

## **The *International Journal of Legal Information* and the IALL: An Introduction to the Cumulative Index**

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The *International Journal of Legal Information* is the official publication of the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL). As noted in its current statement of purpose, the *Journal* “serves the global community of law librarians, legal scholars, and practitioners through the publication of original articles, conference papers, bibliographies, book reviews, and documents concerning law and law-related information.” It is also a significant source of information about the history of the IALL and the major figures of international law librarianship who have participated in its programs and activities. Much of the history of the Association, which was established in 1959, is recorded within the *Journal* in presidential columns, editorials, memorials, and reports on meetings and conferences.

The *Journal* began publication in 1973 under the title *International Journal of Law Libraries*, which succeeded the *International Association of Law Libraries Bulletin*. The *Bulletin* was published in 30 numbered issues (some combined) between September 1960 and December 1972.<sup>1</sup> The present title was adopted with volume 10 of the *Journal* in 1982. The IALL is listed

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<sup>1</sup>The first issue of the *Bulletin* was designated volume 1, number 1; most subsequent issues beginning with the second were numbered with roman numerals, e.g., Number II. A two volume reprint edition of the *Bulletin* was published in 1975 by Verlag Dokumentation. In addition to reproducing the contents of the *Bulletin*, the first volume of the reprint includes a foreword with comments about the IALL and the *Bulletin* by Gerhard J. Dahlmanns, then-president of the IALL.

as publisher of the *Journal* on most volumes. Verlag Dokumentation is listed as the publisher of volumes 3-5 (1975-1977). Volumes 17-19 (1989-1991) list the International Institute of Legal Information as publisher; volumes 20-23 (1992-1995) state that the *Journal* was "produced in editorial association by the International Institute of Legal Information."

While the *Bulletin's* publication schedule was somewhat irregular during its thirteen year history,<sup>2</sup> the *Journal* has generally been published with three issues in each annual volume. Six issues were published in volume 10 (1982). For volumes 11-15, although only three issues were published per volume, each issue was identified and numbered as a combined issue (e.g., vol. 13, Feb.-Mar. 1985, nos. 1-2). Volumes 25 and 26 (1997 and 1998) were published as single combined issues.<sup>3</sup>

Volumes 1 through the most recently completed volume of the *Journal* are available electronically through Hein Online (<http://www.heinonline.org/>). Articles from 1994 through the most recently published issue are available through Westlaw. Selected content (president's messages, editorials, etc.) is published on the IALL web site (<http://www.iall.org/>).

The major figure in the history of the *Journal* is Ivan Sipkov of the United States Law Library of Congress. As the index of editors shows, Sipkov held numerous editorial positions with the *Journal* and the IALL *Bulletin*, including terms as general editor (with Jacob D. Korevaar and Wilhelmina M. Peletier) of the final two issues of the *Bulletin* in 1972; as general editor (with Klaus Menzinger) of the first two volumes of the *Journal* (1973-1974); and as editor-in-chief of volumes 13-19 (1985-1991). Upon his retirement as editor-in-chief in 1991, he served an additional year as senior editor. Other distinguished law librarians have served as primary editors or co-editors of the *Journal*: Klaus Menzinger was general editor (with Sipkov) of volumes 1-2 (1973-1974) and editor-in-chief of volumes 3-8 (1975-1980); Arno Liivak was editor-in-chief of volumes 9-12 (1982-1984); Igor I. Kavass and Bernard D. Reams were the editors of volumes 20-23 (1992-1995). With volume 24 (1996), Marie-Louise H. Bernal became editor of the *Journal* and continues in that capacity. Bartholemeus Landheer served as editor of the first 24 issues (1960-1979) of the *Bulletin*. Jacob D. Korevaar and Wilhelmina M. Peletier

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<sup>2</sup>Publication data for the *Bulletin* can be found in no. 29/30, the final issue, at page 104.

<sup>3</sup>Detailed Publication data for the *Journal* can be found at page 239 of this issue.

were the editors of issues XXV-XXVII (1971); Ivan Sipkov joined them for issues XXVIII-XXIX/XXX (1972).

In addition to substantive articles and bibliographies on subjects of interest to law librarians, reviews of new books on international and comparative law topics have been an important feature of the *Journal* since it began publication. Reviewers have included not only well-known members of the IALL, but prominent law librarians and law professors from throughout the world. The sheer number of reviews published in the *Journal* precludes including individual reviews in the coverage of the cumulative index; however, the occasional longer reviews identified by the editors by such titles as "Book Review Essays" are included in the index.<sup>4</sup>

Book review editors are not identified in all volumes of the *Journal*, but named editors have included Adolf Sprudz, volumes 8-12 (1980-1984); Marie-Louise H. Bernal, volumes 14-20 (1986-1992); William M. Walker, volumes 21-22 (1993-1994); Faye L. Couture, volume 23 (1995); and Katherine Topulos, volumes 25-30 (1997-2002), who continues.

Reviews of new periodicals were a regular feature from 1982-1994 with columns written by: Timothy Kearley, volumes 10-17 (1982-1989); Edward J. Bander, volume 18 (1990); and Jonathan Pratter, volumes 18-22 (1990-1994). Robert W. Schaaf provided the "International Documentation" feature in volumes 13-22 and 24 (1985-1994; 1996). The "International Calendar," prepared by Lyonette Louis-Jacques, began publication in volume 28(2000) and continues.

#### COVERAGE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE INDEX

The cumulative index provides comprehensive indexing of articles and other items published in the first thirty volumes of the *International Journal of Law Libraries* and the *International Journal of Legal Information* issued from 1973 through 2002. It also includes selective indexing of the *IALL Bulletin*, published from 1960-1972. The *Bulletin* featured articles of both length and substance, but also served as a source of news for the members of the

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<sup>4</sup>Book reviews published in the *Journal* can be located through the full-text search capabilities of Hein Online and (from 1994 on) through Westlaw, as well as through the annual indexes issued for most volumes of the *Journal*.

Association, and included many shorter notices and other pieces as well. The current index focuses on *Bulletin* articles of five pages or more, president's messages, reports on IALL meetings, and profiles and memorials of IALL members. A more comprehensive index of the IALL *Bulletin* was published in volume XXIX/XXX (Dec. 1972), of the *Bulletin*, its final issue.

The index covers all articles published in the *Journal*, as well as editorial comments and presidential messages. The published locations of regular features such as International Documentation, Periodical Reviews, and the International Calendar are included, but individual items within the features are not indexed unless of article length. As noted above, the index does not cover individual book reviews. Author, title, and subject indexing are provided in a single alphabetical index:

- Authors' names are in regular roman type (e.g., Lansky, Ralph);
- Article titles are in italics (e.g., *Law Libraries in Germany: An Introduction*); and
- Subject headings are in boldface (e.g., **Law Libraries - Germany**).

Locations of articles in the *International Journal of Law Libraries* and the *International Journal of Legal Information* are in the format: **19**:179-193, in which the article's volume is listed in boldface and inclusive pagination follows the colon. Locations of articles in the IALL *Bulletin* are in the format: **VIII** (*Bull.*):7-15, in which the article's issue number is in boldface roman numerals, the abbreviation (*Bull.*) is used to identify the *Bulletin*, and inclusive pagination follows the colon.