



ALAI Czech Republic Annual Report 2014

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1. Introduction

In 2014 the regular activity of the Czech national group ALAI continued, representatives of ALAI Czech Republic participated at the ALAI world congress in Brussels, the chairman represented the Czech branch in the work of the Executive of ALAI in Paris, seminars continued to be held in Prague and Brno. ALAI Czech Republic also took part in organising the section intellectual property law at the Olomouc Legal Days conference.

At the end of 2014 new statutes were adopted concerning primarily the reform of Czech private law and emphasising the publicly beneficial character of the group.

Detailed information on the activity of the group can also be followed on the www.alai.cz pages, which are regularly updated.

2. Activity in 2014

The association's main activity in 2014 continued to be the organisation of seminars devoted to various aspects of copyright law and rights connected with copyright. Although the seminars are intended primarily for association members, they are not closed to members of the public.

Seminar 28. 1. 2014 – The directive to extend the term of protection II (Prague).

In her lecture **JUDr. Petra Žikovská** addressed the topic on directive on the extension of the term of protection and its transposition to the Copyright Act as a follow-up to her December lecture.

Olomouc Legal Days conference 15. – 16. 5. 2014 (Olomouc)

ALAI Czech Republic at the initiative of **prof. Ivo Telc** participated in the holding of the section intellectual property law at the Olomouc Legal Days conference organised by the Law Faculty of the Palacký University. Several members of ALAI also appeared at the conference.

Seminar 21. 5. 2014 – Current jurisprudence of the CJEU (Prague)

Several senior referees appeared at the seminar with contributions, which were then debated.

Zuzana Císařová: *UPC Telekabel Wien* (blocking access to kino.to pages) with reference to older jurisprudence (*L'Oreal v. eBay*, *Scarlet Extended v. SABAM*, *SABAM v. Netlog*) in the matter of measures for the copyright protection of the authors which can be imposed against intermediaries.

Petr Ostrouchov: *Svensson* – on the question of providing references to the use of a work, on the conceptual definition of the communication to the public

Dagmar Hartmanová: *OSA v. Mariánské Lázně*, in particular on the question of the monopoly of collective management organization

Rudolf Leška: *ACI Adam* on the question of determining the fair compensation and the legality of creating copies for personal use from unlawful sources

Vladan Rámiš: *Innoweb v. Wegener* on extraction of databases by the “meta-search”

Seminář 30. 5. 2014 – Meeting with Professor Jiří Malenovský on CJEU jurisprudence (Brno)

Lecture of **prof. Jiří Malenovský** and discussions with professional public on the recent CJEU judgements (*Svensson*, *OSA*, *UPC Telekabel Wien* etc.).

Seminar 12. 9. 2014 – Court actions in copyright cases in the USA – How Czech rights holders are affected and how to involve them (Prague)

Successful New York attorney Joshua Graubart shared his experience with the management of the group actions and on the international implications of these disputes. The presentation and sound recording in English of the seminar is accessible at <http://www.alai.cz/index.php?uid=10>.

World Congress 17. – 20.9.2014 – Moral Rights in the 21st Century (Brussels)

ALAI organised the world congress on the stated theme. Details on the congress can be found at the congress website <http://alai2014.org/>. The congress proceedings will be distributed to ALAI members for free.

Christmas meeting 16.12.2014 (Prague)

On the occasion of the Christmas festivities an informal meeting of members and the assembly of members was held.

3. Management of the association

The association's management resulted in a surplus caused by the fact that the contribution for ALAI for 2014 was paid in 2015.

The association's sole income in 2014 was made up of contributions of members.

Outline:

Income: **CZK 39,000** (part of membership contributions was not paid in time in 2014)

Expenses (including VAT): **CZK 17,116**, of which:

- CZK 566 webhosting;
- CZK 10,000 interface and programming of web pages;
- CZK 1936 (2x968 CZK) rent for premises (JazzDock);
- CZK 168 alai.cz domain;
- CZK 2752 drafting of the financial statement and documents for 2014;

- CZK 1694 translation of the Annual Report for 2014.
- The membership contributions for the International Literary and Artistic Association for 2014 were paid in January 2015 (within the maturity period)

4. Association's bodies and officials

The general assembly is the association's supreme body.

The association's executive body is the board of trustees of five members. Its composition did not change in 2014:

- Zuzana Císařová
- Rudolf Leška (chairman of the association)
- Jakub Menčíl (deputy chairman of the association)
- Ivo Telec
- Petra Žikovská

The chairman is the association's governing body. Rudolf Leška was the first chairman during the whole year.

5. Membership base

In 2014 the membership base was expanded. As of the end of 2014 the membership base had 36 members. One member suspended his membership in 2014.

6. Addendum: Financial statement 2014

Follows on separate pages.

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