

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT 1980/81

The year 1980/81 has continued to be an active one for the Association. Once again, all our London meetings have been held in the middle of the day and the Association is much obliged to the Institute of London Underwriters for allowing us to use their Council Room. The session started with a talk by Professor Ernst Klingmuller of the Insurance Law Institute of the University of Cologne on "Can Liability Insurance Survive" and this was followed by two discussion meetings when the British Reporters for the AIDA World Congress 1982 presented their ideas for the British National Reports on the two themes of the Congress. In November, Ronald Skerman, Chairman of the British Insurers' European Committee, and Mark Weinberg Joint Managing Director of Hambro Life Assurance Limited, presented their ideas on the topic of "Leading Ideas in the Insurance of Persons" and in January Professor Derrick Owles, Honorary Visiting Fellow, City University Business School, did likewise on the other topic of the World Congress on "The Insurance and the Liabilities of the Providers of Services". At the March meeting the Speaker was Professor Reimer Schmidt, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Aachener and Munchener Group who talked on "the Main Principles of Insurance Supervision".

In addition, our usual two lunches have been held. At the December Presidential Luncheon the Guest Speaker was Peter Dugdale, Deputy Chairman of the BIA and Managing Director of the Guardian Royal Exchange and at our June Annual Luncheon the Guest Speaker was David Palmer, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of the Willis Faber Group. The Scottish Branch also held an evening meeting jointly with the Insurance Society of Edinburgh at which the Speaker was the Rt. Hon. Lord MacKay of Ashford, The Lord Advocate.

Since the last Annual General Meeting there has been a record increase of 50 new members to the Association including many from overseas. An article in the C.I.I. Journal, giving details of next year's AIDA World Congress, particularly attracted a great deal of interest and new membership.

Our longstanding links with the Insurance Law Institute at the University of Cologne have continued to flourish. As well as talking to the Association in October, Professor Klingmuller led a party from the Insurance Law Institute to visit Edinburgh for six days in May and a very interesting programme was organised for them by Kevin Doyle and Ken Davidson of our Scottish Branch. Very generous hospitality was arranged for the visiting group by the Association of Scottish Life Offices, the Law Society of Scotland, the General Accident and the Standard Life.

The Association has continued to receive for consideration discussion documents from various Government Departments and in particular replies have been made on the Draft EEC Convention on the Law Applicable to Contractual Obligations, the Department of Health and Social Security's Industrial Compensation Report and the Law Commission Report on Non-Disclosure and Breach of Warranty.

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