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Important Dates to Remember:

IACA Conference
September 16-19, 2018
Iguazú Falls, Brazil

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From the President

EXPANDING IACA HORIZONS

It's not an easy task to gather leaders in Court Administration from around the world and bring them together in something that can be useful for different justice systems. This is not only an IACA proposal but, in fact, our reality.

A tremendous step was taken in our International Conference in Washington D.C., United States of America. During four days, we had conferences and panels with the best experts in the world. Starting with a presentation by four Justices from Supreme Courts of Belize, Kentucky, South Africa and China, to an extremely modern session about the impact of technology in courts, we had opportunity to learn best practices to improve the judicial system.

Now we are preparing for the next International Conference, in Iguazu Falls (Foz do Iguazu, in Portuguese), Paraná State, Brazil. The city is very well prepared to



Vladimir Freitas, IACA President

receive tourists. It is on the border with Argentina and Paraguay, has excellent hotels and the special attraction of the Falls and its National Park, listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Besides conferences, IACA is moving ahead with its expansion plans, through special interest commissions, developing new rules for membership, better communication through social media, creation of "The Court Administrator", with practical articles, strengthening of the Journal and a project for a historical research of IACA's activities and documents from its beginning.

To make all our plans become a reality, we need the participation of all our members. Therefore, I would like to ask everyone to collaborate in some way, for example, by sending news for publication on Facebook, articles for the Journal and The Court Administrator, etc. I am always available for you, including direct contact through email: president@iaca.ws

Let's go together!

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The 2017 IACA/NACM joint conference took place in July in Washington, D.C. For those of you who missed it, you missed a fantastic conference! The conference was held at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Crystal City, a location very convenient to the Washington airport. To say this sold out conference was large is an understatement – around 800 attendees from more than 40 countries joined together for a week of learning, networking, and, of course, fun.

The conference kicked off with an interesting plenary session panel whose members included Kenneth Benjamin, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Belize; John Minton, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky; Mogoeng Mogoeng, Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa; and MA Yuanjie, Judge of the Judicial Reform Office of the Supreme People's Court. Mary McQueen, a good friend to IACA and the President of the National Center for State Courts served as the panel's moderator. The panel discussed some of today's challenges to the Rule of Law and the independence of the judiciary and the important role court professionals play in advancing the effective administration of justice. It was truly a remarkable occasion to have judicial officers from four continents together on one stage to discuss both special areas of interests as well as common concerns. This was a conference highlight for sure.

The numerous conference breakout sessions had something for everybody and all were well attended. Another conference highlight



that was specific to IACA attendees was the IACA luncheon meeting during which United States Court of Appeals Judge Allyson Kay Duncan spoke. Judge Duncan serves as the current chair of the International Judicial Relations Committee of the U.S. Judicial Conference. She has traveled extensively, speaking and working on topics involving Human Rights law, Counter-Terrorism, Trademark and Copyright Infringement, and Appellate Practice and Procedure. Judge Duncan's comments were heartfelt as she has a passion for international outreach. Judge Duncan welcomed questions and comments from the audience and there was a long line of IACA attendees waiting to speak with her personally immediately following the meeting.

On a more social note, the Tuesday night outing to the Library and Congress was spectacular! The location was breathtaking and the food was outstanding. This was a wonderful time for attendees to network and socialize with each other, as well as visit the

many exhibit areas in the Library of Congress. It was a memorable event for all.

Prior to the conference, the IACA Board met to discuss many topics, one being the location of the next IACA conference. President Frietas is working to host the next conference in Iguazú Falls, Brazil in September 2018. More details will be coming as the planning begins for this exciting conference. Please mark your calendars now for September 16-19, 2018 so you can be sure to attend!



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- ◆ Discounted conference attendance rates

We welcome your interest in IACA and urge you to consider joining us through one of our categories of membership and participating in our conferences. We also encourage all current and future members to actively involve themselves in IACA's future development and expansion through taking on leadership roles at the regional and national levels. We are a dynamic organization and perpetually interested in ideas and suggestions as to how we might improve and expand the services we provide.

To learn more about who is eligible, our fee structure, and to join us, please visit IACA's website at <http://www.iaca.ws/join-iaca.html>

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- Members include judges, administrators, academics and others from around the world.
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 - ◆ Istanbul, Turkey
 - ◆ Trinidad and Tobago
 - ◆ Jakarta / Bogar, Indonesia
 - ◆ Peace Palace, The Hague
 - ◆ Buenos Aires, Argentina
 - ◆ Dubai, UAE
 - ◆ Sydney, Australia
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