a small group of lawyers who strongly believed they could contribute to a more equitable and united world. ASF works to promote, strengthen and protect civil, political, social and cultural human rights of individuals and peoples.

[www.asf.be](http://www.asf.be)

#### **6. Black Entertainment & Sports Lawyers Association.**

BESLA is an international organization of lawyers and other entertainment and sports industry executives that supports a more diversified, expert and informed group of entertainment and sports industry professionals.

[www.besla.org](http://www.besla.org)

#### **7. European Association of Lawyers for Democracy & World Human Rights (ELDH)**

ELDH is a non – profit progressive organization which presently unites lawyers in 16 European countries who struggle together for human rights and civil liberties, social and economic rights, democracy, the rights of migrants and refugees, the right to development of all countries, equal rights for women and men, minority rights, the right of peoples to self – determination, and the prosecution, of war – criminals and perpetrators of human rights violations against dictatorships oppression of the people, discrimination, racism , war and all violations of human rights.

[www.eldh.eu](http://www.eldh.eu)

## **8. European Company Lawyers Association (ECLA)**

The main Purposes of The Association are : to represent its members at European and International Level , to create Centres for Studies, Documentation and contacts for the purpose of improving the exchange of professional information among Its members : to organize meetings, conferences and seminars to promote legal research.

[www.ecla.org](http://www.ecla.org)

## **9. International Academy of Estate and Trust Law**

IAETL is comprised of members who practice or have offices in twenty –six countries. Membership is highly selective. The Academy bylaws limit membership to one – fourth of one percent of the notaries, solicitors, lawyers, judges and professors of any country.

All Academicians must have practiced law in the Academy’s areas of interest for at least ten years and must have distinguished themselves through lecturing, writing or participation in the professional organizations. They must also have demonstrated a significant interest in the continuing development of the law of their own countries.

[www.international-academy.org](http://www.international-academy.org)

## **10. International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers**

The IAML is a worldwide association of practicing lawyers who are recognized by their peers as the most experienced and expert family law specialists in their respective countries.

[www.iaml.org](http://www.iaml.org)

## **11. International Association of Democratic Lawyers**

Since IADL’S founding in 1946 in Paris, IADL members have participated in the struggles that have made the violation of human rights of groups and individuals and threats to international peace and security, legal issues under international law. From its inception, IADL members throughout the globe have protested racism, colonialism, and economic and political injustice wherever they interfere with legal and human rights, often at the cost of these jurists personal safety economic well being.

## **12. International Association of Entertainment Lawyers**

IAEL members are all lawyers, either in private practice or industry, whose areas of expertise cover nearly all aspects of entertainment law. The IAEL provides a specialist, international forum for the sharing of knowledge and experience of legal and commercial issues of interest and concern to its members.

[www.iael.org](http://www.iael.org)

### **13. International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists**

IAJLJ strives to advance human rights, everywhere, including the prevention of war crimes, the punishment of war criminals, the prohibition of weapons of mass destruction, and international co-operation based on the rule of law and the fair implementation of international covenants and conventions.

10 Daniel FRISCH Street, Tel.Aviv 64731, Israel

[www.intjewishlawyers.org](http://www.intjewishlawyers.org)

### **14. International Association of Lawyers – UIA**

The UIA is an association open to all lawyers of the world, made up of both general and specialist practitioners, counting more than 200 associations, organizations of federations ( representing nearly two million lawyers ) as well as several thousand individual members from over 110 countries.

25 Rue du Jour 75001, Paris

[www.uianet.org](http://www.uianet.org)

### **15. International Association of Sports Law**

IASL is an international scientific association founded during the 1<sup>st</sup> international Congress of Sports Law in December 1992 in Athens and seated in Olympia, Greece. Since then IASL is activated as far as administrative matters are concerned in Athens and in its President's country of origin.

13 Veranzeron Street, 10677 Athens, Greece

[www.iasl.org](http://www.iasl.org)

### **16. International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA.)**

AIJA is the only global association devoted to lawyers and in-house counsel aged 45 and under.

Through a wide range of meetings, seminars, law courses and advocacy, it aims to promote professional cooperation and friendship among young career – building legal professionals on an international stage.

Rue Hotel des Monnaies 133, BE-1060 Brussels

[www.aija.org](http://www.aija.org)

### **17. International Bar Association**

IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world. Through its various sections and committees; the IBA enables an interchange of information and views among its members as to laws, practices and professional responsibilities relating to the practice of business law throughout the world.

10 St Bride Street, London EC4A 4AD

[www.ibanet.org](http://www.ibanet.org)

### **18. International Commission of Jurists**

ICJ is an international NGO, dedicated to the implementation of international law and principles that advance human rights.

[www.icj.org](http://www.icj.org)

### **19. International Criminal Defence Attorneys Association**

The ICDAA International Criminal Defence Attorneys Association is an INGO dedicated to strengthening fair trial rights and an independent legal profession in the emerging international criminal justice system. Their mission : Organize a full through and structured defence in order to guarantee the right to a fair trial, thereby bolstering the legitimacy of the judicial process within the international sphere, contribute to the development of a truly independent legal profession both on the national level, specifically in countries such as the ICC, reconstruction , and on the international level, within international institutions such as the ICC, create the support a world – wide network of professionals by bringing together lawyers, law professors and specialists as well as institutions such as the International Criminal Bar (ICB) and national bars : all in the goal of ensuring a strong and vigorous voice for the defence, promote the continued education of attorneys pleading before international tribunals by organizing training sessions, workshops and conferences in order to develop the highest standards of ethics and competence within the international legal profession, implementing defence culture by the establishing structures to provide legal aid ,notably in post – conflict countries attempting to rebuild their legal infrastructure and move towards a system of democracy and rule of law.

[www.aiad-icdaa.org](http://www.aiad-icdaa.org)

### **20. International Criminal Law Network**

ICLN was founded in 2002 by various international experts with the mission to organize professional and social interaction between practitioners, academics and policymakers in international criminal law.

[www.facebook.com/pages/International-Criminal-Law-Network](https://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Criminal-Law-Network)

## **21. International Law Association**

The International Law Association has around 50 branches worldwide and a growing membership of academics and practicing professionals with an interest in international law. The main objectives of the Association are the study, clarification and development of both public and private international law. It is in the work of the various International Committees that these aims are pursued and biennial conferences provide a forum for comprehensive discussion and endorsement for the work of these committees.

[www.ila-hq.org](http://www.ila-hq.org)

## **22. International Lawyers 'Associations**

ILAF's primary goal is to provide the legal community (including practicing attorneys, in house lawyers, academics, and international law students) with the opportunity to get to know each other, share experiences, expand professional opportunities and above, all have fun.

[www.hg.org/lawfirms-association.html](http://www.hg.org/lawfirms-association.html)

## **23. International Media Lawyers Association**

An international network of lawyers working in the areas of media law, media freedom and media policy, and committed to promoting and defending the fundamental human rights of freedom of expression and freedom of information.

[www.internationalmedialawyers.org](http://www.internationalmedialawyers.org)

## **24. International Municipal Lawyers Association**

IMLA is a non – profit professional organization that has been an advocate and resource for local government attorneys since 1935. Owned solely by over 2500 members, IMLA services as an international clearinghouse of legal information and cooperation on municipal legal matters. IMLA collects from and disseminates information to its membership across the United States and Canada and helps governmental officials prepare for litigation and develop new local news.

[www.imla.org](http://www.imla.org)

## **25. International Pension & Employee Benefits Lawyers Association**

A non – profit organization constituted under the laws of the Netherlands was formed in 1987 to bring together lawyers and other legal professionals throughout the world with a practical interest in the legal aspects of pension schemes and other employee benefit arrangements. Membership in IPEBLA provides access to a network of international pension and benefit lawyer working in academic, institutional, private practice and corporate settings.

[www.ipebla.org](http://www.ipebla.org)

**26. International Sport Lawyers Association.**

ISLA is a worldwide association of international, mainly European, based sports lawyers that was established under the laws of Switzerland. The legal environment in professional and non – professional sports is expanding constantly. Experience shows that athletes and sports organizations could not have kept up with these developments by themselves. There is a huge challenge not only in the composition of contracts and charters of associations, but also managing a self- governing comprehensive body of legislation.

[www.isla-int.com](http://www.isla-int.com)

**27. International Technology Law Association (I Tech Law)**

IT Tech Law is the world’s premier organization representing lawyers in the field of technology law. The organization enjoys worldwide membership, representing six continents and a broad spectrum of expertise. Operating as a non – profit organisation ITech Law remains dedicated to providing quality education and networking opportunities for technology law professionals and students.

[www.itechlaw.org](http://www.itechlaw.org)

**28. Lex Fori L’ espace international du droit**

Lex Fori supplies legal support, independent advice and counsel necessary, so clients can be equally at ease negotiating an agreement with a supplier in their own country, choosing a business partner on the other side of the globe, litigating with a local competitor, or collecting a debt thousands of kilometers from home.

[www.lexfori.net](http://www.lexfori.net)

**29. Organisation for the Harmonisation of Business Law in Africa**

OHADA is an organization created on October 17, 1993 in Port – Louis, Mauritius, comprising several francophone African countries wishing to update their business law. Ohada Legis is a network of professionals specialized in African Business Law The members of the Network and outside contributors carry out various surveys on business law and on – line analysis of law in the framework of which will be underlined the incidences and opportunities in this legal environment as well as its limits or shortcomings.

[www.africanlii.org](http://www.africanlii.org)

### **30. The Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)**

CCBE represents the Bars and Law Societies of 32 member countries and 13 further associate countries and through them 1 million European Lawyers. CCBE was founded in 1960 and is recognized as the voice of the European legal profession.

[www.ccbe.eu/](http://www.ccbe.eu/)

### **31. International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)**

Composed of 60 eminent judges and lawyers from all regions of the world the ICJ promotes and protects human rights through the Rule of Law. Commissioners include Sir Nicolas Bratza QC and Professor Andrew Clapham.

[www.icj.org](http://www.icj.org)

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