



## **10<sup>th</sup> International Conference**

October 30-November 3, 2022

Ottawa, Ontario Canada

### **Secretary General's Report**

Since the 2019 IOJT Conference in Cape Town, South Africa, the IOJT Offices have operated from Williamsburg, Virginia providing administrative, financial, education, legal and IT support for IOJT. Since IOJT's founding in 2002 the operational costs for supporting IOJT have been voluntarily supported by member organizations.

Since the previous conference, the Secretary General has worked under the direction of IOJT President, Justice Eliezer Rivlin. The IOJT Secretary General has also followed the direction of the Board of Executives and Board of Governors reviewing the IOJT policies and overseeing the membership application process.

### **Primary Activities Since the 2019 IOJT Conference**

#### **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

With the expansion of regional judicial training networks, representatives of IOJT and EJTN initiated discussions regarding a way to increase information sharing and cooperation among these various networks using a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The IOJT Board of Governors and EJTN finalized an MOU for creating a cooperative agreement using this as a model. IOJT hopes to develop additional relationships with other similar judicial training networks.

#### **Membership**

IOJT has a total of 136 member institutes, representing 86 Countries. IOJT received and approved six new institutes during this time period, which are:

- Supreme School of Judges, Supreme Judicial Council (Uzbekistan)
- Judicial Training, Research & Information Institute (Mongolia)
- Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice & Human Rights (Italy)
- Judicial Council (Ireland)
- National School of Judges (ENM) (Brazil)
- Center for Judicial & Prosecutorial Training of Republika Srpska (Bosnia & Herzegovina)

#### **Conference Planning**

The Secretary General has been in constant communication with the organizers of the Ottawa Conference. The Conference was originally scheduled for Fall of 2021, however, due to the pandemic, global travel and gathering restrictions required rescheduling the Conference to 2022.

## IOJT Governance

Several retirements and changes in positions resulted in the following IOJT Board vacancies since the Conference in Cape Town.

- Deputy Secretary-General Sheridan Greenland (UK)
- Executive Committee-Position #1 Position #1 Benoît Chamouard (France)
- Position #4 Adolfo Azcuna (Philippines)
- Regional Deputy President, Europe Wojciech Postulski (Poland)
- Regional Deputy President, Asia & Pacific Paul Quan (Singapore)

Under Article 10 of the IOJT Statutes, “The powers of the IOJT between the General Assemblies are vested in the Board of Executives. . . . The Board of Executives has the power to appoint a replacement, pending confirmation by the next meeting of the General Assembly.”

The Board of Executives made the following appointments to fill the above listed vacancies:

- Deputy Secretary-General Ernest Schmatt (Australia)
- Executive Committee-Position #1 Ingrid Derveaux (France)
- Position #4 Paul Quan (Singapore)
- Regional Deputy President, Europe Raf Van Ransbeeck (Belgium)
- Regional Deputy President, Asia & Pacific Eun Sil Kim (South Korea)

The Deputy Secretary-General’s position and the Regional Deputy Presidents for Europe and South America are on the ballot for election at the General Assembly meeting in Ottawa. Professor Eun Sil Kim’s appointment as Regional Deputy President, Asia & Pacific will be presented to the General Assembly for confirmation. The creation of a new Regional Deputy President for the Middle East will also be considered at the meeting. Appointed positions will be finalized after the election of new Officers during the Ottawa General Assembly meeting.

An announcement was sent to IOJT member institutes the beginning of September with information on how to apply to become a member of the IOJT Board. The IOJT Nominations Committee received and reviewed the applications. The 2022 slate of candidates will be presented to the General Assembly for voting at the Ottawa Conference. The IOJT governance structure consists of both elected and appointed positions based upon the IOJT Statutes. All IOJT Officers (President, Secretary General, Deputy Secretary-General, and Treasurer) as well as the Regional Deputy Presidents are elected by the General Assembly. In order to ensure continuity and opportunities for inclusion, the Board of Executives adopted staggered four-year terms for all positions – elected and appointed

## IOJT 2024

The next IOJT Conference will take place in South Korea Fall of 2024.

In conclusion, IOJT continues to expand its activities and membership. As the organization grows, so does the need for a stable funding base to support the operations of the organization. Yearly membership dues fees remain voluntary. The Board of Executives and the Board of Governors along with the IOJT membership will continue to encourage members to financially support IOJT.