

The ISFL Family Letter

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Message of the President:

The annual meeting of the Executive council took place February 14 at Bern, Switzerland. Prior to the meeting a delegation met with Mr. Somaruga, president of the International Red Cross in Geneva, to discuss possibilities of future cooperation between the ISFL and the Red Cross on various family law issues. A number of important matters discussed at the Executive Council meeting should be of interest to all ISFL members.

Preparations are in high gear for the upcoming regional conference to be held June 27-29, 1998, at the Charles University School of Law in Prague, Czech Republic on the topic "The present state of family law and problems during the transformation of post-communist states." The Call for Papers was sent by the local organizers to ISFL members in Europe and to all Executive Council members (and is printed herein). Although the main aim is to enhance the presence of the Society in Central and Eastern Europe, participation is by no means limited to scholars in these countries. On the contrary, we hope to attract participants from all countries.

Furthermore, I am happy to announce that the Executive Council members have decided to organize a conference on Family Law and the Council of Europe Convention on Biomedicine. The conference conveners, Professor Marie-Thérèse Meulders (Catholic University of Louvain School of Law, Belgium) and Professor Frédérique Granet (Strasbourg University School of Law, France) recently informed me that the conference will be held at Strasbourg between May 27-29, 1999. In regard to activities in the Americas, a proposal was accepted to hold a regional conference in that part of the world during 1999. Further information will be provided in due time. As regards the next world conference in Australia, Professors John Dewar and Stephen Parker informed us that the venue has been moved to Brisbane (instead of the Gold Coast as previously announced).

I am pleased by the interest shown in the upcoming conferences and encourage as many members as possible to attend. Finally, I would like to congratulate Dr. Andrew Bainham, editor of *The International Survey of Family Law*, and all those who contributed to the success of the 1996 edition of the yearbook which has recently been published.

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Report of the Secretary-General:

I also mention the first ISFL regional conference in Central and Eastern Europe that is being planned for Prague, June 27-29, 1998, by Prof. Hybner and Prof. Radnanova of Charles University. The conference will be part of the celebration of the 650th anniversary of the founding of Charles University. The theme is *Status and Problems of Family Law in the Transformation Period of Post-Communist States*. The conference promises to be very interesting. More details (and a call for papers) are included elsewhere in this newsletter. I mention the Prague conference here because the conveners are anxious for western scholars to participate in the conference to provide comparative perspectives and ideas. Thus, we encourage ISFL members in other regions to submit paper proposals and to attend the conference if they are able to do so.

I encourage members to notify me, or the Treasurer Dr. Paul Vlaardingerbroek, of e-mail addresses; communications by e-mail are not only faster but also cheaper, and may provide great benefits to the Society and its members. Also, Dr. Vlaardingerbroek is the official keeper of names and addresses of the membership of the ISFL. Please notify him of any changes of address or telephone numbers.

The Society has a web-page on the World Wide Web (Internet). There we publish the latest membership booklet (including

membership list) and newsletter and update them periodically. The address is: <http://wwwlaw.byu.edu/ISFL/Main.html> and we invite all members to check out the site and provide their feedback about this service. Please send me notice of your publications and also of recognitions and awards so that I can include them in the list of publications and awards in the newsletters (published every March and September).

Lynn D. Wardle

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Report of the Treasurer (See p. 6)

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Report of The *International Survey* Editor:

Executive Council, Bern, February 1998

I presented a full report on the *International Survey* to the General Meeting of the Society in Durban. This report is therefore only concerned with developments since then.

1. The 1996 Survey. The 1996 Survey is about to be published. It contains another contribution on international developments from Geraldine Van Bueren and articles from the following 31 jurisdictions:

Argentina, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Colombia, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, England and Wales, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Namibia, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, the United States and Yugoslavia.

I think we can say that all continents are reasonably represented and the size of the volume at 516 pages is more manageable than the 562-page 1995 Survey. It is also pleasing that Bosnia, Cyprus, Egypt, Northern Ireland, Portugal and Sri Lanka are all making their first appearance.

2. The 1997 Survey. I have almost completed the commissioning process for the 1997 Survey. I am reasonably confident that it will be about the same size as the 1996 volume - although there are the usual anxieties about exactly which offers will materialize. I do, however, have the advantage this time of a number of contributions which have either been held over from last year or have arrived early. I have thus far received articles from Brazil, Burundi, Latvia, the Netherlands and Zambia. A contribution from the South Pacific is due any day now under the exotic title "Divorce in Paradise."

It seems clear that Africa will be reasonably well represented following the conference in Durban. America also looks reasonably secure as do Australasia and Europe. I suspect that Asia is going to be the difficult area on this occasion and I would be grateful to receive any offers or information about contacts in that region. I am pleased to say that I have been pursuing with some success contracts in the former Soviet Union with the assistance of our Russian members.

3. Sales. I am attaching a copy of a sheet detailing the worldwide sales distribution of the hardback version of the Survey. The 1994 Survey had by the new year sold 196 copies and is still selling. The 1995 Survey had sold 119 copies but had been out less than a year when the figures were compiled. I am assured by the publishers that they are confident that sales of the 1995 volume will eventually overtake those for the 1994 volume. The equivalent figures after one year for that volume were approximately 80-90. Several points need to be made about these figures:

(i) Sales are, of course, additional to distribution of paperback copies to the membership. This means that the total distribution of the Survey is now in the region of 750 copies.

(ii) The geographical distribution is extremely wide as revealed by the publishers' information. The publishers deal with agents in the various countries so that it is very difficult to obtain accurate information about the ultimate users.

(iii) The publishers remain confident that the market has not been exhausted and regard current sales as being in line with what would be expected for a new yearbook in its first couple of years. They are, however, concerned to promote the Survey as effectively as possible. In this respect, they will be seeking assistance of members of the Executive Council regarding publicity in their respective countries, information about forthcoming conferences and so on.

4. An offer from the Publishers - The Prague Conference and other regional conferences. At my meeting with Lindy Melman on January 30th she raised the question of whether the Survey could be made more readily available to those who express an interest in it at the Society's conferences. This occurred to her in Durban where the hardback version of the Survey was on display but was well beyond the means of some of those who had attended the conference from the developing world. She made a suggestion which I said I would bring before the Council in Bern. Her suggestion is that the Society might consider buying more copies of the paperback version of the Survey in advance of conferences and in anticipation of making them available at those conferences. The terms on which the Society would sell these to conference participants would of course be a matter for the Society. It may be that the Survey could be provided free to anyone joining the Society at the relevant conference.

So far as Prague is concerned, it is now too late for the publishers to make available any additional paperback copies but, on this occasion only, they would be prepared to sell sufficient hardback copies of the Survey to the Society at the paperback price. This would provide an opportunity for conference participants from Eastern Europe to acquire copies of the hardback version at a much reduced price.

I am not sure how precisely these arrangements would work and I can see that issues of principle are involved since the paperback version is received atomically by the Society's members. But I think it is a proposal which the Council should discuss in Bern.

International Survey of Family Law

1994 Volume Sales Total = 196; 1955 Volume Sales Total = 119

Sales distribution: 90% R.O.W./10% USA + Canada

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Andrew Bainham

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Recent Publications of Note by ISFL Members:

(Compiled by the Secretary-General)

1. Family Law in General: History; Theories; Overviews

Kara M. Andersen, Problems of Modernity. The Uncertainties of Family Status in the United States, in Jaques Commaille & Francois de Singly, eds. The European Family (Kluwer Academic Publishers 1997).

Lelio Barbiera, La Comunione Legale (The Legal Communion) (1997)

John Eekelaar, From "Privacy" to the Leviathan State, The Case of the Child in Jacques Commaille & Francois de Singly, eds. The European Family (Kluwer Academic Publishers 1997)

Choo-Soo Kim, A Study on a Subject and Prospect of Amendment in the Korean Family Law, Korean Journal of Family Law 1997

Nigel V. Lowe, The House of Lords and the welfare principle" in Family Law Towards the Millennium in Essays for P M Bromley (ed Caroline Bridge) Butterworths, London 1997, pp 125-171.

Takaki Matsukawa, The Japanese Family Tradition and Modernity in Jacques Commaille & Francois de Singly, eds. The European Family (Kluwer Academic Publishers 1997)

Kerry Joseph O'Halloran, Family Law in Northern Ireland; 670 pages; (Gill & Macmillan, Dublin 1997)

Jacqueline Rubellin-Devichi, Family Law: the continuity of national characteristics in Jacques Commaille & Francois de Singly, eds. The European Family (Kluwer Academic Publishers 1997)

Alan Shatter, Family Law [Ireland]; 1200 pp. (Butterworths Ltd, 4th ed.1997)

Bea Verschraegen, *The General Part of the German Private International Law, Articles 3 to 9 EGBGB*, 140 pp. in *Boehmer/Siehr (eds.), Vol. 1, Das Gesamte Familienrecht (The Entire Family Law), Das Internationale (Luchterhand publisher, 1998)*.

Bea Verschraegen, Gleichheit im Familienrecht, unter Berücksichtigung des Einflusses von Verfassungen und internationalen Übereinkommen (Equality in Family Law. The Influence of Constitutions and International Agreements) (Giesecking publ. 1997).

2. Before/Creation of Spousal or Quasi-Spousal Relations

Hee-Bae Lee, The Marriage and Family Policy in Korea and Decision of constitutionality, Korean Journal of Family Law, 1997

June Sinclair, The Law of Marriage, vol. 1 (based on H.R. Hahlo, the South African Law of Husband and Wife) (1996) (newly updated treatise on marriage law in South Africa).

Lynn D. Wardle, *DOMA: Protecting Federalism in Family Law*, in *The Federal Lawyer*, vol. 45, no. 2, Feb. 1998, at 30-35.

3. Before/Creation of Parent-Child or Similar Relations

Mi-Kyung Cho, Comparative Study on Action Challenging Paternity, Korean Journal of Family Law 1997.

Mi-Kyung Cho (Trans.), Recent Developments in the Reform of German Parentage Law by *Rainer Frank*, Korean Journal of Family Law, 1997.

Mavis Maclean and *John Eekelaar*, The Parental Obligation: a Study of Parenthood Across Households, published by Hart Publishing, Oxford (19 Whitehouse Road, Oxford OX1 4PA).

Jiri Haderka, Parentage and Bioethics, XXVth Colloquy on European Law on Legal Problems Relating to Parentage (Council of Europe 1997).

Hae-Sook Kim (Trans.), The Legal Relationship Between Children and Parents in Norwegian Law by *Peter Lodrup*, Korean Journal of Family Law 1997.

Dong-Hun Kwak (Trans.), The Triangle of Biological, Social and Legal Parenthood in Japan by *Fumio Tokotani*, Korean Journal of Family Law 1997.

Jung-Hee Kwon, child Welfare and Adoption Law in Korea, Korean Journal of Family Law 1997.

Nigel V. Lowe, The changing face of adoption - the gift/donation model versus the contract/services model, (1997) 9 Child and Family Law Quarterly 371-386

Nigel V. Lowe, The Meaning and Allocation of Parental Responsibility - A Common Lawyer's Perspective in The Legal Relations between Parents and Children (ed *Choo-Soo Kim*) Bobman Sa, Korea, 1997 pp 69-109. Also published in (1997) 11 International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family, pp 192-215.

Lynn D. Wardle and *Hwa-Sook Lee* (transl), Parenting in American Law -- Today and Tomorrow in the in vol. 11 Korean Journal of Family Law 623-655 (1997) (published in Korean).

4. Spousal Relations in the Ongoing Family

5. Parent-Child Relations in the Ongoing Family

Rainer Frank, The Establishment and the Consequences of Maternal and Paternal Affiliation, XXVth Colloquy on European Law on Legal Problems Relating to Parentage (Council of Europe 1997).

Prederique Granet, Parentage and Civil Status Matters in the States of the International Commission on Civil Status, XXVth Colloquy on European Law on Legal Problems Relating to Parentage (Council of Europe 1997).

Bong-Hee Han, New Development in the Law of Parental Right, Korean Journal of Family Law, 1997.

Bong-Hee Han, *The U.N. Convention on The Rights of The Child and It's Impact on the Korean Parent-Child Law*, Korean Journal of Family Law, 1997.

Patrick Senaeve, Parentage and Human Rights, XXVth Colloquy on European Law on Legal Problems Relating to Parentage (Council of Europe 1997).

Bea Verschraegen, Die Kinderrechtekonvention (Convention on the Rights of the Child) (Manz/Vienna 1996)

6. Termination/Post-Relations of Spouses & Quasi-Spouses

Gi-Young Kim, A Study on the System of Will in England, Korean Journal of Family Law, 1997.

7. Termination/Post-Relations of Parents and Children

Jin-Sub Choi, Legal Problems to Child Protection When Remarried Parent is Dead or Divorced, Korean Journal of Family Law, 1997

Lynn D. Wardle, The Potential Impact of Homosexual Parenting on Children, 1997 University of Illinois Law Review 833-920 (1997)

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NOTE: The Secretary-General will publish notice of recent publications dealing with family law topics if the following information is provided: Name of author, title of article or chapter, title of book or journal in which the material is published, the volume and pages, the year of publication (and if the title of the article, chapter and/or book or journal is not in English a translation of the same into English -- so that the entry can be placed in the appropriate category).

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Martinus Nijhoff Publication Offer: We have been advised unofficially that Martinus-Nijhoff publication of selected papers from the Cardiff conference, Families Across Frontiers (Migel Lowe & Gillian Douglas ed. 1996) may be purchased by members of the Society for the special price of £ 40.00 (almost a third off the official price). To confirm that report and for further information, please contact Martinus Nijhoff, P.O. Box 85889, 2508 CN The Hague, The Netherlands.

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Personal Notes:

Professor Choo Soo Kim, a former member of the Executive Council of the ISFL, has been honored on the occasion of his 70th birthday in Volume 11 of the Korean Journal of Family Law.

Peter Lødrup has been appointed to serve for a six-month temporary appointment on the Supreme Court of Norway. This is the third time he has been honored by a call to sit with the Norwegian Supreme Court.

Nigel V. Lowe has been appointed Consultant to the Committee of Experts on Family at the council of Europe.

Linda Nielson has been appointed by the Danish Minister of Justice to chair a Law Reform Commission on treatment of pensions upon divorce.

Kunihiko Shoji and fellows at the University of Kokkaido are planning a new research project relating to family law and social security.

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We deeply regret to inform members of the Society of the passing of a highly respected and valued colleague, **Dr. Paras Diwan**, who passed away on October 7, 1997, in India. Dr. Diwan had 32 books to his credit, including publications in Family Law, Constitution Law and Human Rights Law, among other areas. He consolidated the entire Indian Personal Laws into five volumes. His recent book, "Law Relating to Dowry, Dowry Deaths, Bride Burning, Rape and Related Offenses, was highly acclaimed throughout India. The Society mourns his passing.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Strasbourg Conference (Biomedical Issues), France, May 27-29, 1999

Prague Conference, Charles University, June 27-29, 1998

10th World Conference, Brisbane, Australia, July 9-14, 2000.

Call for Papers: The International Society of Family Law will hold an European Regional Conference June 27-29, 1998 in Prague, Czech Republic. The Faculty of Law of Charles University and the European Information Centre of Charles University in Prague are hosting the conference. The theme is The Present State and Problems of Family Law in the Transformation Period of Post-Communist States.

All scholars of family law and related disciplines are invited to submit proposals for papers to be presented at the conference. Topics which may be covered include themes and problems related to the Introductory Theses to the Themes and Programme of the Conference (enclosed).

Proposals in the form of English abstracts of 150-200 words (double space) should identify the author (including institutional affiliation, address, telephone, fax, and e-mail if possible).

Abstracts of proposed papers should be sent to:

Dr. Jiří Hýbner, General Secretary of the European Information Centre of Charles University, Revoluční 26, 110 00 Prague 1, Czech Republic

telephone: +420 2 2481 1417, +420 2 232 2627

fax: +420 2 2482 1239 e-mail: Hybner@ruk.cuni.cz

Proposals must be received by March 31, 1998. Submitters will be notified by April 15 whether their proposal has been accepted and also be informed about the conference location, registration and activities. For further information contact Dr. Jiří Hýbner.

Introductory Theses to the Themes and Programme of the ISFL Conference "The Present State and Problems of Family Law in the Transformation Period of Post-Communist States"

I. Since the fall of totalitarian states in Central and Eastern Europe nearly 9 years have elapsed but the privatization and the transformation of the society have not yet been completed. Thus not only political changes representing the continuing democratization of the society are required but also deep changes in the legal order. This internal process creates conditions for gradual integration of the said states into the European Society - the European Union.

II. The changes influence private law as well as the sphere of public law. They all concern family law in some way. Social relations in families also change and are accompanied by some alarming phenomena (for instance growing violence in a family). It cannot be unambiguously determined how this development influences the changes of the law regulations.

III. It is well known that the development of family law in traditional democratic states of Europe and other world did not stop in the last decade. It is just this newest development which should be taken into account by the post-totalitarian states in their codifications. The most significant are the main trends of the family law development in democratic societies as well as the ways of legal solution of the key problems.

IV. The above given theses are proposed to be main topics of the contributions and discussions at the Conference.

The Conference is planned for 3 days.

1st Day

Reading of the key papers of the following topics:

- a) Basic characteristics of the contemporary codification of family law in post-totalitarian states of Central and Eastern Europe (in general).
- b) Changes in the behavior and position of the family in the Czech Republic: (1) on one side, efforts of legal experts, particularly in the theoretical sphere, to change family law; (2) on the other hand, obstacles and conflicts created by political representation, represented above all by governmental organs and parliament and (3) the resulting situation in the Czech Republic.
- c) The contemporary attained level of the development of the codification of family law in traditional democratic states - characteristic of legal amendments of the key legal relations. Common characteristics of these amendments in our time. What should be considered in codifications of the states entering European Union, taking into account all relevant aspects.
- d) Discussion to the key papers.

2nd Day

Will proceed in three sections where shorter contributions will be read (announced in advance by the participants in order to include them into the program), presenting situation in the individual Central and Eastern European countries, compared to Western countries, if possible.

First section:

- The problems of marriage and other forms of family life.
- The significance of the general private law arrangement of the property rights of spouses: which legal forms prove best in practice.

- The significance of marriage in the sphere of public law, in particular in relation to the sphere of social rights.

- Social and legal problems of divorce; forms of divorce which have proved to be most effective; and further related legal questions.

Second section: - relation of parents and children

- The origin of parentage, actual questions of assisted reproduction, codifications dealing with them, and further development that may be expected. These contributions have to be oriented toward information, not to theoretical discussion.

- Problems of implementation of parents' rights, especially for those not living together or living in conflicting situations.

- Alimony duties of parents towards children-the problem of determination of alimony in legal norms and in practice and enforcement of alimony, especially in cases where the obliged person has no salary (thus not get regular reward for work), but is a businessman. The means of a sufficient legal protection of the needful child in these conditions.

- Forms of compensatory education, problems of their social frequency in the sphere of private law. Experiences with application of the Hague convention on international adoption.

Third section:

- Problems of relations between state organs and the family and of the implementation of parents' rights in the sphere of the rights of the child which are included in the Convention on the Rights of the child.

- The influence of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the codification of family law and results attained under the Convention and after its ratification in individual states. Is the practice of the implementation of the Convention sufficient?

- Defaults in the legal protection of the child in the post-totalitarian countries, in law and in practice.

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- Relations in which the legal protection of the child in the private and public law is considered in the traditional democratic states. Mutual relation of the judicial protection and the protection realized by some types of administrative organs. The activities of civic associations and their competencies determined by legal norms.

3rd Day

- Fourth section: International family law facing emerging democracies.

- Discussion to the summaries of the conference

- Conclusions

Languages of the Conference: English, Czech (simultaneous translation)

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Tenth World Conference plans:

The 10th World Conference will be held in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia from Sunday, 9 July to Friday, 14 July 2000. The conveners are Professors Stephen Parker and John Dewar, of Griffith University in Brisbane and they are assisted by an organizing committee with members from around Australia. (Note: the Olympic Games do not take place until September 2000, so there will be no conflict between the two events!)

The theme is to be "Family Law: Processes, Practices and Pressures". The idea behind this theme is that the Conference will focus on some procedural and practical issues in family law, as well as the substantive law. The Family Court of Australia

wishes to support the conference and the conveners hope that a significant number of judges, legal practitioners and mediators will attend. The main purpose behind including "Processes" and "Practices" in the theme is, however, to draw scholars from various disciplines who are interested in empirical and theoretical issues about the operation of family law.

Members of the Society are urged to put the dates in their diaries and consider adding a holiday or study tour to their trip. July is mid-winter in Australia but the weather in Queensland is quite mild at that time of the year, with the day-time maximum of up to 20 degrees Centigrade. The weather is warmer further north and there are some great holiday destinations on the Great Barrier Reef in North Queensland. A first formal announcement of the Conference, together with a Call for Papers, will be sent in the near future. Further information is available, preferably by e-mail, from Professor Stephen Parker at S.Parker@law.gu.edu.au. His fax number is + 07 3875 5598.

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Report of the 27th Colloquy on European Law on Legal Problems Relating to Parentage

In September 1997 the Council of Europe, in conjunction with the University of Malta, held its 27th Colloquy, which I attended as an ISFL representative, the first time an ISFL representative has been permitted to attend a Colloquy. The Colloquy discussed four topics: Parentage and Human Rights; Parentage and Bioethics; Parentage and Civil Status matters, and the Establishment and Consequences of Maternal and Paternal Affiliation. Papers on these topics were presented respectively by Professor Patrick Senaeve of Belgium, Jiri Haderka of the Czech Republic, Professor Frederique Granet of France and Professor Dr Rainer Frank of Germany. Two other supplementary papers were presented by Ruth Farrugia of Malta respectively on "Parentage and Human Rights: The Child's Point of View" and "Parentage and Civil Status Matters: The Effect of Court Judgements on Issues Relating to Civil Status". It is hoped that all these papers will eventually be published. The conclusions of the Colloquy were that it was desirable that there should be a new international instrument dealing with the legal status of all children to replace inter alia the European Conventions on Adoption (1980) and the Legal Status of Children Born Out of Wedlock (1980). It was agreed that in preparing the new instrument consideration needs to be given to (a) parentage, including affiliation, biological and legal parentage (including surrogacy and assisted reproductive technology) and adoption; (b) parental responsibilities, including fields in which they occur, who has parental responsibilities and how it is exercised and (c) the family name.

Nigel Lowe

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ISFL 9th World Conference

Durban, South Africa, July 1997

Interim Report Summary

The Conference was held at the Marine Parade Holiday Inn Garden Court in Durban from 17 July 10 2 August 1997. A total of 209 people were registered, covering some 38 countries of origin. 121 papers were read in the four-day period, culled from over 160 offers. All in all, members of the Society as well as the numerous non-members who attended appear to have enjoyed the Conference. This is a bonus because some constraints are preventing this experience from being brought to a tidy conclusion.

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Treasurer's Report:

International Society of Family Law
Treasurer's Report of the year 1997 (in dutch guilders)

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Rijsbergen, 10 January 1997 P. Vlaardingerbroek, treasurer

1. Including a donation from Kluwer Law International (Martinus Nijhoff) of Hfl. 2000,-.

2. Including provisions, costs, etc.