



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

International Human Rights and Israel – Politicization or a Complex Reality? Eilat, November 19-22, 2014

Dear Friends,

This is an invitation for you to take part in the 15th Congress of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (IAJLJ), which will be convened later this year in Eilat. This conference is particularly significant because it will host the elections for the IAJLJ's institutions and presidency. I call upon you to participate in this congress and exercise your right to vote and put your name forward for election (the rules relating to the election will be announced in due course on the IAJLJ website, as well as in notices to be sent to voters by e-mail. Please keep a look out for these notices!).

This year, the theme of the conference will be: *International Human Rights and Israel - Politicization or a Complex Reality?* An issue of major importance in recent times. The first class line up of speakers and range of topics to be discussed – promise us an insightful and stimulating conference. As usual, the floor will be opened to questions at the end of each session and we encourage a challenging dialogue between participants and lecturers.

As you may be aware, recently the Association has greatly increased the volume of its activities, indicating its importance and the recognition accorded to it in the international arena. I take this opportunity to thank the members of the Executive, as well as members in general, in Israel and abroad, for the time and effort they invest in our Association. The international community is constantly engaged in our "Jewish village", and therefore it is vital to continue and indeed pursue our mission with ever greater energy. As always, I invite all our members to become actively involved in the activities of the Association, raise issues for consideration, initiate projects, assist in the ongoing work and more.

As this year's conference will host elections – the fifteenth in number - and according to tradition, will be held in Israel, we have chosen to convene the conference in the city of Eilat. I hope that in addition to the fascinating professional aspects of the conference and the social events we offer, you will find time to enjoy the sea and sun of one of Israel's finest resorts and benefit from fruitful exchanges with colleagues from around the world.

We are waiting to see you!

Irit Kohn, Adv.
President

Wednesday, November 19

Arrival

18:00 **Opening Ceremony**

At: The Dan Eilat Red Sea Hotel, Tarshish Hall

18:30 Moderator: Ambassador Dr. **Meir Rosenne**, Vice President, International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (IAJLJ), Israel

Opening Address: Adv. **Irit Kohn**, President, IAJLJ
Greetings: Justice **Asher D. Grunis**, President of The Supreme Court of Israel

Keynote Speaker: Dr. **Giandomenico Picco**, Former Under-Secretary General of the United Nations, U.S.A.: *"The Rise of the Individual and the Weakening of Institutions: the Nation State is Morphing"*

19:00 **Cocktail on the Balcony**

Thursday, November 20

At: The Dan Eilat Red Sea Hotel

09:00-09:45 **Elections**

09:45-11:45 **Israel – An Apartheid State?**

Moderator: Adv. **Alyza D. Lewin**, President, The American Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (AAJLJ)

09:45-10:15 Prof. **Yaffa Zilbershats**, Deputy President, Bar-Ilan University; Academic Advisor and Board Member, IAJLJ: *"Occupation and Apartheid"*

10:15-10:45 Adv. **Michael Sfard**, Michael Sfard Law Office, Tel-Aviv, Israel: *"Separation and Apartheid"*

10:45-11:15 MK **Isaac Herzog**, Leader of the Opposition & Chairman of The Labor Party, Israel

11:15-11:45 Q and A

11:45-12:10 **Coffee Break**

12:15-14:00 **BDS – Boycott, Divestment, Settlements**

Moderator: **Jeremy Lieberman**, Pomerantz LLP, U.S.A.

- 12:15-13:00 Dr. **Boaz Ganor**, Ronald Lauder Chair for Counter Terrorism, Founder & Executive Director, The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT); Deputy Dean, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy; The Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya: *"Multidimensional Warfare – The BDS, De-legitimization and Terrorism Axis"*
- 13:00-13:25 Adv. **Marc Lévy**, France/Israel: *"The SodaStream Case: Is the French Victory Transferable to Other Legal Systems?"*
- 13:25-13:50 Hon. **Kenneth L. Marcus**, The Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law and former Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Washington, D.C.: *"The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement: Anti-Semitism and the Law"*
- 13:30-14:00 Q and A
- 14:00-15:00 **Lunch**
- 15:00-17:00 **Human Rights in Asymmetric War: Lawfare?**
Moderator: Adv. **Richard Horowitz**, Israel; Former IAJLJ's Main Representative to the U.N. in New York
- 15:00-15:30 Mr. **Avihai Mandelblit**, Cabinet Secretary, Israel: *"Lawfare – the New Front of Asymmetric Conflicts"*
- 15:30-16:00 Prof. **Amichai Cohen**, Dean, Ono Academic College - Faculty of Law: *"Terrorism and Bureaucracy - Procedural Aspects of the Fight of Liberal Democracies against Terrorism"*
- 16:00-16:30 Admiral (ret.) **Ami Ayalon** - Former commander of Israel's Navy and Head of Israel Security Agency (the Shin Bet); A senior research fellow at the Israel Democracy Institute: *"Democracy Facing Terror – From a point of view of head of the Shin Bet"*
- 16:30-17:00 Q and A
- 19:30 **Gala Dinner in the Desert**
At: The Camel Ranch, Nachal Shlomo, Eilat

Friday, November 21

At: The Dan Eilat Red Sea Hotel

- 09:00-12:00 **Human Rights Laws and their Politicization**
Moderator: Adv. Bruno Sed, Italy
- 09:00-10:00 Prof. **Geert-Jan Alexander Knoops**, Visiting professor International Criminal Law, Shandong University, China; Knoops' advocaten, The Netherlands: *"The Crime of Aggression: Proliferation or Politicization of International Criminal Law?"*

- 10:00-10:30 Prof. **Yuval Shany**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem: *"The Role of Politics in Enforcing International Human Rights Law: A View from Geneva"*
- 10:30-11:00 Prof. **Anne Bayefsky**, Director, Touro Institute of Human Rights and the Holocaust, U.S.A.: *"The UN Human Rights World and Israel: Legitimizing Anti-Semitism"*
- 11:00-11:30 Prof. **Ruth Halperin-Kaddari**, CEDAW Member and Chair of the Rackman Center for Women's Rights, Bar-Ilan University: *"International Women's Rights and Israel as Seen in the Work of the Treaty Bodies: Do they Walk the Talk?"*
- 11:30-12:00 Q and A
- 12:00-12:30 **Coffee Break**
- 12:30-14:00 **Perpetuation of the Palestinian Refugees Problem and UNRWA**
Moderator: Dr. **Maria Canals de Cediel**, Switzerland; Member of the Board of Governors, IAJLJ
- 12:30-13:00 Prof. **Irwin Cotler**, Member of Parliament, Former Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Canada: *"The Laundering of De-legitimization under the Protective Cover of the UN, Human Rights, International Law, and the Struggle against Racism"*
- 13:00-13:30 Dr. **Einat Wilf**, Senior Fellow, The Jewish People Policy Planning Institute, Israel: *"Separating the Political from the Humanitarian: Reforming UNRWA on the Path to Peace"*
- 13:30-14:00 Prof. **Yossi Shain**, Romulo Betancourt Professor of Political Science and Chair, Department of Political Science, Tel-Aviv University; Professor of Government and Diaspora Politics, Georgetown University: *"Diaspora Secession and The Paradox of Nation States"*
- 14:00-14:15 Q and A
- 14:15 **Board of Governors Meeting**
- 19:00 **Shabbat Dinner at the Dan Eilat**

Organizing Committee:

Adv. **Irit Kohn**, President, IAJLJ

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Schedule is subject to additions/changes

The sessions will be held in English

Accommodations at: The Dan Eilat Red Sea Hotel or Dan Panorama Eilat Hotel
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