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This bulletin has been designed to circularise members with news of the Association's past events, future plans and other items likely to be of interest. It is hoped to issue the bulletin at quarterly intervals. Members who would like to suggest matters for inclusion in future bulletins are invited to send such items to the Honorary Secretary.

Vice-President

Members will be delighted to learn that Dr. C.E. Golding has accepted the Committee's invitation to become a Vice-President of the Association. Dr. Golding is well known in legal and insurance circles and not least for the yeoman service which he has rendered in the field of insurance education for many years. He graduated in law with 1st class honours in 1906 and in 1926 secured his

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doctorate for a thesis on arbitration in English law treated historically. Dr. Golding is the author of several insurance text-books including "The Law & Practice of Reinsurance". He was President of The Chartered Insurance Institute in 1946.

#### Vice-Chairman

Congratulations to our Vice-Chairman who received an O.B.E. in the recent Birthday Honours List.

#### Constitution and Rules

The Constitution and Rules which were adopted at the inaugural meeting of the Association on 25th February, 1964, have now been printed and a copy is enclosed with this bulletin. Members wishing to interest friends who may be potential members can secure additional copies of the Constitution from the Honorary Secretary.

#### Income Tax Relief

Application is being made to the Inland Revenue Authorities for tax relief to be granted in respect of membership subscriptions to the Association. The result of this application will be notified as soon as possible.

#### Annual General Meeting

A note for your diary!

The Annual General Meeting has been arranged for the 29th September, 1964, at the Bonnington Hotel, London, W.C.1. at 5.45 p.m. It is a pleasure to report that Professor Jan Hellner of Stockholm University has accepted an invitation to address the Association on this occasion. His subject will be "The Role of an International Insurance Law Association". This should be an interesting paper as Sweden has a strong international law association and Professor Hellner speaks fluent English. Further details will be issued nearer the date.

#### Chairman's Paper

The "Post Magazine & Insurance Monitor" in its issue dated 25th June, 1964, published the paper entitled "The Contractual Fire Insurance Liabilities of Landlord and Tenant" presented at the inaugural meeting of the Association by the Chairman. Off-prints of this have been made available to the Association through the courtesy of the Editor of the "Post Magazine & Insurance Monitor" and a copy is enclosed with this bulletin.

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## Insurance Law in Europe and the United States

A report of the symposium held under the auspices of the B.I.I.C.L. and the C.I.I. on 12th November, 1963, has now been published. Details of this publication are contained in the leaflet circulated with this bulletin and copies can be obtained from the B.I.I.C.L. Price 21/- net (postage 6d).

## Law Reform

In its Annual Statement the General Council of the Bar describes a scheme to initiate and formulate proposals for law reform. Study groups are being appointed to study topics that meet three requirements. They should be susceptible to adequate study within 12 months. They should not be deeply controversial in a political sense. There must be a fair prospect of implementation. Among the first score of subjects chosen are a number of interest to members of this Association. These include "the need of compulsory insurance of liability towards car and pillion passengers"; the Hague Rules; and the question whether persons who are strangers to a contract should be enabled to enforce provisions inserted for their benefit, with particular reference to the position of servants, agents and sub-contractors. A full list of the subjects selected for examination can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary.

Members of the Bar who wish to suggest topics for consideration or who would like to make a contribution to the examination of any of the subjects already selected, are asked to notify the Secretary of the Council, Carpmael Building, Temple, E.C.4.

## Study Groups

It is proposed to form study groups to examine the following subjects:

The teaching of insurance law in universities and business schools, and Insurance control law in various countries.

Small working groups are envisaged and each group would appoint its own Secretary and make its own arrangements for meetings. It is hoped that reports would be available after a period of about 12 months for submission to the Committee. Members interested in joining study groups on these topics or on any others that they care to suggest, are invited to write to the Honorary Secretary.

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Future Plans

In addition to the study groups already mentioned, the Committee is actively considering other proposals, including social events, to promote the aims and objects of the Association and further announcements will be made in subsequent issues of the bulletin. Suggestions from members will be welcomed.

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All enquiries concerning the British Insurance Law Association should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, The College of Insurance, 30, Woodlands Road, Surbiton, Surrey.