



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The last few months have been significant for the work of the ISFL. We had an excellent regional conference in New York in June, organized by our Secretary-General, Prof. Marsha Garrison. As the report herein indicates, there were attendees from some 16 countries. Papers dealt with a number of important issues within the overall theme of promoting family harmony –an unusual theme for family lawyers who are most used to dealing with families in conflict and crisis.

While in New York, the Executive Council met and made numerous decisions which will, we hope, bring great benefits to the Society. These are described in Marsha Garrison's report. Subsequently we agreed on a new logo for the Society, which is used in this newsletter. The new website is being designed in Australia and should be operational shortly. This is an appropriate time to express our enormous gratitude to Prof. Lynn Wardle and his team at BYU who have hosted and managed the website for so many years.

In October, a number of members of the Executive Council, and former President Dr Rainer Frank, attended a superb regional conference in Seoul to mark the 50th anniversary of the Seoul Family Court and the 30th anniversary of the Korean Women's Development Institute. The Seoul Family Court may well be one of the oldest specialist family courts in the world, exercising jurisdiction over a range of different matters that affect families and children. The Korean Women's Development Institute has also made a major contribution to research and policy concerning women's issues in Korea.

As noted in the previous issue, the edited volume resulting from our Lyon conference is now available. [*Les solidarités entre générations /Solidarity between generations*](#). I would encourage you to ask your university libraries to purchase it.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Recife, Brazil in August next year.

Prof. Patrick Parkinson
University of Sydney, Australia

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL:

At its annual meeting in June, 2013, the Council approved a new logo and a new website. The new website, which should be online within a few weeks, will enable individuals to join or renew their memberships online using a credit card or Paypal and receive an automatic receipt/welcome letter, send automatic renewal letters, maintain an online membership database with alternate

email addresses and a password retrieval function, offer the possibility of an online registration system for conferences, and automatically distribute the newsletter to members. It will also contain an archive of past newsletters, material from the Annual Survey, and material from Conference publications.

The new website will, we think, make membership in the Society more meaningful. The creation of an archive for the newsletter also presents the possibility of building far more content into the newsletter than it has contained previously. The plan is to include: a) brief (one-paragraph) abstracts of all Survey reports; b) country reports, will which include hyperlinks to relevant legislation or judicial decisions; c) international tribunal (ECHR, IACHR) family law developments with hyperlinks to relevant decisions; d) Hague Conference reports; e) a report on European harmonization developments; f) reports about the activities of other family law organizations; and g) tables of contents or abstracts from relevant journals. We're all excited about the potential for this expanded newsletter. If you're interested in working on country or regional reports in your area, please contact me or Peg Brinig.

The Council also approved a new, low-cost Associate Membership. This new type of membership in the Society would provide the member with the newsletter and access to the "members-only" section of the ISFL website, but not the Annual Survey, eligibility for Council membership, or voting rights. The proposal was triggered by the perception that full membership in the Society is beyond the means of many students, young scholars, and even established scholars in developing countries. Given that the current by-laws provide for only one type of membership, a by-law amendment will be necessary in order to make this new method of participating in the Society a reality. Members will have the opportunity to vote on the proposal next summer at the same time they vote for a new Council.

Marsha Garrison
Brooklyn Law School, USA

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Dear colleagues,

Many members have paid their subscriptions (fees) but also many members still have to do that. It would make me happy if these members paid their subscriptions as soon as possible, but before December 19, 2013. The ISFL is trying to draw up a more advanced system to allow payment of the Membership fees. One of the purposes of a new system is to make the activities of the ISFL treasurer easier, and that will especially help my successor, because next year I will vacate my job as treasurer of the ISFL.

I hope that everyone received his or her copy of the International Survey of Family Law 2013 Edition. If you did not receive a copy, *and you have paid your fees*, please let me know by e-mail (a.p.vanderlinden@uu.nl). Some people received the Survey, but not the Family Letters or vice versa. You can send a message about this to me and to mbrinig@nd.edu. Notice my correct e-mail address because in the Survey you find a very old one!

When your address will be changing, please send me your new full new address and preferably also your e-mail address. We try to keep the membership list updated, and with your help we can succeed in that. Sometimes we hear about members who have passed away, sometimes a long time after they died. If you know about the passing away of a member, please let us know as soon as possible. I received some e-mails from members who did not receive any 'sign of life'; no Survey, no Family Letters and usually they had not informed us about new addresses or e-mail addresses. In these cases I had sent more than one reminder, but because the addresses had been changed, people did not get them.

Again I want to draw your attention to the possibility for members to pay for five (5) years. Many choose this opportunity, which saves you and the ISFL costs. In all cases you send me a letter or e-mail, please do it by using your computer or typewriter. Often I can't read your handwriting, and especially where it involves your Bank data, this gives the ISFL a great deal of work. Also in many cases I receive subscription fees not by credit card but by Bank remittance, without the name of the member on it. It is possible that a member has paid his fees and I don't know that because of the absence of the member's name on the remittance.

Best regards to all! Have beautiful days of Hanukkah, Christmas and turn of the year!

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REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF FAMILY LAW:

Preparation for the 2013 edition of the International Survey of Family Law is well under way. There will be some "hot off the press" comments on issues such as same-sex marriage in France and New Zealand, and discussion of the extraordinary mélange of laws in the small Pacific country of Vanuatu. Many other fascinating topics arising in other countries are explored. Publication should occur as usual in July and copies will be posted out shortly after that. Anyone interested in contributing to the 2014 edition is more than welcome to contact Prof Bill Atkin, the General Editor: bill.atkin@vuw.ac.nz

TRANSITION TO NEW WEBSITE – EMAILS TO MEMBERS

As reported earlier in this newsletter, we are building a new website. It will have the same address as the present one (www.isflhome.org) but is not yet live.

In the development stage of building the new website, many members received emails from no-reply@isflhomeorg.mycms.me>. This happened accidentally. Apologies for the error. Please ignore this email.

Patrick Parkinson

REPORT OF THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

I (and the Executive Council with me) welcome comments about the general format of the newsletter. The new logo and bannerhead reflect the updated website, but for many years it has consisted of short reports and news items. Certainly the Family Letter could certainly contain more serious scholarly articles or commentaries on various issues of general interest. The Executive Committee has asked me to solicit the names of people interested in being “country or regional correspondents” who would submit brief summaries of developments in terms of significant case law, statutes, constitutions or treaties. This type of addition would be particularly welcome in the times, like the present, between World Congresses.

Many of you kindly send me updates of changes to your email addresses. This is very important, since otherwise not only will you miss the Family Letter, but also other notices that the Board asks me to send out increasingly often.

When you get these notices, please do not reply to me but to the address indicated in the notice. The most important place to send changes of address is to Adriaan van der Linden, our Treasurer, though I will forward him your notes about address changes that are sent to me.

The instructions for reaching the membership directory on the ISFL website are again included below, in Lynn’s notes.

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NOTES ABOUT THE ISFL WEBSITE **(CURRENT VERSION ONLY):**

To enter the secure portion of the website, including the membership directory, use the following information:

Username: ISFL

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The ISFL website at
<http://www.law2.byu.edu/isfl/index.php>

The American Association of Law Schools, Family Law Section Website is also available at <http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/faculty/brinig/aals/>.

Section members have provided material, but more suggestions would be welcome, including links, class materials, exams you don’t mind being generally available, or anything else you’d like to supply. You may write her at mbrinig@nd.edu, and may attach electronic versions of any submissions.

CONFERENCES AND CALL FOR PAPERS:

XVth ISFL WORLD CONFERENCE

*FAMILY LAW – UNIVERSALITIES AND
SINGULARITIES*

CALL FOR PAPERS

The XVth ISFL World Conference will be held in Recife, Brazil, August 6-9, 2014.

Family Law is characterized by its diversity, deeply inlaid in a country's culture, history, values, mentalities and economic situation. These influences are reflected in the rules governing marriage – formal and informal; divorce; family responsibility; family finances; gender identity and manifestations of sexuality; and children's rights. Conference presentations may focus on those issues. International, comparative, social-science and interdisciplinary perspectives are all welcome.

Presentation proposals, less than 300 words, should be sent to 2014@isflbrazil.com.br before February 28th, 2014. In the proposal, please include the name, the institutional affiliations, and email address.

Young scholars from different parts of the world are welcome and a limited number of scholarships are available to students that cannot attend through their own resources.

Winners of scholarships as well as presentation proposals will be selected by the Conference Scientific Committee.

For more information please contact Giselle Groeninga, giselle@groeninga.com.br

Major Topics

- 1) The couple - the beginning and the end - formal and informal marriage fault and non-fault divorce and family responsibility
- 2) Economic and Ideological Influences same sex marriage and adoption by same-sex couples economical inequalities in gender roles within the family
- 3) Children the moral status of children international adoption, child abduction and their relation to economic development children's rights and family relationships after divorce or dissolution of informal marriage family life and the media: television and internet. thinking for more effective protection
- 4) Interdisciplinary and Access to Justice does the interdisciplinary approach provide for solutions?

ISFL REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN ISRAEL, JANUARY 2ND – 3RD, 2014

*Theme: International Family Law with
Emphasis on the Work of the Hague
Conference on Private International Law.*
The conference marks the 30th anniversary of the entry into force of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction (in December 1983) and the publication of Dr. Rhona Schuz's book, "The Hague Child Abduction Convention – A Critical Analysis" (published in summer 2013 by Hart Publishing).

The conference will discuss:

- the operation of the Abduction Convention and the other Hague Conventions in the area of family law, including the 1996 Child Protection Convention, the 1993 Inter-country Adoption Convention and the 1978 Matrimonial Property Regimes Convention
- topics on which the Hague Conference is currently working, such as international surrogacy arrangements.
- other areas of international family law, such as relocation law, the EC Brussels II Regulations and recognition of foreign same sex-marriages.

Location: Sha'arei Mishpat Law School, Hod Hasharon Israel (30 minutes from Tel-Aviv).

Dates: 2nd-3rd January 2014, 1st January afternoon (registration, opening session and reception) 2nd December and 3rd December morning (plenary sessions and panels).

Conveners: Dr Rhona Schuz and Dr. Ayelet Blecher-Prigat (Senior Lecturers and Joint Directors of the Centre for the Rights of the Child and the Family, Sha'arei Mishpat Law School).

THE SEVENTH SYMPOSIUM OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY FOR THE STUDY OF THE JURISPRUDENCE OF THE FAMILY (IASJF)

will take place on 9-10 June 2014 at the University of La Coruña, Spain, hosted by Professor Carmen Garcimartin. The topic of the symposium is: Family and Religion. The deadline for the submission of paper

proposals is March 15, 2014 (earlier submissions are encouraged). Paper proposals may be sent to Professor Carlos Martinez de Aquirre (University of Zaragoza, Spain) at aguirre@unizar.es or to Professor Lynn D. Wardle (BYU) at wardlel@law.byu.edu. The Registration Fee (Proposed) for the symposium is 125 € for the presenters and participants (accompanying persons, 100 €).

It includes coffees, lunch and dinner for the two days, as well as local transportation at the venue of the Symposium.

REPORTS ON RECENT CONFERENCES

North American Regional Conference

On June 7-8, 2013, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY was the venue for the 2013 North American Regional Conference. The conference, on the theme "Fostering Family Harmony: Principles and Practices," drew family law scholars not just from the United States, but from more than fifteen other nations with diverse family-law problems and regimes, including Canada, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, and Sweden. ISFL President Patrick Parkinson opened the conference with a discussion of Australia's Family Relationship Centers. For approximately a decade, the centers – which Parkinson played a major role in establishing and that are widely credited with reducing post-divorce litigation and conflict -- have provided a range of services to families that need help in forging workable agreements. Parkinson was followed by panels on family law topics ranging from family violence to age and disability over the two-day conference period.

Asian Regional Conference

The ISFL Regional Conference Family Law, Family Court, and Family Policy in a Changing World was held on October 1-2, 2013 in Seoul, Korea. The conference co-hosted by the Korean Society of Family Law, the Seoul Family Court and the Korean Women's Development Institute commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Seoul Family Court and the 30th of the Korean Women's Development Institute. There were three sessions: Family Changes and the Role of Family Courts; Changing

Family Values and Family Policy; Recent Trends in Family Law and Judicial Precedents with Comparative Approaches. Family law scholars from the United States and Australia, Germany, Japan, China and Malaysia gathered in Seoul for sharing keynotes and presentations as well as active discussions. A number of Korean participants and international scholars exchanged their knowledge and experiences.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE BY ISFL MEMBERS:

(Please send any submissions for future newsletters to Ursula Bassett, ucbasset@yahoo.com).

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

PARKINSON, Patrick, *Tradition and Change in Australian Law* (5th ed, 2013)

ATKINS, Bill (with Mark Henaghan) (eds) *Family Law Policy in New Zealand* (4th ed, LexisNexis, Wellington, 2013, pp. 423

BASSET, Ursula C. "What is a Family? Exploring the Juridical Ground of Familism Today", *International Journal for the Study of the Jurisprudence of the Family*, Volume 3, 2012, p. 301.

BRINIG, Margaret ad Linda C. McLain, *Revisiting Mary Ann Glendon: Marriage, Divorce, Dependency and Rights Talk in Western Law*, in *Les solidarités entre generations* (Solidarity Across the

Generations) (Hugues Fulchiron, ed., Bruylant, 2013)

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

SVERDRUP, Tone (2013). Likheter og forskjeller mellom særeie og skjevdeling. *Tidsskrift for familierett, arverett og barnevernrettslige spørsmål*. ISSN 1503-2965. 11(3/2013), pp. 219- 234

WARDLE, Lynn D., „Religious Values and Two Same-Sex Marriage Cases Decided by the Supreme Court of the United States”, *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*, (2013), pp. 1-7

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

BASSET, Ursula C., “Procreación Asistida y niñez: ¿regulación o desregulación” (“Assisted Procreation and Children,

Regulation or Deregulation?"), in *La Ley* (Thomson Reuters), 12/7/2013, p. 1.

4. Spousal Relations in the Ongoing Family or Similar Relations

PARKINSON, Patrick, "La experiencia australiana en los Centros de Relación Familiar" ("The Australian Experience in the Family Relationship Centres", translated by Salaverri, Milagros) in *Cuadernos Jurídicos de Derecho de Familia*, Ed. El Derecho, Buenos Aires, pp. 6-11

5. Parent-Child Relations in the Ongoing Family or Similar Relations

PARKINSON, Patrick, "Suffer the Teenage Children: Child Sexual Abuse in Church Communities", *Center for the Study of Law and Religion*, Emory University, January 2013, Sydney Law School Research Paper No. 13/09 Working Paper Series

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

DEHTLOFF, Nina, „Konsensuale und alternative Konfliktlösungen für internationale Paare“ (Consensual and Alternative Conflict Resolution for International Couples“, in: *Freiwilligkeit, Zwang und Gerechtigkeit im Kontext der Mediation, Schriften zur Mediation und außergerichtlichen Konfliktlösung*, Bd. 3, hrsg. von Althammer/Eisele u.a., Frankfurt/M. 2013, S. 9 - 23

7. Termination/Post-Relations of Parents and Children

NOTE: The Newsletter will publish notices of recent publications dealing with family law topics if the following information—Name of author, title of article or chapter, title of book or journal in which it 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)—is sent to Prof. Ursula Basset, ucbasset@yahoo.com.

OTHER PUBLICATION NOTES:

Sanford Katz contributed to the Festschrift for Michael Freeman with a article, "The Family Law World of Michael Freeman." He also is a contributor to the book, "Family Law and Policy," edited by John Eekelaar and Robert George and to be published by Routledge in England.

G. de Jonge, *A.P. van der Linden*: "Handboek Jeugd & Strafrecht". A studybook and practical book about the

(International) Criminal Law and Criminal Proceedings Law for youngsters. Third Edition. Kluwer: Deventer 2013 The Netherlands.

ISBN 978-90-13-05255-8

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Families and End-of-Life Treatment Decisions

An international Perspective

« The book of life is the supreme book that we can neither close nor reopen at will. » This quotation from Lamartine, the French poet, once a perfect illustration of the end of

life in bygone societies, can no longer be said to apply. In fact, today, in one out of two cases in our modern societies, it is the medical team who closes this book without any intention of cutting life short.

Generally, however, the physicians do not make this decision alone. While a competent patient increasingly participates in medical decisions, including when it's a matter of life or death, those nearest to him (usually the family but not always) endorse this responsibility once he becomes incapable of expressing his wishes. Many questions surround not only this concept of « nearest and dearest » or « loved ones », but also their roles and legitimacy. Whether they act as the patient's legal representative, authorized agent or trustee, or if they are stripped of all legal power, will the loved one be simply consulted by the caregivers on the presumed wishes of the patient regarding end-of-life choices?

Or must they guarantee him a genuine right of self-determination? To this end, will they be granted a right of information only about the patient's condition, or even access to his medical records? Will their role be affected by the existence of living wills drawn up by the patient in question?

The outcome of debates between legal experts and physicians, philosophers and sociologists from seventeen countries, the chapters in this book analyse the current status and role of these relatives (and non-relatives) close to the patient at the end of life. Numerous European national laws are thus compared and are also benchmarked against other practises, in North and South America, in Africa and in some Asian countries.

Beyond the legal, cultural and ethical differences that clearly separate these various traditions, a recurrent question arises: more than providing paternalistic protection, does the « loved one » not

always have to ensure respect for what « their patient » would have wanted, thus guaranteeing up to the end of his life a basic right, namely his decision-making autonomy? If this book demonstrates the difficulty of such a task in different contexts, it also attempts to pave the way to a more humanistic approach across cultures to advocate respect for the patient at the very end of his life.

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Foreword, Mark SIEGLER

Evaluating deontological and utilitarian ethical arguments in end of life care, Pierre LE COZ, Professor of Philosophy, Faculty of Medicine de Marseille (EA 3783), Former Vice-Chair of the Comité Consultatif National d'Éthique (French National Consultative Ethics Committee)

The individual nature of death, David LE BRETON, Professor of Sociology, University of Strasbourg (France),

Member of the Institut Universitaire de France, Member of the Cultures and Sociétés in Europe URA-CNRS Laboratory (France)

The dying person and the triangle of loved ones: for a relational approach to the end of life, Irène THERY, Director of studies at EHESS (France)

A physician's view on the complexity of end of life care and the role of family and close friends, Jean-Marc

LA PIANA, Medical director, La Maison la Gardanne, Palliative care center, Marseille (France)

Family and loved ones in end of life care in French law: does end of life shape and define the "family"?,

Francis KERNALEGUEN, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Rennes 1, (France)

The central role in Germany of the "Angehörige" in enhancing patient autonomy at the end of life, Françoise

FURKEL, Emeritus Professor at the French-German Legal Center at the University of the Sarre (Germany)

The preeminence of relationships in the legal recognition of the rights of the patient's loved ones in Switzerland, Dominique MANAI, Professor at the Faculty of Law at Geneva University (Switzerland)

End-of-life medical treatment: a limited role for loved ones to enhance patient autonomy, Thérèse CALLUS, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Reading (United Kingdom)

A role for loved ones to enhance patient autonomy at the end of life, Geneviève SCHAMPS, Professor, Université Catholique de Louvain, Director of Centre for medical and Biomedical Law (Belgium)

The broad definition of “relatives” in end of life care in Spain, Verónica SAN JULIAN, Civil Law Professor, Law School, University of Navarre (Spain)

The central power of doctors over end of life matters in Italy, Silvia BRANDANI and Gianluca NAVONE, Lecturers, Law School, Siena University (Italy)

Patient rights at the end of life and the role of family and loved ones in Greek Law, Pénélope AGALLOPOULOU, Emeritus Professor, University of Piraeus (Greece)

Ethical and legal debates on a dignified end-of-life and the role of the family in Hungary, Judit SÁNDOR, Professor of Law, Central European University (Hungary)

Loved ones and end-of-life medical care: the particular approach of Tunisian law, Amel AOUIJ-MRAD, Professor, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Tunis (Tunisia)

Family, ‘loved ones’ and medicalized end-of-life decision making in Senegal, Mamadou BADJI, Professor, University Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (Senegal)

Multiculturalism and religion in end-of-life care in Lebanon, Dina EL MAOULA, Lecturer, French-speaking section of the Faculty of Law, Lebanese University (Lebanon)

Loved ones and end-of-life medical care in Turkish Law, Saibe OKTAY OZDEMIR, Professor at the University of Istanbul, Faculty of Law, Civil Law and Contract Law Section (Turkey), Basak BAYSAL, Assistant Professor at the University of

Istanbul, Faculty of Law, Civil Law and Contract Law Section (Turkey)

End-of-life medical care: Towards recognition of patient autonomy in Brazil, Maria-Claudia CRESPOBRAUNER, Professor at Federal University of Rio Grande – FURG and the University of Caxias do Sul UCS (Brazil), Anderson ORESTES CALVALCANTE LOBATO, Professor at Federal University of Rio Grande – FURG (Brazil)

‘Loved ones’ and end-of-life medical treatment in Chile, Carmen DOMINGUEZ, Professor of Civil Law, Director of the Centre for the family of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (Chile)

Surrogate decision-making role in end of life care: the case of the USA, Kristina ORFALI, Associate Professor of bioethics, Columbia University, New-York (USA)

The family and end-of-life medical treatment in Japan, Ryuichi IDA, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Global Studies, Doshisha University (Japan)

Families and end-of-life treatment decisions, Brigitte FEUILLET, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Rennes I, Member of the Institut Universitaire de France, Director of the Centre de Recherche Juridique de l’Ouest (France)

Personal Notices:

«Dominique Goubau was appointed by the Minister of Justice as an expert on the Family Law Reform Committee of the Province of Quebec. This committee was created by the provincial government in response to a recent decision of the Supreme Court of Canada concerning the legal status of *de facto* spouses in Quebec's family law. The Committee is expected to deliver its final report in June 2015»

Lynn Wardle helped organize and participated as a presenter in the Elon Law Review "Symposium on the Implications of the Supreme Court Decisions in Windsor and Perry" on November 1, 2013 at Elon University School of Law.

Lynn D. Wardle, helped to organize the annual Symposium of the International Academy for the Study of the Jurisprudence of the Family (IASJF) at the Benjamin J. Cardozo Law School of Yeshiva University in New York City, June 10-11, 2013 involving 48 presenters from 18 nations.

He presented a paper there entitled "The Law of Morality and the Morality of Law: Implication for Family Law."

Lynn D. Wardle helped to plan and participated in the "Family Impact Seminar" for legislators and other interested persons addressing issues of domestic violence and mental health of children, hosted by Utah State University at the Utah State Capitol Building in Spring, 2013.

Lynn D. Wardle participated in the ISFL North America Regional Conference at Brooklyn Law School June 6-8, and presented a paper about "Medical Treatment Conflicts, State Regulation and Family Harmony."