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Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2019

The Officers and Members of the Management Committee of the International Law Association (ILA) present this Report for the year ended 31 December 2019.

The present Officers of the ILA are as follows:

The Rt Hon Lord Mance (UK)	Chair
Professor Yuji Iwasawa (Japan)	Vice Chair
Professor Catherine Kessedjian (France)	Vice Chair
Professor James Nafziger (USA)	Vice Chair
Professor Damilola Olawuyi (Nigeria)	Vice Chair
Professor Antonios Tzanakopoulos (UK)	Hon. Secretary General
Professor Dr Rainer Hofmann (Germany)	Hon. Treasurer
Professor Pierre Bodeau-Livinec (France)	Director of Studies

The Officers are elected by the Executive Council (EC) for a period of four years unless an affirmative vote by a two-thirds majority at an EC meeting terminates their period of office earlier. The Management Committee (MC) is composed of the Officers and additional persons nominated by the EC from time to time. The members of the EC are elected by the Branches according to the size of their membership.

EC meetings are held biennially (Spring and Autumn) and the MC meets separately between the EC meetings.

The financial year of the Association runs from 1 January to 31 December of each year.

The ILA is an unincorporated association and has been a registered Charity (249637) since October 1966. The Association also enjoys consultative status as an international non-governmental organisation with a number of United Nations organisations, a number of its specialised agencies and other international bodies.

The Headquarters of the ILA are located at Charles Clore House, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR.

History and Objectives

The Association was founded in Brussels in 1873 to promote the study, clarification and development of public and private international law and the furtherance of international understanding and respect for international law. There are over 50 branches and 4,500 members spread across the world and representing every continent.

The objectives of the ILA are primarily pursued through the substantive work of its international committees. There are currently 20 committees on topics as diverse as International Monetary Law, Global Cultural Heritage Governance, Global Health Law, Space Law, and Sea Level Rise. In addition, there are 8 Study/Interest Groups which encourage the involvement of younger Members in the Association's work. Current areas of study include: The Role of Cities, UN Sanctions and Individual Responsibility in International Law.

Activities

The activities of the Association are organised by the EC, MC and individual Officers within their respective remits, assisted in each case by the Headquarters Secretariat in London.

In 2019, two successful ILA regional conferences took place in Slovenia and Portugal, in June and September respectively. The focus of each conference was different, namely 'Migration and International Law' and the 'Contribution of Case-law, International Courts and Tribunals to the Development of International Law'. Participants reported excellent presentations by speakers and good networking opportunities. Other significant outcomes included agreement to establish new committees and branches to further the work of the ILA. Preparations for the next Biennial Conference to be held in Kyoto, Japan in 2020 and hosted by the Japan Branch under its President, Judge Yanai, also continued apace throughout 2019 (although the Conference has, since the period covered by these accounts, had to be put on hold due to the coronavirus conference).

Various ILA Branches, Committees and Study Groups also arranged activities, including meetings to review the latest developments in specific areas of international law and drafting of ILA Committee Reports in preparation for the Kyoto conference. Highlights include the meeting of the ILA Committee on Participation in Global Cultural Heritage in July, the International Law Weekend organised by the American Branch in October and inaugural events for the Pakistan and Mauritian branches.

A new Branch was established in Montenegro in November although the EC also resolved to close the Branches of Nepal and Uganda.

Finances

The attached accounts show the current state of finances which the Officers consider taking, one year with another, to be sound. As in 2018, the unrestricted funds show a small deficit between the income and expenditure for the year.

Pursuant to provisions in the Charities Act 1993 applying to Charities with a gross annual income or expenditure below £250,000 in an accounting year, the Officers have elected that the accounts be 'examined' rather than 'audited', giving rise to a considerable saving in professional fees.

Banking services are provided by:

1. HSBC, 1 Woburn Place, Russell Square, London WC1H 0LQ.
2. CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ.

ILA Policy on Financial Reserves

To be able to provide reliable services over a longer period the Association must be able to absorb occasional shortfalls in income.

As the income of the Association comes mainly from its members (Branches), the annual level of income and the regularity of payment show significant fluctuations over the years. As the expenditure in relation to the level of services is already minimal, and no big reductions in expenditure can be made, it is desirable that the Association maintains a reserve at least equal to the expenditure of one calendar year.



The Rt Hon Lord Mance
Chair, International Law Association
9 May 2020

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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The executive council is required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the executive council should follow best practice and:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The executive council is responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The executive council is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2019

I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 31st December 2019 that are set out on pages 5 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accounts in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 on page 8 of the accounts. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - accounts are prepared that agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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9th May 2020

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER 2019

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Incoming Resources				
Subscriptions				
Branches (Note 2)	113,564	-	113,564	116,792
Headquarters membership	<u>2,423</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,423</u>	<u>3,198</u>
	<u>115,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,987</u>	<u>119,990</u>
Sales				
Publications	<u>11,189</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,189</u>	<u>1,974</u>
Deposit interest	163	-	163	80
Contribution towards administration	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Contribution towards conference travel costs	-	-	-	18,256
Royalties	6,458	-	6,458	6,940
ILA Scholarship Fund	-	5,340	5,340	7,154
Other income	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>9,646</u>	<u>5,340</u>	<u>14,986</u>	<u>35,430</u>
Total Incoming Resources	136,822	5,340	142,162	157,394
Deduct: Total Expenditure (Page 6)	<u>146,675</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>146,735</u>	<u>172,388</u>
Net (Deficit) Surplus for the year	9,853	5,280	4,573	14,994
Total funds brought forward	<u>172,226</u>	<u>5,244</u>	<u>177,470</u>	<u>192,464</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>162,373</u>	<u>10,524</u>	<u>172,897</u>	<u>177,470</u>

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2019 or 2018 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form an integral part of these accounts

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER 2019

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Expenditure				
Direct Charitable Expenditure:				
Conference report – distribution	10,731	-	10,731	262
ILA Scholarship Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,616</u>
	<u>10,731</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,731</u>	<u>14,878</u>
Staff Costs:				
Administrative salary, bookkeeping and secretarial services	79,802	-	79,802	83,710
Pension costs	<u>6,731</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,731</u>	<u>10,901</u>
	<u>86,533</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,533</u>	<u>94,611</u>
Management and Administration:				
Rent and rates	13,775	-	13,775	14,405
Insurance	878	-	878	609
Postage, stationery and photocopying	515	-	515	445
Telephone, fax and internet	2,039	-	2,039	1,445
Website support, licence and consultancy	11,341	-	11,341	12,895
Legal and professional	3,312	-	3,312	-
Accountants' remuneration	4,032	-	4,032	3,840
Executive Council functions and meetings	2,109	-	2,109	1,463
Conference expenses	-	-	-	18,580
Office and sundries	731	-	731	538
Officers' expenses and travel	1,980	-	1,980	259
Bank and credit card charges	1,721	60	1,781	1,460
Depreciation	<u>6,978</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,978</u>	<u>6,960</u>
	<u>49,411</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>49,471</u>	<u>62,899</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>146,675</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>146,735</u>	<u>172,388</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	3	<u>7,196</u>	<u>14,107</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	4	10,255	975
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>187,701</u>	<u>172,881</u>
		197,956	173,856
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>32,255</u>	<u>10,493</u>
		<u>165,701</u>	<u>163,363</u>
Net Assets	6	<u>172,897</u>	<u>177,470</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		162,373	172,226
Restricted Fund		<u>10,524</u>	<u>5,244</u>
Total Funds	7	<u>172,897</u>	<u>177,470</u>

Approved and signed on behalf of the Executive Council on 9th May 2020.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form an integral part of these accounts.



Professor Dr R Hofmann
Hon. Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER 2019

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland – Charities SORP (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

(b) International Law Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

(c) Incoming Resources

The ILA receives a substantial proportion of its income from overseas branch subscriptions. The subscriptions are calculated on the number of members in each overseas branch, the amount and receipt of which is unpredictable. These subscriptions together with individual members' subscriptions, publication sales and royalties are accounted for in the financial statements on a receipts basis.

(d) Expenditure

All expenditure is included in the financial statements on an accruals basis.

(e) Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is calculated at 25% per annum on a straight line basis to write off the assets over their expected lives.

(f) Fund Accounting

Funds held by the ILA are:

Unrestricted Funds - These are general funds which can be used in accordance with the ILA's charitable objects

Restricted Fund - ILA Scholarship Fund
This fund has been established to encourage and facilitate younger persons to participate in the work of the ILA

(g) Pension Costs

The ILA makes defined pension contributions on behalf of its staff. The contributions are charged to staff costs in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

(h) Taxation

The ILA is a registered charity and is, therefore, not liable to corporation tax to the extent that its income is applied to charitable purposes.

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2 Branch Subscriptions

Received in 2018			Received in 2019	
for 2017 & earlier	for 2018		for 2018 & earlier	for 2019
£	£		£	£
-	484	Albanian	-	-
300	8,300	American	510	10,590
1,137	-	Argentine	840	750
3,000	-	Australian	3,600	-
-	1,681	Austrian	-	1,598
450	450	Bangladesh	-	450
-	495	Belarusian	-	495
358	2,280	Belgian	-	-
-	-	Brazilian	3,600	-
-	11,220	British	-	10,200
630	630	Bulgarian	-	600
3,270	-	Canadian	-	-
-	-	Caribbean	450	450
-	660	Chilean	-	720
-	930	Chinese (Taiwan)	-	-
30	444	Colombian	-	60
70	-	Croatian	420	-
-	-	Cypriot	500	500
-	600	Czech	-	606
-	1,230	Danish	-	1,410
30	300	East African	-	300
480	-	Egyptian	30	-
-	1,740	Finnish	-	1,740
-	5,608	French	1,004	5,824
-	8,936	German	-	9,255
-	-	Hellenic	-	-
-	-	Hong Kong	1,320	570
-	1,225	Hungarian	-	1,005
450	1,630	Indian	430	1,860
150	666	Indonesian	-	-
-	570	Irish	-	720
-	90	Israel	1,395	630
2,130	-	Italian	2,910	-
-	9,840	Japan	-	9,810
-	-	Jordanian	-	-
1,560	1,590	Korean	-	1,440
-	-	Mauritius	-	360
80	1,175	Mexican	210	750
-	-	Nepalese	-	-
2,920	8,210	Netherlands (Dutch)	-	8,125
-	-	New Zealand	1,080	1,146
-	330	Nicaraguan	90	-
2,940	-	Nigerian	1,470	-
-	-	North Macedonia	300	300
<u>2,745</u>	<u>2,625</u>	Norwegian	-	<u>2,460</u>
22,730	73,939	carried forward	20,159	74,724

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2 Branch Subscriptions (continued)

Received in 2018 for 2017 & earlier £		for 2018 £		Received in 2019 for 2018 & earlier £		for 2019 £
22,730	73,939		brought forward	20,159	74,724	
750	950		Pakistan	-	360	
-	1,200		Polish	-	1,140	
-	1,124		Portuguese	-	1,260	
-	-		Qatari	2,910	1,380	
810	810		Romanian	-	-	
210	451		Russian	30	150	
-	570		Serbian	-	390	
-	1,830		Singaporean	-	-	
-	2,610		Slovene	-	2,925	
1,980	-		South African	1,380	-	
-	1,536		Spanish	-	1,536	
-	2,070		Swedish	-	2,100	
12	3,180		Swiss	-	3,090	
-	-		Turkish	-	-	
-	30		Ukrainian	-	30	
<u>26,492</u>	<u>90,300</u>			<u>24,479</u>	<u>89,085</u>	
<u>116,792</u>			Total subscriptions received	<u>113,564</u>		

3 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Website Development costs £	Office Equipment £	Total £
At cost at 1 st January 2019	25,008	4,189	29,197
Additions in the year	-	67	67
	<u>25,008</u>	<u>4,256</u>	<u>29,264</u>
<u>Deduct: Depreciation</u>			
At 1 st January 2019	12,504	2,586	15,090
Charge for the year	<u>6,252</u>	<u>726</u>	<u>6,978</u>
	<u>18,756</u>	<u>3,312</u>	<u>22,068</u>
Net Book Value at 31 st December 2019	<u>6,252</u>	<u>944</u>	<u>7,196</u>
Net book value at 31 st December 2018	<u>12,504</u>	<u>1,603</u>	<u>14,107</u>

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4 Debtors

	2019 £	2018 £
Amounts receivable within one year:		
Other debtors	-	605
Prepayments	<u>10,255</u>	<u>370</u>
	<u>10,255</u>	<u>975</u>

5 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other creditors	809	1,890
Tax and national insurance	-	1,889
Accruals and deferred income	<u>31,446</u>	<u>6,714</u>
	<u>32,255</u>	<u>10,493</u>

6 Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Tangible assets	7,196	-	7,196	14,107
Current assets	187,432	10,524	197,956	173,856
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	<u>32,255</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,255</u>	<u>10,493</u>
	<u>162,373</u>	<u>10,524</u>	<u>172,897</u>	<u>177,470</u>

7 Analysis of Funds

	At 1 st January 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Expen- diture £	At 31 st December 2019 £
Unrestricted funds	172,226	136,822	146,675	162,373
Restricted fund: ILA Scholarship Fund	<u>5,244</u>	<u>5,340</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>10,524</u>
	<u>177,470</u>	<u>142,162</u>	<u>146,735</u>	<u>172,897</u>