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MEMORANDUM 11-21

TO: Deans of AALS Member and Fee Paid Law Schools
FROM: Susan Westerberg Prager *Suxon*
SUBJECT: AALS Administration and Stewardship of IALS Has Ended

The AALS Executive Committee wanted to be sure that we let you know of the change in our relationship with the International Association of Law Schools (IALS).

As some of you may remember, the centerpiece of the celebration of the AALS Centennial in 2000 was the AALS Conference for International Legal Educators at NYU's Villa La Pietra in Florence, Italy. This Conference represented AALS' commitment to foster more cooperative efforts among law schools throughout the world. Out of this Conference and the 2004 invitational AALS Conference on Educating Lawyers for Transnational Challenges, held in Honolulu, it was determined by those attending that the IALS would be established. Formed the following year, from its inception the IALS has had the full support of the AALS Executive Committee, which has provided AALS staff for IALS administration since 2005.

From the beginning it was envisioned by both AALS and IALS that AALS support would be of short duration. At the University of Buenos Aires IALS Conference in April 2011, I noted to the IALS Board that AALS support had lasted longer than either organization had foreseen. I advised the IALS Board that the time had come for IALS to transition from AALS' staff support and for AALS to devote its staff more fully to AALS defined projects and programs, especially now that accumulated reserves for IALS had risen to a level that should enable it to continue its development.

I am happy to report that the IALS Board recently selected a new General Secretary/Treasurer, Barbara Holden-Smith, Vice Dean and Professor of Law at Cornell Law School, and that AALS ceased the financial administration for IALS on November 30th. The new General Secretary-Treasurer assumed control of the assets of the organization the following day. IALS is fortunate indeed to have Professor Holden-Smith succeed Professor Carl Monk in this important role for the organization.

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AALS remains committed to the goal of supporting meaningful interactions with colleagues and schools throughout the world, and we will be as we always are, interested in the thoughts of our membership as we work to provide support to our member schools and their faculties. We hope that many of you will be able to attend the Second Meeting of the House of Representatives at the Annual Meeting, as Lauren Robel's 2012 Presidential address will center on globalization.

There is much to do in the international arena and we wish IALS success in its mission.