



הארגון הבינלאומי של עורכי-דין ומשפטים יהודים (ע"ר)
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LAWYERS AND JURISTS (R.A.)

December 2014 Newsletter

Jurists from around the world participate in 15th Congress

IAJLJ held its 15th Congress in November in Eilat. Attendees, including jurists from around the world, heard presentations on the congress' central theme, *International Human Rights and Israel – Politicization or a Complex Reality*, a subject high on the agenda of the Jewish people and the Israeli public. Articles based on the presentations will appear in one of the next issues of Justice. Irit Kohn was unanimously re-elected as President of IAJLJ, as were members of the Executive Committee. IAJLJ welcomes the election of a number of [new members](#) to the Board of Governors.

Israel Bar Association restores annual grant to IAJLJ

IAJLJ is pleased to announce that following significant efforts, including a presentation by President Irit Kohn to its National Council, the Israel Bar Association has decided to restore its support to IAJLJ. Commencing in 2015, the Israel Bar Association will annually grant IAJLJ NIS 50,000 (about \$12,500).

Is there a legal remedy to rising anti-Semitism in social media?

As you will recall, IAJLJ recently expressed its concern over rising anti-Semitism in British social media, and especially so after Operation Protective Edge, to British Home Secretary [Theresa May](#) and to Cabinet Secretary for Justice of the Scottish Parliament [Kenny MacAskill](#). We requested of these ministers that the English and Scottish law authorities exercise the power granted by existing legislation to fight anti-Semitic crimes and eliminate this scourge. We received a response from Theresa May in which she conveyed her broad agreement with IAJLJ's concerns and assured us that the authorities would act against breaches of the law.

IAJLJ party to World Jewish Congress Israel-Palestine resolution

IAJLJ President Irit Kohn participated in the annual meeting of the World Jewish Congress, held this year in September in Berlin, where she was among the drafters of the [resolution](#) offering guidelines for resolving the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. IAJLJ is an affiliated organization of the World Jewish Congress.

IAJLJ objects to UN Commission of Inquiry examining Israel's Operation Protective Edge

Tom Gal, IAJLJ's Representative to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, in September [condemned](#) the UN Commission of Inquiry appointed to examine Israel's conduct during last summer's Operation Protective Edge. She also [expressed concern](#) about the rise in anti-Semitism in Europe over recent years, and especially so in the most recent period.

IAJLJ calls for halt to anti-Semitic broadcasts on Radio New Zealand International

IAJLJ has [called](#) on the management of Radio New Zealand International, a public station broadcasting on the shortwave spectrum, to cease airing anti-Semitic statements and lies about Israel, in particular that it is an apartheid state.



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IAJLJ protests anti-Israel conference at UK's Southampton University

IAJLJ sent a [letter of protest](#) to Prof. Don Nutbeam, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Southampton, arguing that the very title of an upcoming conference – International Law and the State of Israel: Legitimacy, Responsibility and Exceptionalism – indicated the bias of its organizers and asking the university to cancel it. A [letter](#) sent by Hazel Biggs, head of the university's law school, indicates that the conference will proceed as planned.

Upcoming in 2015

- Seminar at President's Residence, Jerusalem: Arab and Jewish Israeli lawyers will meet with the intent of issuing a joint statement against racism. In formation is a committee that will examine extremist events that both sides can agree constitute racist activity.
- A seminar series in a number of European countries will call on European governments to come up with a common definition of anti-Semitic activity that can be prosecuted under criminal law.
- A United Nations Side Event on Hamas will be held towards the end of March in Geneva.

Updates about IAJLJ events are regularly posted on our [website](#).

New book: Judicial Review of National Security

David Scharia, former senior deputy in the Israeli Attorney General's office, and now legal coordinator of the UN's Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), has authored a new book titled Judicial Review of National Security. This work explains how the Supreme Court of Israel developed a method to review national security and military actions in real-time; provides a comprehensive overview of the national security jurisprudence of the Supreme Court from 1995-2013; offers unique insights on the way the Supreme Court of Israel operates, and on the way inter-branch dialogue is conducted; and renders a thorough analysis of how the jurisprudence of the Supreme Court decisions affects security services in Israel. IAJLJ members are entitled to a special discount on purchasing the book, published by Oxford University Press. To claim the discount, use voucher number 33185 at the OUP [website](#).

Membership renewal

As the New Year approaches, and if you have not already done so, we remind you to renew your IAJLJ membership via the downloadable [membership form](#). Please fill it out and send to us by email, fax or regular post today. Your payment is important, for it makes you a partner to IAJLJ activities around the world by helping to fund IAJLJ initiatives. We'd also be delighted to receive donations from our members, and ask that any member so interested [email us](#) today. Don't forget to bring to our attention any subject you feel IAJLJ should act on.

IAJLJ wishes all its members an enjoyable holiday season and a happy new year. We look forward to your continuing participation in IAJLJ events.

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