CONFERENCES

The Society's first international conference was held in West Berlin, Germany in April 1975 on the theme The Child and the Law. There were over 200 participants, including representatives of governments and international organizations. The second world conference was held in Montreal, Canada in June 1977 on the subject Violence in the Family. There were over 300 participants from over 20 countries. A third world conference on the theme Family Living in a Changing Society was held in Uppsala, Sweden in June 1979. There were over 270 participants from 35 countries.

The fourth world conference was held in June 1982 at Harvard Law School, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A. There were over 180 participants from 26 countries. The fifth world conference was held in July 1985 in Brussels, Belgium on the theme The Family, The State and Individual Security, under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Fabiola of Belgium, the Director-General of UNESCO, the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe and the President of the Commission of the European Communities. More than 100 papers were presented to approximately 300 participants. The sixth world conference on Issues of the Aging in Modern Society was held in April 1988 in Tokyo, Japan under the patronage of H.J.H. Prince Takahito Mikasa. There were over 450 participants.

The seventh world conference was held in May 1991 in Opatija, Yugoslavia on the theme, Parenthood: The Legal Significance of Motherhood and Fatherhood in a Changing Society. There were over 200 participants. The Eighth world conference convened in Cardiff, United Kingdom in July 1994 on the theme Families Across Frontiers. More than 350 participants from 51 nations attended. The Ninth World Conference was held in Durban, South Africa, in July 1997 on the theme Changing Family Forms: World Themes and African Issues. The Tenth world conference took place in Brisbane, Australia in July 2000 and focused on Family Law: Processes, Practices and Pressures.

The Eleventh world conference was held in Copenhagen and Oslo on August 2 - 7th 2002, on Family Life and Human Rights. Details of the conference may be be found at www.jus.uio.no/ifp/isfl/ or obtained from the co-convenors, Professor Peter Lodrup, of the Faculty of Law, University of Oslo (email peter.lodrup@jus.uio.no) or Professor Linda Nielsen, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen (email linda.nielsen@jur.ku.dk). The Twelfth World Conference of the ISFL convened in Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 19-23, 2005. The Theme of that conference was Family Law: Balancing Interests and Pursuing Priorities. Two hundred twenty-eight (228) persons registering for the conference, including 197 academics or professionals from 34 nations, who presented 165 papers.

Members in various geographical regions have held regional conferences under the auspices of the Society addressing family law subjects of regional interest. Recent conferences include in Seoul, South Korea in 1996; Prague, Czech Republic, in 1998; Kingston, Ontario in 2001; Tosa de Mar, Spain, 2003; Beijing, China, 2004; Lyon, France (2002 and 2004); Scandinavia (multiple conferences); and in North America (Jackson Hole, Wyoming; Quebec City, Quebec; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Kingston, Ontario; and Eugene, Oregon, at various Intervals from 1993-2004). A regional conference is scheduled for Amsterdam, The Netherlands, in November 2005, on Child Protection and Juvenile Courts.