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American Branch Activities International Law Weekend 1995

International Law Weekend 1995 was held in New York on Thursday-Saturday, 2-4 November 1995. The central theme was: "The United Nations in the 21st Century: Meeting the Challenges of the Next Fifty Years." Some of the papers prepared for the weekend will be printed in a forthcoming *International Practitioner's Notebook*. The panels were attended by the largest numbers that have ever participated in International Law Weekend, exceeding last year's record by nearly 25 percent. The gala dinner at the United Nations Delegates' Dining Room heard an address by ROBERT ROSENSTOCK, the Legal Adviser to the United States Delegation to the United Nations and American member of the International Law Commission. He reviewed the origins and work of the Commission to an appreciative audience.

The luncheon at the House of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York heard an address by Professor RUTH WEDGWOOD of Yale University, a Vice-President of the Branch. She spoke on the need for institutions to enforce the rules of international law against individuals who commit violations of agreed rules relating to individual human rights and the humanitarian laws of war.

1996 Membership Drive Now Underway

With this mailing you will find your 1996 membership renewal form. Please take the time to fill it out now and do your best to get us your check before the arrival of the New Year. We closed our books for 1995 with 370 members, a gain of over 30% from our 1994 lowpoint, but still far short of our historical norm of 550-600. In 1996 we will make a major push to restore our membership to its historical levels.

International Law Ass'n Biennial Conference: Helsinki 1996

REMINDER: The next biennial Conference of the International Law Association will be held in Helsinki on 12-17 August 1996. It is best to schedule your arrival for Sunday, 11 August. To get on the mailing list for future conference announcements, please send your name and title, full address, fax number, if any, and whether you are a member of the ILA, to:

International Law Association
Finnish Branch
c/o Advocate Klaus Lagus
Tehtaankatu 4 B 11
FIN-00140 Helsinki
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Fax: (358)-0-631054

The Registration fee for ILA members and those accompanying them is US\$400 per person. Registration for non-members will be US\$600 per person. ILA members under the age of 30 can register for US\$200. A post-

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conference excursion to Lapland has been arranged for an additional US\$500 per participant, which includes air fare and hotel accommodations (the rate for couples sharing a room is US\$400). Day-trips to Tallinn or St Petersburg are inexpensive (ferry costs are US\$30-50 roundtrip) and can be arranged by the participants independently.

Thirty-three members of the American Branch have already registered their interest with the Finnish Branch making a total to date of 445 pre-registrants, not including 36 from the Finnish Branch itself. There are too many American Branch members to list in this Newsletter, but if you are not sure whether your early expression of interest has been received by Advocate Lagus, please telephone to Professor Alfred P. Rubin at (617) 628-5000 ext. 2241. He has the list compiled by the Finnish Branch as of 15 September 1995.

Getting There from Here

Air transportation from either Boston or New York via KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and British Airlines (with a change in Amsterdam) can be procured at bulk rates for approximately \$650 per ticket plus about \$30 tax. There is an additional charge of \$20 for weekend travel. So the total charge for weekend travel would come to about \$700 per ticket. There is a penalty of \$150 for changes within a 90-day window.

The conference opens formally on Monday morning, 12 August 1996, so it might be most convenient if you can time your arrival in Helsinki for Sunday afternoon, 11 August. Our travel agent is:

Mr. Mark R. Guarnieri, Supervisor
Corporate Reservations
Fresh Pond Travel
186 Alewife Brook Parkway
Cambridge, MA 02138
Tel. (800) 645-0001, ext. 3015

When calling, be sure to state that you are an ILA American Branch member in order to avail yourself of the special bulk arrangement.

Other Meetings of the ILA and its Branches

British Branch

The British Branch has an active program of conferences to which all members of the ILA in any of its Branches are very welcome. The next "Spring Conference" is scheduled for Edinburgh, Friday-Saturday 10-11 May 1996. The subject is "International Litigation: Problems and Prospects." It will focus on litigation before the International Court of Justice, other international tribunals (including human rights tribunals) and international arbitration.

Details as they are determined can be got directly by contacting:

Mr. D.L. Bethlehem
Department of Law
London School of Economics
Houghton Street
London, WC2A 2AE, United Kingdom
Tel.: (44) 171-955-7245

Taiwan 1998

The planning for the next biennial ILA meeting has already begun. The host will be the Taiwan Branch. The dates have been provisionally fixed for 24-30 May 1998.

Britain 2000

The British Branch will be host for the jubilee year 2000. Tentative planning has begun around the starting date of 13 August 2000.

Other News from the ILA

Executive Council Meeting

The Executive Council of the ILA met in London on 17-18 November 1995. It was announced there with great regret that Professor JAMES CRAWFORD would be resigning the post of Director of Studies after the Helsinki conference. He has held that post for six years. The search for a successor has begun.

It was also announced that a raise in membership dues would have to be considered soon. Currently, each Branch forwards to Headquarters in London £20 for each member of the Branch. That sum accounts for about \$32 of your annual dues of \$50 to the Branch (the rest goes to expenses of producing and distributing our publications). The increase, if approved by the Executive Council in the usual way, would not go into effect until 1 January 1998. The current contribution to Headquarters was fixed in 1988. It seemed to be the consensus at the Executive Council meeting that the costs of maintaining our modest establishment in London had obviously increased in the past ten years by more than enough to justify the increase in dues. Whether that increase would have to be reflected in an increase in Branch dues would have to be evaluated by the Branch Executive Committee before the dues notices for 1998 are sent out. There seems to be ample time left for sober reflection.

Branch Committee Activities

Executive Committee

As reported in Newsletter N^o 44, there is some thought being given to the possibility of making our biennial *Proceedings* an annual *Year Book*. Two keys to the future of the *Proceedings* are the quantity and quality of Branch Committee Reports and other submissions; and the possibility now under review of a different form of publication for our *International Practitioner's Notebook*.

Interest has been expressed by the International Law Students Association in helping to edit and publish the *Notebook* and the possibilities of cooperation to the mutual benefit of the two organizations are being studied. A formal proposal from ILSA and the supporters of its current publication venture out of Nova University is expected shortly.

Professor MICHAEL P. SCHARF, the Program Committee Chairman for International Law Weekend 1995 presented a Report which was received with great appreciation. He has accepted an enthusiastic request that he continue as Program Chairman for International Law Weekend 1996. A major theme for International Law Weekend 1996 will be the enforcement of international criminal law and human rights law, but some broadening

of the topic was agreed, so that the very varied interests of those attending International Law Weekend could be better accommodated. If any member wishes to help forming a panel of broad interest, please contact Professor Scharf at:

Prof. Michael P. Scharf
New England School of Law
154 Stuart St.
Boston, MA 02116

The Director of Studies, CHARLES D. SIEGAL, reported to the Executive Committee on the activities of the Committees of the Branch.

The COMMITTEE ON ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT is preparing an analysis of the Chemical Weapons Convention to be forwarded to appropriate Congressional Committees. Any members interested in helping with the work of the Arms Control and Disarmament Committee should contact its Chairman:

Prof. David Koplow
Georgetown University Law Center
600 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

The COMMITTEE ON COMMERCIAL LAW has been working on progressive harmonization of commercial laws across national boundaries, and has recently supported Senate advice and consent for the UNIDROIT Convention on the Limitation Period for the International Sale of Goods. The Committee is looking for a reporter. All members of the Branch who are interested in the work of the Committee are encouraged to contact its Chairman:

Houston Putnam Lowry, Esq.
Brown & Welsh, P.C.
Meriden Executive Park
538 Preston Ave.
P.O. Box 183
Meriden, CT 06450

The COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC SANCTIONS is starting work on its Report: "The Status of Economic Sanctions as Lawful Countermeasures." The Chairman is:

Prof. Michael P. Malloy
Fordham University School of Law
140 West 62nd Street
New York, NY 10023

The COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS is currently attempting to produce a program on children's rights. Interested members should contact:

Prof. Alison Dundes Renteln
Department of Political Science
University of Southern California
Von KleinSmid 327
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0044

The COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT is evaluating post-Rio attempts to codify and progressively develop the general international law relating to the environment. The Chairman is:

Prof. Stephen McCaffrey
McGeorge School of Law
University of the Pacific
3200 Fifth Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95817

Professor ALAN SWAN, Chairman of the COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, has asked to be relieved of that responsibility, and the activities of that Committee will be folded in to the activities of the COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

Committees in Formation

Several new committees are being organized, and any members interested in joining should contact the chairs as soon as convenient. Reporters are especially needed. In the committee structure of the International Law Association and the American Branch, the function of a reporter is to draft the substantive reports of the various Committees. This is a very responsible position through which the reporter's views on topics of serious interest are brought to the attention of the senior members of the committee.

Here is a listing of new committees and their chairs. Those who would like to work in those committees, either as reporters or members or to help organize the work and membership of the committee should contact the chairs as soon as convenient.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. A committee to address international and translational questions of copyright, trademark, patent and other intellectual property issues is being formed under chair:

Prof. Karl F. Jorda
Franklin Pierce Law Center
2 White St.
Concord, NH 03301
Internet: kjorda@fplc.edu.

INTERNATIONAL INSOLVENCY. A committee addressing issues of crossborder bankruptcy and insolvency is being formed under chair:

Victor A. Vilaplana, Esq.
Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton
501 West Broadway, 19th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101-3505

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT. A committee to address the proposed formation of a permanent International Criminal Court is being formed under chair:

Prof. Leila Sadat Wexler
Washington University School of Law
Campus Box 1120
One Brookings Drive
St. Louis, MO 63130-4899

FORMATION OF A RULE OF CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW. A committee dealing with the formation of rules of customary international law is being formed under chair:

Davis R. Robinson, Esq.
LeBoeuf Lamb Leiby & MacRae
1875 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20009

Mr. ROBINSON is now also the American Branch's member in the International Committee on the same topic. It is envisaged that the reporter for the Branch Committee, if all goes well, would be nominated to be the Alternate Branch member in the International Committee. If the International Committee cannot produce a worthy Report within a reasonable time, and the American Branch Committee can produce an initiative for international attention, we are prepared to propose that the work of the American Branch Committee be considered a basis for the further work of the International Committee.

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATION. A committee on international civil and commercial litigation is being formed under chair:

Peter Trooboff, Esq.
 Covington & Burling
 1201 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
 P.O. Box 7566
 Washington, D.C. 20044.

Professor JACK GOLDSMITH will serve as the Committee's reporter.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY LAW; INTERNATIONALIZATION OF CAPITAL MARKETS. The chairs of both these committees are empty at the moment. We propose to combine them into a single Committee. Any member interested in organizing the new structure and supervising the work of the Committee as Chair should contact:

Prof. Cynthia Lichtenstein
 c/o Persaud
 57 Manchuria Road
 London SW11 6AF, United Kingdom

INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW. The current chair, Professor DAVID LEEBRON, has asked to be relieved of his duties, and Professor ALAN SWAN is considering taking on that work. Any members interested in the work of the Committee on International Trade Law should contact:

Prof. Alan C. Swan
 P.O. Box 248087
 University of Miami School of Law
 Coral Gables, FL 33124-8087

International Committees

Professor RICHARD B. LILICH has asked to be relieved of his position in the Committee on the Formation of a Rule of Customary International Law. DAVIS R. ROBINSON has replaced him there. As noted above, Mr. Robinson, a former Legal Adviser to the Department of State, is organizing a parallel American Branch committee and would appreciate hearing from any members interested in joining. A reporter for the American Branch committee is particularly wanted.

Several international committees do not have American Branch members or alternates. The easiest way to be nominated to membership in an international committee is to serve as an organizer/chairman or reporter of an American Branch committee dealing with a related subject.

If there is no international committee currently dealing with a significant topic of sufficient interest, the easiest way to form one is to organize an American Branch committee on that topic, produce a report that can be circulated to the general membership and our counterparts in the parent organization, and then propose an international committee. The successful proposer of an international committee is usually asked to be its organizer, chair or reporter. The process is not difficult. But neither the Branch nor our parent Association is interested in conferring empty titles; there is too much exciting work to be done, and our function is to serve as the organization through which those interested in doing it can be adequately recognized.

A full list of international committees and their American Branch members and alternates is included in this Newsletter.

Committees Policy

We are committed to open membership in branch committees. Any member of the Branch who would like to join any committee of the Branch should contact the chair of the committee and the Director of Studies. Many Branch committee chairs are particularly interested in finding reporters: people who are willing to draft committee reports, either in support of agenda topics that have been agreed by international committees needing national Branch opinions and data, or original topics within the purview of the Branch committee. Draft reports will be subject to the usual review procedures within each Branch committee and, in most cases, will be published with full acknowledgment of the work of the reporter(s) in our biennial *Proceedings*. Reports deemed worthy of international circulation by the Branch committee can usually be distributed to the members of the appropriate international committee, and in some cases made available to all members of the ILA prior to the biennial conference at which the topic will be discussed.

Any member wishing to organize a new Branch committee on any topic within the purview of the ILA should contact the Director of Studies proposing a topic, a reporter, and a plan for the recruitment of qualified members. The proposer may also take the chair and serve as reporter for a new committee if a membership of the committee that is large enough and diverse enough can be achieved.

Since membership in international committees is based on individual reputation and achievement and does not represent any Branch orthodoxy, nominations to international committees are normally reserved to members of the Branch who have established a reputation sufficient to support the nomination. But there are no hard-and-fast rules. Active work as reporter or Chair of a Branch committee is frequently the most persuasive criterion; a good way to establish a reputation adequate to support the nomination to an international committee.

For the convenience of those wishing to become more active in Branch committees, a list of the names and addresses of current committee chairs is appended. Those wishing to know more about the work of any particular existing Branch committee should contact the chair directly.

International Practitioner's Notebook

Transcripts of some of the panels held during International Law Weekend 1994 are the major part of a double issue of *IPN*. That issue was prepared by students at Mercer Law School under the editorial guidance of Professor MARK JONES. It was distributed shortly after International Law Weekend 1995 and all members should have received their copies by the time this is received.

A number of the papers presented at International Law Weekend 1995 are being prepared for publication. Further information on that will appear in the next Newsletter.

Committees of the American Branch, ILA

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COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION:

Chair: David W. Rivkin, Esq.
Debevoise & Plimpton
875 Third Ave.
New York NY 10022

COMMERCIAL LAW

Chair: Houston Putnam Lowry, Esq.
Brown & Welsh, P.C.
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538 Preston Ave.
P.O. Box 183
Meriden, CT 06450-0183

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS:

Chair: Professor Michael P. Malloy
Fordham University School of Law
140 West 62nd St.
New York, NY 10023

ENVIRONMENT

Chair: Prof. Stephen McCaffrey
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3200 Fifth Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95817

EXTRADITION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Chair: Prof. Christopher Pyle
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HUMAN RIGHTS

Chair: Charles D. Siegal, Esq.
Munger, Tolles & Olson
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Los Angeles, CA 90071-1560

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Organizer: Professor Karl Jorda
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2 White St.
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INTERNATIONAL INSOLVENCY

Organizer: Victor A. Vilaplana, Esq.
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INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION AND THE PROTECTION OF THE FAMILY

Chair: Prof. Gail McKnight Beckman
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MARITIME NEUTRALITY

Chair: John H. McNeill, DGC(IA&I)
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SPACE LAW

Chair: Prof. Stephen Gorove
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University, MS 38677

STATE IMMUNITY

Chair: Prof. Joseph W. Dellapenna
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LEGAL ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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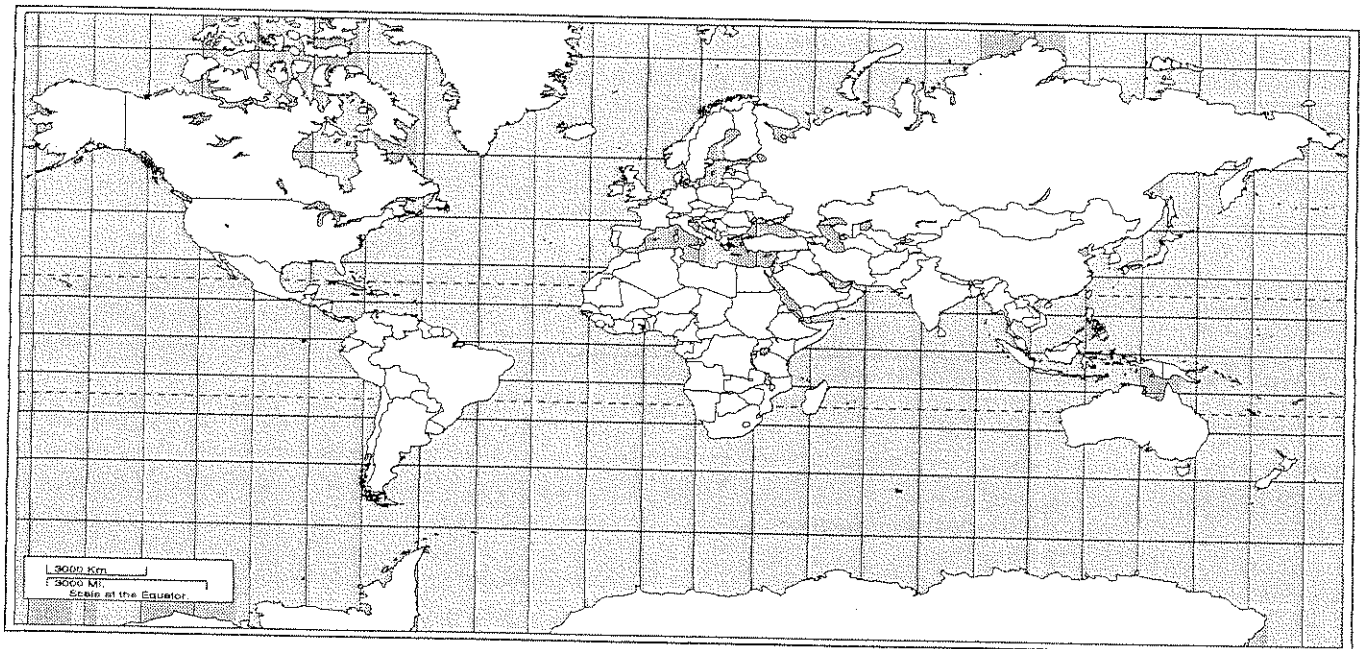
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ILA Committees 1995

<i>Committee Name</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>Reporter(s)</i>	<i>US Members</i>
Arms Control and Disarmament Law	J. Dahlitz (A/NZ)	D. Fleck (G) E. Dahinden (Swi)	Phillip Trimble John McNeill (alt)
Coastal State Jurisdiction Over Marine Pollution	A.H.A. Soons (Neth)	E. Franckx (B/Lux)	Daniel Bodansky
Cultural Heritage Law	P.J. O'Keefe (A/NZ)	James A.R. Nafziger (USA)	
Extradition and Human Rights	A.P. Rubin (USA)	J. Dugard (SA) C. Vd Wyngaert (B/Lux)	Christopher Pyle Kenneth Gallant (alt)
Extraterritorial Jurisdiction	I. Sinclair (UK)	K. Meessen (G)	Cecil Olmstead
Feminism and International Law	S.W.E. Goonesekere (Sri L)	C. Chinkin (A/NZ)	Virginia Leary
Formation of Customary International Law	M.H. Mendelson (UK)	R. Mullerson (HQ/Est)	Davis Robinson
Inter-Country Adoption and Protection of the Family	R.R. Balestra (Arg)	M.J.L. Grill (Arg) J. Lisbonne (Fr)	G.McK. Beckman
Internally Displaced Persons	L.Lee (USA)	R. Hofmann (G) Y. Shimada (J)	James A.R. Nafziger
International Human Rights Law and Practice	Richard B. Lillich (USA)	H. Hannum (USA)	Thomas M. Franck
International Civil and Commercial Litigation	P.E. Nygh (A/NZ)	C. McLachlan (UK) P. Blanquier-Cirelli (Fr)	Peter Trooboff Friedrich K. Juenger
International Commercial Arbitration	E. Gaillard (Fr)	H.A. Grigera Naon (Arg) P. Bowden (UK)	Philip D. O'Neill
International Law in National Courts	G. Guillaume (Fr)	I. Shearer (A/NZ) T. Stein (G)	S. Schwebel E. Gordon (alt)
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<i>Committee Name</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>Reporter(s)</i>	<i>US Members</i>
International Trade Law	T. Oppermann (G)	E.-U. Petersmann (Swi) F.M. Abbott (USA)	John Jackson Gary N. Horlick (alt)
Islamic and International Law	A.K. Aboulmagd (Egy)	L.R. Sykiäinen (Rus)	Frank E. Vogel
Maritime Neutrality	D. Schindler (Swi)	M. Bothe (G)	John McNeill Alfred P. Rubin (alt)
Refugee Procedure	K. Hailbronner (G)	D. Martin (USA)	Ved Nanda
Regional Economic Development Law	J. Dutheil de la Rochère (Fr)	R. Ida (J) H. Hartnell (USA)	Eric Stein Fred Abbott (alt)
Space Law	K.-H. Böckstiegel (G)	M. Williams (Arg)	Carl Q. Christol Stephen Gorove Howard Taubenfeld
State Succession	H. Bokor-Szegö (Hn)	B. Stern (Fr)	
Sustainable Development	K. Hossain (B'desh)	N.C. Schrijver (Neth)	
Water Resources Law	C.B. Bourne (Can)	R.D. Hayton (USA) L.A. Teclaff (USA) Secretary: A.E. Utton (USA)	



1996 Membership in the ILA and Its American Branch

The time has come to renew your membership in the International Law Association and its American Branch. Here's what your dues get you: £20 (about \$32) of the total is forwarded to the headquarters in London and buys your membership in the umbrella organization; the balance (about \$18) is retained by the branch to finance branch activities. Membership entitles you to participate in Branch and ILA committees and buys you a subscription to: *ILA Newsletter*, reports of the ILA's *Biennial Conferences*, the *AB-ILA Newsletter*, *International Practitioner's Newsletter* and the *Proceedings* of the American Branch. Your membership payment helps to finance all of the Branch's activities, most notably including International Law Weekend, the premier event of its kind in the United States.

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| Special (Student) Membership | \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Are you a new member? renewing member?

Name

Institution and Address

Fax Number and/or Internet Address

Please indicate here any committees on which you wish to serve
(This information will be forwarded to the Director of Study)

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