THE HISTORY & PURPOSES OF THE SOCIETY

The International Society of Family Law (Society) is an international society of scholars and professionals interested in issues of family law and policy. The Society was launched at the University of Birmingham, UK, in April 1973, on the initiative of Professor Zeev Falk (Hebrew University, Israel). Two years later, when the Society convened its first world conference, it attracted more than 200 participants, mostly academics and government officials. The Society has experienced significant growth since then, due to its consistent, high-quality programs and materials. The Society sponsors world conferences at intervals of approximately three years, as well as regional conferences, and produces a number of professional publications for the benefit of its members.

The nature and objectives of the Society are reflected in the principles adopted at the first Annual General Meeting of the Society held in the Kongresshalle of West Berlin on Saturday, 12 April 1975.

The Society's objectives are the study and discussion of problems of family law. To this end, the Society sponsors and promotes:
(a) International co-operation in research on family law subjects of world-wide interest.
(b) Periodic international conferences on family law subjects of world-wide interest.
(c) Collection and dissemination of information in the field of family law by the publication of a survey concerning developments in family law throughout the world, and by publication of relevant materials in family law, including papers presented at conferences of the Society.
(d) Co-operation with other international, regional or national associations having the same or similar objectives.
(e) Interdisciplinary contact and research
(f) The advancement of legal education in family law by all practical means including furtherance of exchanges of teachers, students, judges and practising lawyers.

Other objectives in furtherance of or connected with the above objectives.