

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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This report will provide information concerning my efforts as International Representative to assist the work of libertarian political parties and activists throughout the world.

1) During my previous report, I mentioned that Geoff Neale, chair of the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties (and immediate-past LNC chair), had informed me of the difficulties the IALP had encountered in establishing a bank account for the organization. He stated that U.S. banking laws have turned U.S. citizens into “persona non grata” in banking, and thus it has been difficult for IALP members in Europe to establish a Swiss bank account for the organization. I am not aware of any changes in this situation.

Mr. Neale has indicated that the IALP will soon consider admitting a party from the Ivory Coast. He has informed me that the IALP is in communication with people in Mexico (see comments below), the Cayman Islands, and Cuba.

2) I have not received additional information concerning the possibility of holding an IALP meeting concurrent with the LP national convention in Orlando in May.

3) An article in the PanAm Post on Jan. 11 (<https://panampost.com/elena-toledo/2016/01/11/mexicos-new-libertarian-party-aims-to-shake-up-the-political-arena/>) provides information about the Partido Libertario de Mexico. Mark Hinkle, IALP director of development (and former LNC chair), has evidently contacted Luis Mauricio Jimenez Corona, director of the party. Mr. Hinkle said that he hopes some Partido Libertario de Mexico’s members will attend the Libertarian Party of California’s annual convention, to take place in Los Angeles on Apr. 1-3.

4) I am pleased to report that I shall address the European Students For Liberty Conference in Prague, Czech Republic, on Mar. 11-13. I hope to meet with representatives of various European libertarian parties during the conference.