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Special Message

As this issue of the IPBA Journal goes to print, the IPBA extends its deepest and heartfelt sympathy and prayers, and support to the people of Japan and our IPBA Japanese members and colleagues in the aftermath of the most recent devastating earthquake and tsunami. The IPBA pledges its continuing support to our Japanese members and supporters as Japan begins to recover and rebuild.

*Lee Suet-Fern, President
Gerald A Sumida, Secretary-General
for the entire IPBA family
18 March 2011*

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The President's Message



Dear Colleagues,

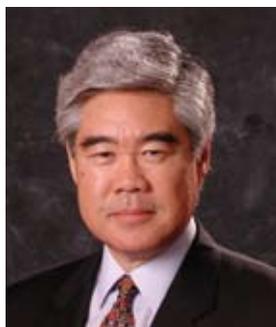
The 21st IPBA Annual Meeting and Conference in Kyoto promises to be a very special and not-to-be-missed event. Let me give you 10 very good reasons to attend.

1. For starters, it will be a very special 20th anniversary conference for the IPBA, which marks the return of the annual conference to Japan where the first IPBA Conference was held. Twenty years is a very significant milestone in the history of any organisation and more so for the IPBA, which is an organisation focused on the Asia-Pacific region that has seen extraordinary growth and development in the last 20 years. It will be a special occasion for celebrations plus a sharing of many happy memories over the years.
2. The Conference will be at the beautiful historic city of Kyoto. Kyoto is one of the most magical culturally rich ancient capitals of the world. It is unique and special.
3. The Conference will be at the ICC Kyoto, at the foot of the evergreen Mt Hiei. This is in itself a historic venue as it is where the United Nations' 'Kyoto Protocol' was adopted.
4. The Kyoto/Osaka Host Committee has put together a very exciting programme and chosen 'Innovation' as the Conference theme. This theme reflects the IPBA's continued forward-looking approach.
5. Guest speakers at the Plenary Session on 'Innovation – Key to the Development of the Asia-Pacific Region, for Science, Business and the Legal Profession' are eminent thought-provoking leaders who will provide fascinating presentations and will take questions from the floor. They are: His Excellency, John V Roos, the US Ambassador to Japan, Dr Hiroshi Matsumoto, a renowned space scientist, Dr Shinya Yamanaka, a brilliant physician, stem cell researcher and inventor, and Mr Yasuchika Hasegawa, the President and CEO of Takeda Pharmaceutical Co Ltd.
6. There will be Special Sessions on a number of topics including: 'With China as the New No 2 Economy, Can Japan Sustain Itself through Innovation?'; 'Judicial Reforms: How many legal professionals should there be, and how should they be nurtured?'; 'Litigation Systems in Asia – A Comparative Study'; and 'ADR: Regional Experience and Trends'.
7. This Conference also represents the inaugural conference for the IPBA's special collaborative partnership with the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). The Kyoto Conference will host the first joint special session between APEC and the IPBA. This partnership between APEC's government leaders and the IPBA's lawyers will work to promote trade and cross-border investments in the Asia-Pacific region through joint activities that aim to develop professional legal services and infrastructures.
8. In addition, there will be a host of social and accompanying person events and activities. The Welcome Reception will be hosted at the ICC Kyoto's lobby with an exquisite Japanese-style garden that faces the beautiful Lake Takaragaike. This reception will feature a geisha performance and will be preceded by a traditional tea ceremony where everyone can join in. In the evening, delegates will have a choice of going to the Ninna-ji Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, or the Kodaji-ji Temple and the Garden Oriental Kyoto. Both venues promise rare and fascinating opportunities to visit and view places of history, beauty and heritage in Kyoto.
9. No IPBA Conference is complete without our golf tournaments. Both the pre- and post-Conference Golf Sessions at the Kyoto Conference will be at the Seta Golf Course, a lovely rolling terrain overlooking Lake Biwa and Mt Hiei. The Seta Golf Course boasts a distinctive 54-hole golf course for the challenge and enjoyment of all our IPBA golfers. There are also very attractive pre- and post-Conference tours to Mt Fuji and Hakone, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Kurashiki, and to the historic city of Nara. I warmly recommend them all!
10. Last, but far from least, please come to the Kyoto Conference for the friendship and camaraderie that represent the best hallmark of the IPBA. Come and see old friends and make new ones, enjoy the opportunity for educational and professional interaction, as well as having some fun and good times together.

The Kyoto/Osaka Host Committee led by Shiro Kuniya, has been unsparing in their efforts to put together an extraordinary Conference in Kyoto. Please come. I look forward to seeing you in Kyoto!

*Lee Suet-Fern
President
21 February 2011*

The Secretary-General's Message



Dear IPBA Members,

From 21–24 April 2011, the IPBA will convene its Annual Meeting and Conference in Kyoto, held under the theme of *Innovation*. This event has a very special significance

for IPBA members and for the Asia-Pacific Region: Exactly 20 years ago, from 21–24 April 1991, the IPBA convened its inaugural meeting in Tokyo, drawing over 500 lawyers from some 30 countries and officially adopting the IPBA Constitution. Preceding that April 1991 meeting, nine lawyers who formed the steering committee met in Katsuura, Chiba Prefecture, Japan and began a series of discussions that would culminate in the founding of the IPBA. They were Nobuo Miyake (Tokyo), Douglas Lash (Toronto), Roger Rosendahl (Los Angeles), José Rosell (France), Koji Saito (Tokyo), Sui-Yu Wu (Taipei), Robert E Young (New York) and Mark Shklov (Honolulu). Mark Shklov describes those meeting as ‘characterised by friendship, fellowship, candid discussions, sensitivity to each other’s ideas and opportunities for expression’, traits embodied in what we now call the ‘Spirit of Katsuura’ which is part of the IPBA’s core values.¹

Based on that spirit, the founding principles of the IPBA are: (i) to provide IPBA members with opportunities to contribute to the development of the legal profession, the law and legal structures within this region, to meet and exchange ideas and to study and discuss legal issues affecting the region; (ii) to serve its members fairly and equitably; and (iii) to promote the rule of law. All of these elements, suffused with the Spirit of Katsuura, have given the IPBA what former IPBA President Susan Glazebrook called a ‘distinctive culture’ that allows total involvement of members and the opportunity to participate, evinces a thorough professionalism in its conferences and publications, and is rooted in Asia.² As Mark

Shklov observed in his history: “Until the IPBA was founded, there had not been a democratic forum where attorneys active in the region’s business could mutually interact and exchange opinions. The IPBA filled that vacuum ... The IPBA is an organisation that is Asian-led, where the attorneys of the region have greater opportunity to express themselves and to participate in its activities.”

Since its inaugural meeting in April 1991, the IPBA has grown and sustained a strong membership, expanded its members to over 1400 from some 65 jurisdictions, established a diverse array of practice area committees and other committees for women business lawyers, established the IPBA’s scholarships for young lawyers and lawyers from developing countries, and a legal training and development programme. The IPBA has also held its meetings and programmes in regions beyond the Asia-Pacific Region since business within Asia is strongly linked to the economies of North America and Europe and increasingly to those of South America. These have been well received and successful, and have provided important and first-hand insights into doing business in the Asia-Pacific Region. They have also enhanced professional, commercial and personal relationships with lawyers, businesspersons, governmental officials and others within those jurisdictions.

Nonetheless, the IPBA, like many businesses, continuously assesses how it can best serve the needs and aspirations of its members, and thus attract new members, in a regional environment undergoing profound transformations wrought by globalisation as to how cross-border business is done, new patterns of trade and investment, rapid economic and regulatory changes within ‘emerging’ economies, increasing regional and international investment and financial regulatory initiatives, the evolution of legal systems and professional legal organisations within the region, and many other changes. The IPBA undertook in 2005 an extensive, broad-based strategic planning process, with expert facilitation, that resulted in its Strategic Plan formally adopted in 2006. Not surprisingly, the

¹ Shklov’s excellent history of the founding of the IPBA and how it was conceived and the values that became embodied in the IPBA Constitution is found in Mark T Shklov, ‘The Spirit of Katsuura’, *IPBA Journal* (December 1997), which is reprinted in the *IPBA Manual*.

² Justice of New Zealand’s Court of Appeals and IPBA President from 1998–99.

results of that process strongly reaffirmed both the Spirit of Katsuura as the IPBA's internal binding force and the IPBA basic goals.³

With the perspective of 20 years, the IPBA itself stands out as a significant *innovation* in the development of legal organisations and the role it plays in the rule of law in the Asia-Pacific Region. With the Spirit of Katsuura as its ethos, the IPBA is, and remains, a legal organisation of business lawyers with an interest in this region, whether resident in the region or not, who created and lead the organisation based on democratic principles and who are dedicated to the furtherance of relationships and the rule of law within this region. Indeed, the impacts of globalisation have underscored the value of the IPBA for its members and its role in promoting the rule of law in this region.

The Kyoto/Osaka IPBA Annual Meeting and Conference will be held at the Kyoto International Conference Center, which itself is a site of innovative initiatives, including most prominently the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework

Convention on Climate Change. At its 2011 Annual Meeting and Conference in Singapore, the IPBA's theme was on 'Climate Change and the Practice of Law'. This symbolism is, therefore, a gratifying one, as the IPBA looks forward to another decade to continue to service its members and to continue its significant contributions to the enhancement and improvement of business law and its practice, and to the rule of law in the Asia-Pacific Region.

On a personal note, this will be my last message as Secretary-General since my tenure concludes with the Kyoto/Osaka Annual Meeting and Conference. It has been my honour and pleasure to have served as your Secretary-General, and I greatly look forward to continuing with this great organisation and with all of you in coming years.

With all best wishes,

Gerald A Sumida
Secretary-General
23 February 2011

³ The Strategic Plan is set forth in the *IPBA Manual*.

IPBA Event Calendar

Event	Location	Date
IPBA Annual Meeting and Conference		
21st Annual Meeting and Conference	Kyoto/Osaka, Japan	April 21–24, 2011
22nd Annual Meeting and Conference	New Delhi, India	February 29–March 2, 2012
23rd Annual Meeting and Conference	Korea	TBD
IPBA Mid-Year Council Meeting and Seminar 2011		
2011 Mid-Year Council Meeting and Seminar	Hanoi, Vietnam	September 2–5, 2011
IPBA Committee Events		
JAA/IPBA/JCAA Joint Mock Arbitration Seminar Tokyo 2011	Tokyo	April 25, 2011
Supporting Events		
IFLR's M&A Forum	Hong Kong	March 2–3, 2011
InnoXcell Asia Economic Crime & Legal Exchange Platform	Shanghai, China	March 10, 2011
CCH's Regulatory Risks and Liability for Directors and Officers	Hong Kong	March 24, 2011
ABA International Annual Spring Meeting	Washington, D.C., USA	April 5–9, 2011
CCH's Anti Money Laundering, Trends to Combat Tax Avoidance and the Internal Control Framework	Hong Kong	April 15, 2011
CIArb's Accelerated Route to Fellowship (International Arbitration)	Kyoto, Japan	April 20–21, 2011
CCH's International Arbitration, ADR and Mediation Summit 2011	Hong Kong	May 12–13, 2011
ABA and LACBA's 'International Arbitration in the 21st Century: Trends, Development, Challenges'	Los Angeles, California, USA	May 20, 2011
InnoXcell e-Discovery & Data Retention	Hong Kong	June 21–23, 2011

More details can be found on our website:
<http://www.ipba.org>, or contact the IPBA Secretariat at ipba@tga.co.jp

Celebrating 20 years of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association

The Publications Committees would like to take this golden opportunity to thank all the IPBA members for their continuous support such as, but not limited to, submitting very interesting and updated articles on time and promptly replying to our various emails.

For this special 20th Anniversary issue, we had great fun in collating and arranging all the input from members. We smiled as we read your stories! Also, all pictures submitted are kept as IPBA's precious treasures. We really do appreciate all your effort and cherish all your contributions.

*Kojima Hideki
Caroline Berube
Publications Committee*

Lee Suet-Fern, President (2010–11); member since 1994

One of the many reasons I attend IPBA conferences is the opportunity to meet so many amazing, awesome, wonderful and fun women lawyers. They are an extraordinary group – incredibly professional but also with a great sense of fun and a preparedness to engage in some mischief.

At the conference in Seoul in 2004, I was in the mood for doing something wicked. Finding co-conspirators among the female contingent of IPBA lawyers was not difficult. A small group of us decided that rather than attend professional sessions, it was time to sneak out and check out the shopping in Seoul. My co-conspirators (who shall remain nameless to protect the guilty) and I, decided we would head to the famous Dongdaemun Market in Seoul.

To avoid alerting any suspicion, we decided to leave the conference area separately, at different times, by ostensibly heading to the washroom. In fact, we had agreed to rendezvous at the taxi stand in front of the conference's hotel.

Little did we expect, upon arrival, to find that droves of women delegates from the conference, plus some fun-loving men, had already converged at this alternative conference venue. The whole market was teeming with IPBA delegates!

I had a wonderful time and, contrary to character, did a huge amount of shopping.

In subsequent years, whenever I meet up with my fellow co-conspirators, we still show off the items we bought and discuss how much we enjoy our acquisitions from that shopping expedition.

Another conference in Seoul definitely has my vote. If you find me missing at any time during the conference, well, I am probably attending an 'alternative' session with some friends!

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Now is the time for the Asia-Pacific region! We are proud to celebrate our 20th anniversary at the 21st Annual Conference this April in Kyoto/Osaka, where tradition fuses with innovation.

Since April 1991, the IPBA has flourished, exceeding all expectations. We now have a collaborative relationship with the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

We are grateful for the huge support of our members and look forward to seeing you at the conference where many activities, including a visit to the eco-oriented Panasonic factory has been arranged.

The snow will soon melt away to welcome the cherry blossoms, hopefully, in time to greet you.

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Lalit Bhasin, Vice President (2010–11); member since 1991

I am a founding member of the IPBA. I was totally disillusioned with the APLA, and accordingly, decided to join a distinguished group of people that included: Kunio Hamada, Carl Anduri, CT Lee, Ian Awford, Chris Lau, Mark Shklov, Richard Marshall, Nobuo (Nosei) Miyake, Tae Hee Lee, MS Lin, Paul Tsai, David Sandborg, Nigel Li, Dr Mana Pitayaporn, Rivers Black, David Lion and others. In 1991, this group formed the IPBA and its members have a proven track record to take the IPBA to great heights as we witness now.

For promoting and cementing bonds in the global legal fraternity, the IPBA's engagement is a dynamic process encompassing in itself newer challenges and pragmatic solutions.

I am looking forward to welcoming all of you to India (New Delhi) once again, for the 22nd Annual Meeting and Conference.

1991–95 *At-Large Council Member*

Alan S Fujimoto, Deputy Secretary-General (2009–11); member since 1995

Attorneys from Hawaii have been intimately involved with the IPBA from its origins as general members and on the Council. Twenty years later, several of us are still happily involved, having made and continuing to make more friends through the IPBA. Each year, several of us from Hawaii attend the annual conference. Below is a photo of some of my friends at the annual conference in Singapore in 2010 with our spouses. Attorneys from Hawaii will continue to be involved with the IPBA, and we look forward to renewing friendships and making new friends in Kyoto in 2011, and in future conferences to come.



1997–2000 *At-Large Council Member*
 2000–02 *Membership Committee Vice-Chair*
 2002–04 *Membership Committee Chair*

Christopher To, Deputy Program Coordinator (2009–11); member since 1994

People who know me say I am a conference junkie who attends most events near and far. Of all the events and associations I am affiliated with, one organisation that sticks out the most, from my point of view, is the IPBA. To me, the IPBA is not merely an institution, it is a body which I am proud to be associated with. The reason for saying this is simply because all those involved with the organisation are dedicated individuals who will go out of their way to assist you, should you require their assistance. They have a caring attitude which projects a positive image that, without doubt, is in a league of its own.

The IPBA is an organisation that one wants to be associated with for years to come.

2002–06 *Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Committee Vice-Chair*
 2006–08 *Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Committee Chair*

Urs Lustenberger, Committee Coordinator (2010–12); member since 1996

As we all know, the real thing usually does not happen within the staid structures of an ageing organisation – it happens on the fringes where distinct subcultures can freely develop without much oversight of the almighty leadership that wants things to go only their way. This note will focus on two of these fringe movements that have been developing over the years and that I had been trying in vain to bring under the umbrella of my reign as committee coordinator: one is the Fun with Punch Committee (FwPC), the other is the Wine and Dine Committee (WaDC). Both committees boast a rather ephemeral structure – they form and dissolve ad hoc and seem to thrive on the memories of the past.

Although I have to admit that I have participated with much more enthusiasm in the WaDC than in the FwPC, I would suspect that the latter is much more vital for the future of the IPBA. Be that as it may, I still favour the WaDC over the FwPC, simply because I favour W over P! Most importantly, both of these committees help to build long-lasting friendships amongst its members. These friendships are the guarantee that the IPBA will last another 20 years and more. I am happy to be part of the IPBA family and I am proud to be celebrating the 20th birthday of the organisation and many future birthdays to come. Cheers!



The FwPC at one of their typical gatherings at the Istana in Singapore. From left to right: Ana Ko, Kara Valdez, Elena and Nicholas Lustenberger.



The WaDC with some of the usual suspects.

2000–01 Cross-Border Investment Vice-Chair
2002–05 Jurisdictional Council Member for Switzerland
2007–09 Deputy Committee Coordinator
2009–10 Deputy Committee Coordinator (extended for one year)

Suresh Divyanathan, Membership Committee Vice-Chair (2010–12); member since 2002

Not many members know this, but in the peaceful and picturesque Japanese seaside village of Katsuura, there is a monument marking the founding of the IPBA. The inscription on the monument reads:

“On March 24–25, 1990, Douglas Lash, Richard Marshal, Nosei Miyake, Roger Rosendahl, José Rosell, Koji Saito, Sui-Yu Wu, Mark T Shklov and Robert E Young gathered at this place to discuss the formation of what would one year later become known as the Inter-Pacific Bar Association. The meeting was characterized by friendship, fellowship, candid discussions, sensitivity to each other’s ideas and opportunities for expression – the Spirit of Katsuura, which will continue to be the most valuable and guiding asset of the Association.”

I like to imagine that first discussion set the tone because all subsequent IPBA meetings and conferences I have

attended have similarly been marked by the attributes of the Spirit of Katsuura. Some years after that first meeting, when the IPBA was firmly established and growing from strength to strength, Mr Miyake quietly erected the monument in the garden of his Katsuura home at his own cost. He did it with so little fanfare that even Mr Mark Shklov did not know until I showed him a picture of it in early 2010!

The Katsuura monument does not appear on any tourist maps and, as far as I know, is not being considered for listing as a national heritage in Japan, but if you want to see it for yourself, this year’s 2011 Kyoto Conference provides a unique opportunity.



Hideki Kojima, Publications Committee Chair (2010–12); member since 1991

I have been an active member of the IPBA since its founding. I attended the Organising Conference of 1991, the IPBA’s 10th Anniversary Conference in Tokyo, in April 2001, and now the 20th Anniversary in Kyoto! My relationship with the IPBA has lasted longer than most lawyers’ marriages these days. I was diagnosed with lung cancer in November 1997 and decided to adopt a macrobiotic diet (ie to completely change my food to purify my body) in order to conquer cancer. I have not received any medical treatment for the past 13 years, and medical check-ups have verified that the cancer is in remission. At the Tokyo conference in 2001, I was still a little weak. I was not sure how many more IPBA conferences I would attend. I wore a traditional Japanese costume for that event. Now, 10 years later, I am still alive and active, and I am able to attend the Kyoto conference. Thank God!





*1994–95 International Construction Projects Committee Vice-Chair
2008–10 Publications Committee Vice-Chair*

Yukukazu Hanamizu, Jurisdictional Council Member for Japan (2009–12), member since 1991

In 2010, IPBA Japan established the Asian Comparative Study Group (ACSG) composed of IPBA members and young Japanese lawyers, mainly for the purpose of studying the Asian legal practice in cooperation with local members of each jurisdiction. The ACSG is a permanent group that aims to study and publish its findings in a legal magazine. Also, the ACSG intends to communicate with various associations and people, and has held a meeting with the Japanese association of the legal divisions of Japanese companies. The first topic concerns the litigation system of the 12 Asian jurisdictions which varies from country to country, depending on their social and cultural background. Such variation will sometimes raise serious problems and amount to non-tariff barriers. The ACSG sent out the questionnaire to the select 12 corresponding IPBA local members. The findings will be reported with comments at the coming Kyoto/Osaka Conference. I am very confident that the ACSG's activities will contribute to the IPBA's success and legal harmonisation in the Asian region.

*1998–2004 Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Vice-Chair
2004–06 Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Chair*

Gerhard Wegen, Jurisdictional Council Member for Germany (2010–13); member since 1995

Since 1988, I have been an officer in the International Bar Association (IBA), in Committee Q (Issues and Trading in Securities), and participated in the Asia-Pacific Forum and the Capital Markets Forum, where I met the very active and convincing Kunio Hamada. Three years later, I learned that Kunio Hamada, together with other very notable lawyers, had founded the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA) in order to focus on the Asia Pacific Region. As a staunch IBA soldier, I avoided any contact with the IPBA for a couple of years, then became a member in 1995.

I decided to attend an IPBA annual meeting, perhaps more

out of interest for being able to go to Manila in The Philippines than for the IPBA. Hence, I attended my first IPBA conference in 1996. I found the IPBA to be a very intriguing organisation with a family-like character and very interesting lawyers whom I otherwise would not meet within the IBA.

Ever since I joined the IPBA, I have attended nearly every single annual meeting, except for cogent professional reasons when I could not attend. My officership with the IBA ended in 2000. I was then able to accept a standing invitation to become an IPBA Banking, Finance and Securities Committee Vice-Chair; for three years, I was then its chairman.

Now, I am the Jurisdictional Council Member for Germany. I enjoy every single conference very much. I regularly meet many lawyer-friends from the Asia-Pacific Region, and also from Europe and the Americas. In Autumn 2010, I had the pleasure to help organise the Mid-Year Council Meeting in Germany. There are many reasons to join the IPBA. I am greatly looking forward to more 'Japan nights' with karaoke contests organised by Kunio Hamada.

2000–04 Banking, Finance and Securities Committee Vice-Chair

2005–07 Banking, Finance and Securities Committee Chair

Dhinesh Bhaskaran, Jurisdictional Council Member for Malaysia (2009–12); member since 2003

My warmest memories of IPBA conferences invariably center on the wonderful social events, from which I have formed close social and professional relationships with those whom I have met at these events over the years. My personal favourites are the reception at the Art Gallery of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia (2006), and the dinner at the Getty Center in Los Angeles, USA (2008). To have world-famous venues closed exclusively for delegates to 'party', is something that the IPBA excels at! The opportunity to mingle freely with delegates from around the world in unique and memorable social settings is something that will forever remain a hallmark of the IPBA.

2004–05 Insurance Committee Vice-Chair

2005–08 Insurance Committee Chair

Vi Ming Lok, Jurisdictional Council Member for Singapore (2008–11); member since 2000

Ah, it is good to return to Japan with the IPBA family!

The last time the IPBA was in Japan, one of the highlights of the conference was a pre-dawn

trip to the world famous Tsukiji Market. The day before the trip, one of my good friends suggested that we should perhaps manage our schedules so that we could leave both the afternoon committee sessions and the evening reception a little earlier. My friend has two keen interests in Japan; one, to sample the various brews of Tokyo and the other, to sample sashimi at the world famous aforesaid market. His interest in the former led us to check out various watering holes at the heart of Tokyo, all of which we rejected until we found one that offered one free glass of beer for every glass bought. My friend had quite a few rounds of Kirin and Asahi, and was quite delighted at the money we saved. At 11.45pm, when the bartender told him he actually qualified for one last free glass of Kirin, my friend found it an offer too good to refuse despite my protestations that we were in danger of missing the last train back to the conference centre. Well, he had his last glass; we missed the last train. The fare back in the cab wiped out whatever savings he thought he had salvaged back at the pub.

Mission 1 having thus ended in failure, we then decided we needed to be more focused on Mission 2, which was to sample the best and freshest sashimi at Tsukiji. We were, however, reluctant to risk having to fight for the fish vendors' attention with some 700 legal (and hungry) top guns from all over the world and hence agreed we had to beat the legal eagles to the fish. We therefore arranged that same night for a cab to pick us up from the conference centre to get to the market at 5am the following morning, which incidentally was only some four hours later. The cab driver who picked us up was rather puzzled and bemused when we told him to take us to Tsukiji. It was just our luck, we thought, to have drawn a rookie cabbie. Maybe he didn't even know the way? Our worst fears were realised some 30 minutes (and US\$50) later when he pulled up alongside a dark and deserted structure. What's the problem, we asked? Desperate for some meaningful communication, we called our hotel and requested the receptionist to tell the confused looking cabbie that we wanted to go to Tsukiji and passed the phone to him. After some quick exchanges with our receptionist, the cabbie passed the phone back to me. What the receptionist told me almost made me cry. Tsukiji was closed that morning!

We didn't get to sample blue fin sashimi that morning, but we did save some money when we settled down for a piping hot bowl of delicious beef rice for about ¥200 each at a Yoshinoya near Tsukiji.

We also found out later that Tsukiji's closure and the changes to the schedule were announced the previous day, during the close of the afternoon's committee sessions and at the end of the evening reception. We had missed all the announcements. My mother had always warned me of the perils of playing truant. In Tokyo, in 2001, mom was proven right!

Needless to say, I will be attending classes and dinners faithfully in Kyoto!

2002–04 Aerospace Law Vice-Chair

2004–07 Aerospace Law Chair

Kenneth J Stuart, Jurisdictional Council Member for USA (2009–11); member since 1992



This photo was taken at the Tokyo 10th Anniversary IPBA Annual Meeting, during 'Japan Night' festivities that involved much social drinking and rousing karaoke. Among those readily identifiable (by me) in the photo are: Noriko and Nosei Miyake, José Rosell, Axel Reeg, Madhu Nath and Ellen Stuart (my wife). Perhaps the IPBA Journal's readers will recognise others. Although I cannot identify him in the photo, Kunio Hamada, who I believe was in court at the time of the meeting, definitely won the best voice award. I am not in the photo but clearly had the worst voice. The festivities continued into the early morning hours and it was definitely a night to remember.



This photo is of José Rosell and my wife Ellen, and was taken during the Auckland, New Zealand Annual Meeting. It appears that they were trying unsuccessfully to recruit a new member to the IPBA.

1998–99 Financial Institutions and Transactions Vice-Chair

1999–2001 Financial Institutions and Transactions Chair

2001–03 Deputy Committee Coordinator

2003–05 Committee Coordinator

Lawrence C Foster, Extended At-Large Council Member for Hawaii and South Pacific Islands (2008–11); member since 2000

I have been a member of the IPBA for around 10 years and have many fond memories of past meetings. The most spectacular IPBA social event was probably the one in Indonesia (in 2005) with the dinner in the quarry. The quality of programming has also improved greatly over the years. The high calibre of presenters, insightful comments

and questions from the audience, and currency of the topics make the programmes well worth attending. But perhaps the strongest memories I have are of the friendships established with colleagues from around the world.

2005–08 At-Large Council Member for Hawaii and South Pacific Islands



Hawaii participants at the Beijing conference.

Angus Rodger, Insurance Committee Chair (2010–12); member since 2006

I've attended the IPBA annual conferences since Sydney, and have great memories from each conference, but Singapore 2010 was really remarkable.

As usual, there was the opportunity to catch up with old friends and to make new ones; to learn; and to enjoy some of the local culture (including pepper crabs and repeated rides on 'Revenge of the Mummy' at Universal Studios). But last year's conference also had a remarkable line-up of heavy-hitters. We had the privilege of taking part in Q&A sessions not only with Singapore's Minister Mentor but also with Al Gore. And, in a surprising moment, a very genial gentleman who introduced himself during drinks turned out to be the President of Singapore!

My only regret is that I missed the presentation where, despite the well-laid plans of the organisers, the hotel lights failed and the speaker carried on as if nothing had happened!



Sumeet Kachwaha (2010–11) and Mohanadass Kanagasabai (2010–12), Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Committee Co-Chairs; members since 1999

There is joy in the air when one steps into an IPBA Conference. The camaraderie is infectious. This is reason enough to attend and be part of this marvellous organisation.

Our Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Committee has always run a full programme with contributions from leaders in the field. Past conferences included presentations by judges; leading arbitrators; partners of top international firms; directors of arbitral institutes (amongst others). The Committee is fortunate to have enthusiastic support from IPBA members and we have nurtured an inclusive culture of consultation and participation.

It has been a privilege to serve in this organisation and we had much to learn and share in the process.

Sumeet Kachwaha

2000–02 Environmental Law Vice-Chair

2006–08 Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Vice-Chair

2008–10 Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Chair

Rafael Vergara, International Trade Co-Chair (2010–12); member since 2000

I remember a funny history in relation to my first encounter with the IPBA: I was invited to the annual conference which was held in Vancouver in 2000, to speak about mining in Chile. I prepared a powerpoint addressing the main topics including: the importance of mining for Chile, major legal issues, how to invest in Chilean mining, etc. To make the slides more attractive, I used very nice photographs of mines, open pits, blasts, big equipment, etc and put such labels over the photographs. Many people attended my presentation and I answered several questions from the audience. If at the end of the presentation, people ask for more information about the topic, a presenter may feel very satisfied with his or her work. This happened to me, but it was not exactly what I had expected. When the session finished, a lady came up to me and instead of asking me for more information about the topic, she said: 'The wonderful photographs included in the powerpoint are very unique!' Perhaps a lesson for the presenter's pride.

**Varya Simpson, Scholarship Committee
Co-Chair (2010–12); member since 2003**

My legal work and practice has always given me great pleasure but until I began actively participating in the IPBA, something was missing: a greater sense of personal connection with the world and specifically Asia where I lived for several years. I now have a network of friends all over the globe, people I can contact at the spur of the moment for coffee or drinks wherever I may be. One of the highlights of my IPBA experience was acting as Chair of the Women Business Lawyers Committee and organising with Priti Suri the 2009 Women Business Lawyers Conference in India, which was a major success. More than 100 women, and a few men, from across India attended the all-day conference, ranging from new associates and managing partners of major Indian law firms, to seasoned litigators at India's High Court. This was the first conference organised in India to specifically address issues facing women lawyers. It was inspiring for me to take in the energy, passion and perspectives of the participants, and their willingness to share the experiences and the challenges they have faced in developing and maintaining their legal careers. Working with the IPBA, I hope to organise similar conferences in other jurisdictions with events in Vietnam, another conference in India, and Turkey in the initial phases of planning. If you would like to work with or help sponsor such a conference, please feel free to contact me at varya.simpson@snrdenon.com.

Presently, I am very pleased to be Chair of the IPBA Scholarship Committee. I receive great satisfaction from helping lawyers from developing countries and new lawyers in various jurisdictions participate in our annual conferences, and become integrated into the larger legal world which is opened up by membership in the IPBA. I have seen the great benefits derived by the recipients of our scholarships, provided initially through the generosity of the family of Mr MS Lin and more recently through our membership and the host committees of our annual conference sites. The IPBA Scholars are an important part of the essential spirit of the IPBA, extending a welcoming hand around the world to support our work as lawyers in the Asia-Pacific Region and to educate others through our programmes.

2006–07 Women Business Lawyers Committee Vice-Chair

2008–09 Women Business Lawyers Committee Chair

2009–10 Scholarship Committee Vice-Chair

Rafael A Morales, President (2009–10); member since 1991

One of the highlights of the 19th IPBA Annual Conference in Manila was the keynote speech of the former President of the Philippines, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, at the plenary session held at the Philippine International Convention Centre. Aside from delivering her speech, President Arroyo shared a light snack with the officers and past presidents of the IPBA. Thereafter, as she was about to leave the premises, I asked her if she could pose for a group photo. She again obliged. I am happy to share the spur-of-the-moment photo with you.

1993–95 International Construction Projects

Vice-Chair

1995–97 International Construction Projects Chair

1997–99 Committee Coordinator

2007–08 Vice President

2008–09 President-Elect



Gerold W Libby, President (2008–09); member since 1991

I was an observer of the creation of the IPBA in 1991, and have remained active in the IPBA ever since. For me, the IPBA has been an excellent way to maintain professional relationships, and to learn about developments in the law in the Asia-Pacific Region. But beyond that, the IPBA's unique collegiality has enabled me to make good friends, and to learn more about differing legal systems, views of the role of law, and cultures. In that sense, it seems to me that the IPBA has, thus far, fulfilled the vision of its founders who worked so hard to establish the IPBA 20 years ago.

1995–97 Regional Coordinator

1997–2000 Jurisdictional Council Member for USA

2004–06 At-Large Council Member

2006–07 Vice President

2007–08 President-Elect

James McH. FitzSimons, President (2006–07); member since 1994

As the then current President of the IPBA at the annual conference in Beijing, I have to rate that being the guest of honour in the banquet hall of the Great Hall of the People as an outstanding highlight of my time as a member of the IPBA. Being able to sit where Chairman Mao once sat was an incredible experience. Among the other strong memories of my time as a member of the IPBA (since 1994) are the warm relationships with fellow practitioners not only from around the world but also from my own jurisdiction in Australia. Being the Chairman of the Organising Committee for the Sydney conference gave me an unparalleled opportunity to meet and work with colleagues from other firms, with

whom I might only otherwise have ever had an adversarial relationship with.

*1994–95 Intellectual Property Committee Vice-Chair
1997–2000 Jurisdictional Council Member for Australia
2000–04 At-Large Council Member
2004–05 Vice President
2005–06 President-Elect*

Sang-Kyu Rhi, President (2004–05); member since 1991

The Farewell Dinner at Garuda Wisnu Kencana, Jimbaran, hosted by the Indonesian Host Committee, in 2005, for the three-day 15th IPBA Annual Meeting and Conference still remains in my memory. It was an exciting event that promoted friendship between members. Giant stone pillars, sharp escarpments and a monumental statue of the Eagle Garuda were placed in the exotic and spectacular GWK theme park, and they were more than enough to stimulate the atmosphere of the event. The building of strong friendships is one of the immediate benefits of being a member of the IPBA through its events at the annual meeting and conference. Although I have some relations with other global organisations, I am most proud of being an IPBA member for 20 years.

In 2007, the Host Committee of the IPBA for the Beijing Annual Conference organised a trip to the Makgo caves, which is a renown Buddhist cultural heritage site in Dunhuang, China. An express night train travelled for 12 hours through the desert and unloaded us at Turpan, near the ancient capital of the Gaochang Kingdom, one of the cities along the Silk Road. The Silk Road is well known, historically, for being a channel used for cultural exchange between the east and west in ancient times. I would like to thank the organisers of the Beijing Annual Conference who arranged this tour as one of the post-conference events. IPBA members from various jurisdictions including Chile, the US and Korea and their wives joined the tour. I think all participants enjoyed the tour and were enlightened by what they experienced. Above all, it was a good occasion to renew our friendship and to remember the Katsuura spirit mentioned in the 10th anniversary issue of the IPBA journal by Mark Shklov.

IPBA members worldwide handle all kinds of legal matters concerning business, and are involved in global businesses today. Hence, the IPBA functions as a modern Silk Road in the business field. I, in that sense, am especially proud of taking part in the founding of the IPBA 20 years ago, and being a charter member of this global legal professional organisation.

*1995–2001 Jurisdictional Council Member for Korea
2002–03 Vice President
2003–04 President-Elect*



Ravi Nath, President (2003–04) and Co-Chair India Host Committee 2012; member since 1995

It seems just the other day that we had the great pleasure of welcoming our IPBA Colleagues to India. Nine years on we are preparing for a repeat visit in 2012 and are keenly looking forward to it. A few photographs of the last New Delhi Conference (below) will remind you of your time here and hopefully encourage you to come again.

We have seen momentous changes in the past decade in the way we think, live and work. The world has shrunk. It is moving faster. Technology has seen to it that we are better informed and more deeply connected. Environmental concerns and economic hoops are leading to uncertainties, and a shift of economic power is leading to turmoil in a geopolitical situation.

Against this background, *Innovation* is the theme of the Kyoto Conference which will rightly be followed in New Delhi with the theme of *Legal Trends and Thoughts*.

We greet you on 20 years of the IPBA's existence and look forward to celebrating the event with you very shortly in Japan, the land of its birth.

*1996–99 Jurisdictional Council Member for India
1999–2001 At-Large Council Member
2001–02 Vice President
2002–03 President-Elect*





Vivien Chan, President (2002–03); member since 1991

In 2002, Hong Kong organised and hosted one of the largest attended annual conferences. The theme of the conference was ‘The Dragons Come of Age: Asia’s Role in Global Trade’. The opening address was provided by the Minister of Justice of the People’s Republic of China, and the welcome reception was officiated by our then Chief Executive of Hong Kong, Mr Tung Chee Hwa. Our Chief Justice of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal, Mr Andrew Li, was our keynote speaker at the official opening of the plenary session. Our guest of honour at the conference dinner was the former Chief Secretary of Hong Kong, Ms Anson Chan, and our former Secretary for Justice, Ms Elsie Leung, delivered closing remarks at the cocktail reception at Government House.

The event also marked the first time we were able to welcome lawyers from China to an IPBA event, and raised awareness of the IPBA to the legal profession in China as a whole.

- 1996–98 Jurisdictional Council Member for Hong Kong*
- 1998–2000 Publications Committee Chair*
- 2000–01 Vice President*
- 2001–02 President-Elect*



John W Craig, President (2000–01); member since 1991

Memories of the IPBA that reverberate because of their uniqueness or upbeat component are numerous; a few follow:

- my introduction to IPBA golf in Taipei in 1993, when I sliced a shot straight across the fairway, striking the then President-elect, MS Lin, on the shoulder, leading to an immediate and startling lesson on Asian-style etiquette and apologies;
- my ‘eagle’ on a par four hole in Manila in 1996, which was slightly tainted by the too-quick request by the caddie for his ‘reward’ (did he place the ball in the hole when we couldn’t see the much elevated green?);
- the challenge of organising the IPBA Conference in 2000 in Vancouver (from 3366kms away), the joys of co-chairing that event and the sensing of a collective gasp of surprise when the Chief Justice of Canada opened the floor to questions after her keynote address;



- the loss by a close American friend of a valuable bracelet while swimming with a baby elephant and the errant horse-back ride into a beach restaurant by one of our colleagues from India making the Mid-Year meetings in Phuket somewhat memorable;
- getting to know our inimitable keynote speaker, Mrs Anson Chan, in Hong Kong in 2002 over a traditional, superb English-style afternoon tea;
- the polo match in India in 2003 at which my wife Ginny was given the duty/joy of presenting the IPBA Prize to the winning, and decidedly handsome, Captain; and
- jointly moderating the exceptional (and exhilarating) ‘Effective Client Relationship Management’ panel in Los Angeles in 2008.

But I have to candidly admit that it is the incredible, immutable friendships established throughout the Asian-focused world that have made the IPBA so meaningful and so fulfilling for me. Wish we could be with all of you in Osaka in April.

*1995–98 Jurisdictional Council Member for Canada
1998–99 Vice President
1999–2000 President-Elect*

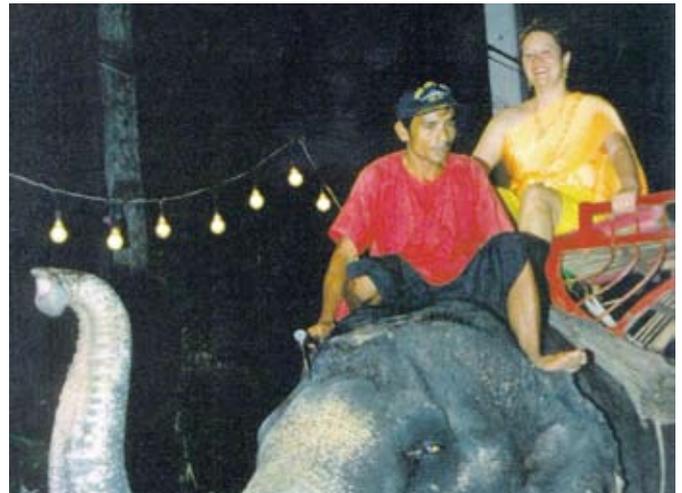
The Hon Justice Susan Glazebrook, President (1998–99); member since 1992

The IPBA is an organisation which has its heart in the Asia Pacific region and which caters exclusively for business lawyers. Its greatest strengths are the strong business links and friendships that arise, particularly out of the annual conferences. I have very fond memories of my time as an officer of the IPBA: from organising the Auckland conference to meeting the Crown Prince of Thailand (1999), who had graciously agreed to open the Bangkok conference. Without meaning any disrespect, however, my personal highlight was being taken to a function at that conference on an elephant, dressed as a Thai princess. It could only happen at an IPBA conference.

*1993–95 Tax Law Vice-Chair
1996–97 Vice President
1997–98 President-Elect*



The Thai Crown Prince and his daughters.



Teodoro D Regala, President (1996–97); member since 1991

Apart from the feelings of great satisfaction as the head of the Host Committee for the 6th Annual Conference in Manila in 1996, and as President from 1996 to 1997, one of my most memorable experiences in the IPBA was my participation as a speaker in the European roadshows on ‘Joint Ventures in Asia’ led by Carl Anduri and presented in 10 major European cities, including London and Paris, in 1995 and 1996. Like many of my wonderful experiences as an IPBA member, these roadshows combined the thrill of visiting exciting cities, tasting varied dishes of various cultures and fellowship with other lawyers which have developed into lasting friendships. Satisfaction, enlightenment and enjoyment continue to be the hallmarks of my IPBA membership.

*1991–94 Jurisdictional Council Member for The Philippines
1994–95 Vice President
1995–96 President-Elect*

Arthur Loke, Secretary-General (2008–09); member since 1991

My time as an IPBA member enriched my professional life. I had the privilege of serving as the IPBA’s Deputy Secretary-General and later as Secretary-General for the period 2005 to 2009.

I even met my Australian partner, Phillip Bushby, at the inaugural conference 20 years ago in Tokyo. We have a practice in Sydney and Philip comes to Singapore to assist us in projects which require senior lawyer input. This has worked very well for us, and we are grateful to the IPBA for bringing us together.

I have always regarded IPBA membership as an important professional development experience, especially for the young lawyer who has already acquired sound professional knowledge and skills, and needs a platform for moving up higher for exposure. Let’s hope the IPBA will always keep its focus of helping young lawyers find meaning in joining, and also to keep itself up as a constant source of work. For

the older members, it is seen as a friendly organisation which provides the venue for meeting the right people. This is an attractive IPBA asset that should be treasured.

Things during my time of service were not always cheerful. The IPBA had, in past years, spent much of its money on well-meaning but expensive pro-bono projects, leaving the association in a state of financial anxiety. Also, there was a loss of active members a few years before my time over the change of the name 'Taiwan' to the name 'Taipei', to describe the Republic of China. This reduced the critical numbers of membership and funding; the loss of these members was deeply felt by all. Recently, I heard that some of these lawyers in leadership positions are coming back to the fold, which is indeed good news.

During this period, the IPBA engaged an outside conference organiser who managed to annoy a large number of members by the time the Council Members met mid-year in Kuala Lumpur (2007). It was remarkable that by the time the mid-year Council Meeting ended goodwill and camaraderie returned, replacing the finger pointing and recriminations that went on for most of the meeting's duration. This happened during an already testing period and, fortunately, the IPBA passed the test. We can all take pride that from this incident we have the right stuff to survive long into the future.

The singular most challenging time for me, personally, was in 2008 with the mid-year Council Meeting scheduled in Hanoi whose floods that year were a newsworthy event worldwide. A quick decision was made by a few key members in the leadership to cancel the meeting and replace it with a world-wide conference call. This went through without a hitch, although not without some teasing from those who were intrepid enough to go to Hanoi and enjoy the flood. Some, not fully appreciating the limited manpower and turnaround time we had, were disappointed that we did not organise it somewhere else. But, as luck had it, we managed to complete our agenda without physically meeting. Not that I recommend this remote approach in getting business done, but it did serve as a useful precedent for operating in an emergency.

I have given you a report of the 'grey' period of IPBA history as I saw it, which I believe is worth recounting. But not to mention the nice highlights of my term will give a distorted picture. The conferences were all spectacular, full of pageantry and colour and rich in content. My predecessor and all the Presidents during this period were delightful to work with, always coming through with good helpful advice and selfless action. Everyone shared in the common belief that we must get the IPBA back on its feet. However, it was still a struggle to operate the IPBA with very little funds in the treasury, to manage some leaders concerning turf issues, and to deal with difficult political and nationalistic issues. This was both taxing and exhilarating, something your own law firm may not have prepared you for. But through all of this, I saw how with the right word, the ready joke and the heartfelt remark members can be turned from demanding nuisances into sincere friends, offering to help out. The chance to serve as your Secretary-General during that time was worth all the hours put in.

The inherently good parts of the IPBA, such as its small and beleaguered staff headed by the legendary Midori Hirano, its dedicated men and women in the various levels of leadership and participation remain in my memory, and whose work and friendship I treasure. How each of them stood up for the IPBA under stress is a story worth telling, but I leave other people to do it at another time.

I understand that the new leadership is better funded than before, and are earning us a place at the table in APEC. This is a really significant achievement of my successors whose devotion to the IPBA has brought us to a new chapter.

When I am asked what I feel most proud in doing for the IPBA, my answer is always: "I tried my best to bring IPBA back to being a regular organisation, one lead by people who will work for it, and not by self-seekers who will set it back." I hope I succeeded.

*1993–95 International Construction Projects Committee
Vice-Chair*

*1999–2001 Committee Coordinator
2005–07 Deputy Secretary-General*

Judge Philip N Pillai, Secretary-General (2001–05); member from 1991–2009

Warmest congratulations to IPBA on its 20th anniversary. The IPBA has enabled Asia Pacific business lawyers to make and maintain professional relationships and personal friendships. The founding organisational structure of the IPBA facilitates broad representation and seeks to twin North American organisational excellence with East Asian consultation and consensus, a very tall order, given the mix of cultures and personalities. Since its founding, the IPBA has evolved, in tandem with Asia Pacific, to benefit from the active engagement of business lawyers from China and India.

The IPBA celebrates its 20th anniversary in no small part because of the vision, excellence and trust earned by its past leaders including Kunio Hamada, Carl Anduri, Nosei Miyake, Patrick Sherrington, Ted Regala and others. The IPBA has remained relevant notwithstanding the cultural mix, the clash of strong egos and passionate differences. This volatile mix has always been successfully tempered by the varied spunk, cheekiness, and alternatively quiet temperaments of a Wilson Chu, Jose Rosell, Urs Lusternberger, Noorjahan Meurling, Shiro Kuniya, Ejiri or a Chris Dawson. I am confident that the IPBA will continue to be successful as it inducts visionary, high quality and trusted leadership which remains engaged with the enlarged variety of temperaments of the Asia Pacific business lawyers.

*1991–96 Cross-Border Investment Chair
1996–98 Program Coordinator
2000–01 Deputy Secretary-General*

Dick Shadbolt, Jurisdictional Council Member for the UK (2003–08); member since 1992

I was not in the IPBA from the beginning but the first

conference I attended was in Sydney in 1992 to which I had been invited as a speaker on construction contracts. After the day's working session I remember eating barramundi with new friends (now older friends) on a warm evening in a restaurant beside Sydney Harbour.

In the early days, the numbers attending IPBA conferences and meetings were quite small which meant that you met everyone. This gave conferences a friendly and sociable atmosphere from the beginning and this has been a distinguishing feature of the IPBA ever since even though the numbers have grown.

Returning to Sydney in 2006, the IPBA had grown not only in size but in reputation too. The range of topics covered by speakers and the social programme had broadened considerably – the evening in the Art Gallery of New South Wales with its distinctive Australian art was one to remember – and, by the way, what links Luna Park with the dancers in Bali or the drummers in Seoul except perhaps the IPBA!

Work commitments meant that I have not been able to go to every conference and I am particularly sorry that I have not been able to go to any of the conferences in Japan, the birthplace of the IPBA. But other venues both for conferences and for Council meetings stand out – who could forget dinner in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing or the floating flowers in Bangkok or the Council meeting in Chile where we went to help to increase membership numbers – in Santiago. I met a lawyer from New Zealand whose brother later came to work with me in London. Hong Kong and Singapore both provided their usual efficient, and very effective, organisation; and the conferences in Kuala Lumpur and Bali were memorable for the natural warmth of their welcome. And then there was Auckland (I am about to start work on a case alongside someone we first met in a queue for supper outside a marquee in a park at the Auckland conference in 1998) and Seoul (where I mistook an American lawyer for an Australian and we later swapped work; and met partners in a law firm in Australia where my daughter later went to work). And Council meetings in Colombo ... and Ho Chi Minh City.

My wife Diane has been to most of the conferences as well and has her own separate memories – a day out in Malacca or a visit to the Islamic Centre and the National Mosque in Kuala Lumpur with a group of friends from widely-differing national backgrounds; or the sound of, appropriately, *'Amigos para siempre'* echoing around the limestone cliffs in Bali.

A personal highlight was to organise and host a Council meeting in London in 2006. This honour had been sprung on me and I was surprised that over 50 Council members were prepared to travel so far from their Asia-Pacific bases to come to London. Guiding fellow Council members to the Tower of London and to one of the oldest pubs in London gave me the greatest of pleasure.

If I seem to concentrate on the social side it is because of the friendship of the IPBA but the serious purpose of the IPBA – to provide the opportunity for lawyers who share an interest in the Asia Pacific region to meet, to exchange experience and to form relationships – has been more than adequately fulfilled in my own case, in the most pleasurable way over the last 20 years, and I hope for some years to come.

Gordon Jaynes, International Construction Projects Committee Chair (1991–93); member since 1991

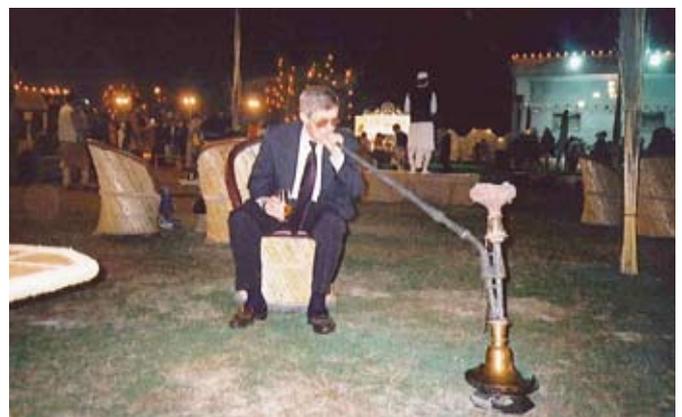
For me, the most memorable IPBA Conference was the first, and my most memorable event at that conference was securing consensus to establish a Committee on International Construction Projects. As so often happens when one makes a suggestion which is adopted, I found myself in charge of the implementation of my suggestion! Shortly after the conference 10 members were recruited to the Committee, and we began a 'campaign' in which each Committee member undertook to recruit a friend to Committee membership. In the ensuing two decades, we have grown 20-fold and now we have about 200 members! But with the booming growth of international construction projects in the Asia Pacific region, we still have a huge opportunity to grow more and enrich our membership, so let the occasion of the 20th anniversary of IPBA be the occasion when each Committee member vows to recruit another friend to membership this year!

1993–95 Regional Coordinator

Lynn F Pickard, Japan; member since 1991



I have had many memorable IPBA meetings and made many friends, starting right from the first meeting in Tokyo. This is a photo of me speaking at a meeting in New Delhi in March 1996. I do not remember what I said and I am sure no one else does either.



This is a photo of me at an IPBA reception in New Delhi in February 2003, testing a substance certified as legal by the Indian hosts of the IPBA conference. I certainly do not remember anything I said after that!

Mark T Shklov, Scholarship Vice-Chair (2009–11); member since 1991

The two photos are taken from the 2004 IPBA Annual Meeting in Seoul, Korea. The two gentlemen in dark glasses, 'Joker 77' shirts, leather coats and caps are Richard Goldstein and Mark Shklov. The other two smiling fellows are Teddy Regala and Eusebio Tan. After picking up their costumes in Seoul's markets, Richard and Mark decided to party at the last night of the Seoul Annual Meeting. They met up with many IPBA Members for drinks and fun and were invited to the Japan Night party, and were ultimately dubbed the 'Blues Brothers' by a couple of startled Japanese tourists.

1991–94 At-Large Council Member



Naresh Mahtani, Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Vice-Chair (2000–01); member since 1992

In the past two decades, in the course of several roles (as member, council member, committee chair and committee member), I have made many new friends and new business acquaintances at the IPBA's international conferences in various exciting cities around the world. My favourite conferences were San Francisco (in 1995) which was very vibrant and great fun, and Auckland (in 1998), which I still remember, for its very profound 'Law and Technology' plenary session. Although, I must say that all the conferences through the years were worth attending in their own special ways.

*1996–97 International Construction Projects Vice-Chair
1997–99 International Construction Projects Chair and Council Member*

Yoshihiro Takenoshita, Legal Practice Vice-Chair (2003–07); member since 1993

I attended the IPBA Annual Meeting for the first time in 1993 in Taipei, and probably 15 meetings since then up to the meeting in Singapore in 2010. I always enjoyed conversation and chatting with IPBA members on every occasion. The picture below was taken at the final banquet in Tokyo in 2001, and the people in the photo are my Indian friend Mr Mandal and his family and my wife.



Pimvimol (June) Vipamaneerut, Membership Committee Chair (2004–06); member since 1996

My first experience with the IPBA was as a speaker for the Maritime Law Committee, during the Annual Conference in Manila in 1996. I remember the moderator introduced me as a partner although I was only an associate at the time. I quickly overcame my speaking anxiety, and from that first experience at the IPBA, I have found it very welcoming and met many friends. In this regard, the 2001 Annual Conference in Tokyo was especially memorable. After a reception one evening, several of us went in search of authentic Japanese food. Here we were, a bunch of lawyers wandering around Tokyo in the middle of the night – I remember Fiona Loughrey, Teresa Cheng, Daniel Tsai, Monica Neo, and many others were there. The whole gang ended up having some of the best crab *shabu shabu*, in Ginza. Joanne Nagano ordered for us, thanks to her fluency in Japanese, and Wong Kwai Huen generously picked up the tab for everyone. At each annual conference, I look forward to catching up with them and meeting new friends as well. We all remain friends, and some of us have collaborated on projects through the years. It is friends like these that make me look forward to attending the IPBA annual conference every year.

*1997–99 Maritime Law Vice-Chair
2002–04 Membership Committee Vice-Chair*



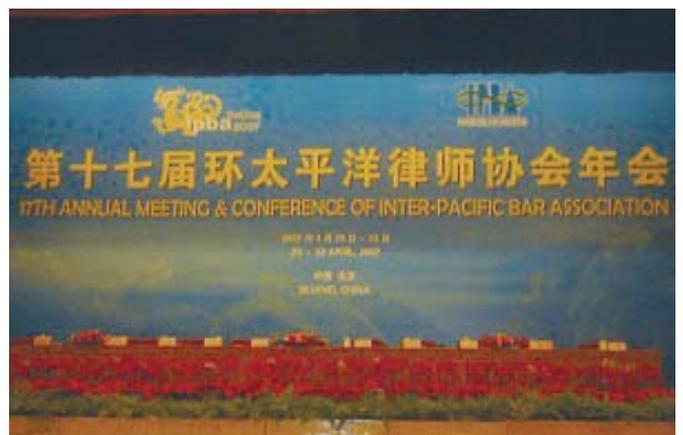
The crab shabu shabu feast.



At the reception, when we were making plans for a fun evening. From left to right: Wong Kwai Huen, Teresa Cheng, me, Monica Neo, and Daniel Tsai.

Catriel Agustín Marqués, Argentina; member since 2007

While doing my postgraduate law studies in Japan, I joined the IPBA as a young lawyer, and, in 2007, attended the 17th Annual Meeting in China as a scholarship holder. This meeting gave me the opportunity not only to make valuable friends, but also attend very interesting conferences and share with my colleagues unforgettable activities and tours. I still remember the plenary session with the presence of high-ranked Chinese authorities and the visits to prestigious Chinese firms where various topics of the legal practice were discussed.



Tatsuki Nakayama, Japan; member since 2007

In the 18th and 19th centuries, when the Samurai class was at its peak in Japan, the first education given to Samurai in his life was to read aloud the *Analects of Confucius* (論語). The first and probably most popular paragraph of the Analects is: “What a joy it is to see a friend from far away.” This is very true of the IPBA. IPBA friends from overseas always remind me of the famous paragraph in the Analect. They also remind me of the fact that there is more to life than charging our clients for time costs. The IPBA indeed can be a good excuse to depart from your hectic days and enjoy different cultures.

**Hanita Oktavia, Indonesia; member since 2008**

My most memorable experience was the time when the IPBA conference was held in LA, USA in 2008. In addition to the magnificent place, the dinner at Sonny’s Studio was very glamorous. I felt like a celebrity on the red carpet. I can’t wait for the IPBA’s next conference in Japan. Thank you!

Kazi Abdul Mannan, Bangladesh; member since 2009

This is my third year with the IPBA. Recently, I participated in the ‘Asian Counterparts in Corporate Transactions-Asian and Europe and Perspectives’ in Stuttgart, Germany. I would like to give special thanks to Prof Dr Gerhard Wegen, who gave me great support during that event. I wish happiness and success to all IPBA members.

Maxim Alekseyev, Russia; member since 2009

Three years ago, I decided to join the Inter-Pacific Bar Association. I have never regretted taking this initiative. Traditionally, Russia is connected with the European business community, but I feel Russia is an important part of the Asia-Pacific region world as well. Thanks to our advantageous location we can not only observe the bursting development of the Asia Pacific region, but also derive successful practices and establish lucrative collaborations between our businesses. The IPBA structure, its events and journal, and continuous communication among the members provide everything to members to become a valuable part of the Asian Pacific business world.

Danny Lim, Singapore; member since 2009

I attended my first IPBA conference at Marina Bay Sands, Singapore from 2–5 May 2010 and found it to be an extremely enriching and valuable experience. I particularly treasured the opportunity to plug into the latest issues confronting legal practice and developments, as well as network with lawyers from all over the world. I noticed they were just as eager as I was to make new acquaintances and share knowledge and experience regarding our various practice areas. To date, I still recall with fond memories, the event, for its many positive moments and the many friendships I found.

Rajah & Tann LLP, Singapore

Rajah & Tann’s reception for the delegates of the IPBA 20th Annual Conference was held on the evening of 5 May 2010 at the Indochine Bar and Restaurant, located on the banks of the Singapore river.







An Invitation to Join the Inter-Pacific Bar Association

The Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA) is an international association of business and commercial lawyers who reside or have an interest in the Asian and Pacific region. The IPBA has its roots in the region, having been established in April 1991 at an organising conference in Tokyo attended by more than 500 lawyers from throughout Asia and the Pacific. Since then it has grown to over 1400 members from 65 jurisdictions, and it is now the pre-eminent organisation in the region for business and commercial lawyers.

The growth of the IPBA has been spurred by the tremendous growth of the Asian economies. As companies throughout the region become part of the global economy they require additional assistance from lawyers in their home country and from lawyers throughout the region. One goal of the IPBA is to help lawyers stay abreast of developments that affect their clients. Another is to provide an opportunity for business and commercial lawyers throughout the region to network with other lawyers of similar interests and fields of practice.

Supported by major bar associations, law societies and other organisations throughout Asia and the Pacific, the IPBA is playing a significant role in fostering ties among members of the legal profession with an interest in the region.

IPBA Activities

The breadth of the IPBA's activities is demonstrated by the number of specialist committees. All of these committees are active and have not only the chairs named, but a significant number of vice-chairs to assist in the planning and implementation of the various committee activities. The highlight of the year for the IPBA is its annual multi-topic four-day conference, usually held in the first week of May each year. Previous annual conferences have been held in Tokyo (twice), Sydney (twice), Taipei, Singapore (twice), San Francisco, Manila, Kuala Lumpur, Auckland, Bangkok, Vancouver, Hong Kong, New Delhi, Seoul, Bali and Beijing attracting as many as 1000 lawyers plus accompanying guests.

The IPBA has organised regional conferences and seminars on subjects such as the Practical Aspects of Intellectual Property Protection in Asia (in five cities in Europe and North America respectively) and Asian Infrastructure Development and Finance (in Singapore). The IPBA has also cooperated with other legal organisations in presenting conferences – for example on Trading in Securities on the Internet, held jointly with the Capital Market Forum.

IPBA members also receive our quarterly IPBA Journal, with the opportunity to write articles for publication. In addition, access to the online membership directory ensures that you can search for and stay connected with other IPBA members throughout the world.

Membership

Membership in the Association is open to all qualified lawyers who are in good standing and who live in, or who are interested in, the Asia-Pacific region.

• Standard Membership	¥23,000
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Annual dues cover the period of one calendar year starting from 1 January and ending on 31 December. Those who join the Association before 31 August will be registered as a member for the current year. Those who join the Association after 1 September will be registered as a member for the rest of the current year and for the following year.

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