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LAUNCH OF NEW IARMJ EDITORIAL BOARD

Members are asked to take note that, pursuant to the resolution passed at the last IARMJ conference in The Hague, the Management Board has now established an Editorial Board, which is co-chaired by Hugo Storey and Katelijne Declerck. Its Rules of Procedure are appended at “A”.

Any working party or other committee of the Association wishing to have their guidelines etc endorsed as an 'IARMJ Publication' should take note of the procedure that they are required to follow to submit requests for such endorsement, which is set out in the aforementioned Rules, at 4.1-4.3:

4.1 Any working party, Chapter or other authorised committee of IARMJ members wishing to submit a report, study, or analysis must send their request to the IARMJ Secretariat who shall acknowledge safe receipt and confirm that it will be immediately forwarded to the Chair(s) of the [Editorial Board].

4.2 Upon receipt of such a request, the [Editorial Board] shall aim to reach a decision on whether they consider the said report, study, or analysis suitable for endorsement as soon as is practicable but in any event within 12 months.

4.3 If the [Editorial Board] considers the relevant report, study, or analysis would be suitable subject to amendments, it shall notify the requesting working party, Chapter or authorised committee and seek agreement regarding any proposed changes.”

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Secretary IARMJ



APPENDIX “A”

IARMJ Editorial Board - Rules of Procedure

1. Remit

1.1 The principal function of the Editorial Board is to consider requests made by a working party, Chapter or authorised committee of the IARMJ for a particular report, study, or analysis to be endorsed as an ‘IARMJ Publication’.

1.2 Endorsement means that the said report, study, or analysis is placed in a section of the IARMJ website headed ‘IARMJ publications’ and is also made available by the Secretariat to any outside body or individual who requests it. It does not, however, give rise to any obligation on the IARMJ to publish the said report, study or analysis in any other form.

1.3 At the request of the Management Board, the Editorial Board may also consider past (hereafter ‘historic’) reports, studies, or analyses, whether published or unpublished, by IARMJ working parties, Chapters, or authorised committees, with a view to whether they can retrospectively be endorsed as ‘IARMJ publications’ and placed in the section of the IARMJ website headed ‘IARMJ Publications’. Such reports, studies, or analyses may include those of specific relevance to only one of the Association’s Chapters (eg because they deal wholly or mainly with regional law). Priority must always, however, be given to consideration of prospective IARMJ publications.

2. Objective

2.1 Endorsement entails that the said report, study, or analysis will be placed on the IARMJ website under a new section headed ‘IARMJ Publications’. Authors are free to publish separately but should make sure that their work is stated to be based on an ‘IARMJ-endorsed publication’ or words to that effect.

3. Co-option

3.1 The Editorial Board is comprised of six standing members, including at least one member from each Chapter. The Editorial Board has discretion to co-opt up to two further members. This discretion should only be exercised where one or more Editorial Board members have limited availability (for reasons of work commitments, health etc) to tackle a particular request for endorsement or where the report, study, or analysis under consideration is on a particular topic or topics in respect of which it would assist to bring in extra expertise.

3.2 Any proposed co-option must be approved by the Management Board.

4. Procedure

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4.2 Upon receipt of such a request, the Editorial Board shall aim to reach a decision on whether they consider the said report, study, or analysis suitable for endorsement as soon as is practicable but in any event within 12 months.

4.3 If the Editorial Board considers the relevant report, study, or analysis would be suitable subject to amendments, it shall notify the requesting working party, Chapter or authorised committee and seek agreement regarding any proposed changes.

4.4 In the event that the Editorial Board decides that a submitted report, study, or analysis is not suitable for endorsement as an IARMJ publication, it must give reasons.

4.5 Endorsement does not require that the Editorial Board individually or collectively agrees with it in whole or in part, only that it is (i) of sufficient quality;(ii) represents a judicial perspective (rather than, for example, academic or NGO advocacy); (iii) is considered to be within the range of reasonable extra-curial judicial opinions; and (iv) does not jeopardise the standing or reputation of the association or diverge from the Association's aims and objectives as set out in the IARMJ Constitution.

4.6 Accordingly, reasons for refusal to endorse are limited to the following:

- (i) it is not of sufficient quality;
- (ii) it is not considered to reflect a judicial perspective;
- (iii) it is not considered to be within the range of reasonable judicial opinions;
- (iv) it is considered that endorsement would carry a significant risk of detracting from IARMJ's reputation as an international association of judges or of diverging from the Association's aims and objectives as set out in the IARMJ Constitution.

5. Internal organisation

5.1 The Editorial Board shall have a chair or co-chairs responsible for coordinating the work and being a point of contact between the Secretariat and the Management Board.

5.2 In the case of consideration of an original report, study, or analysis for endorsement each member of the Editorial Board will be asked to read and make comments to be shared with other members.

5.3 In the case of any request by the Management Board for consideration of an historic report, study, or analysis the Editorial Board may decide to choose a sub-group to make an initial review in order to ascertain whether it is feasible to endorse it (relevant considerations will include whether, for example, it will be clear to readers that it is not intended to be up to date).

5.4 The Editorial Board shall seek to reach decisions by consensus but in the event of disagreement can decide by a simple majority. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall have an extra vote. If there are co-chairs, they shall agree between them which one has the extra casting vote.

5.5 Once the Editorial Board has reached a decision to endorse a particular report, study, or analysis, it shall first notify the Management Board.

5.6 If the Management Board has not responded or objected within 14 days, the Editorial Board will then notify the requesting working party, Chapter or authorised committee of the Editorial Board decision and, shall instruct the Secretariat to place the relevant report, study, or analysis on the section of the website headed 'IARMJ Publications' and instruct the Secretariat to inform the relevant authors that this has been done.