On 11 May 1988, the first issue of a new periodical was proudly presented at a special presentation ceremony at Leiden University. Drs. G.J. Tanja, Chairman of the editorial staff, and Prof. P.H. Kooijmans, Chairman of the Board of Editors, explained how the project had come into being. Students and staff members of the international law department of the Faculty of Law, inspired by American examples, wished to create a periodical in which student contributions could be published alongside articles by academics and international law practitioners. Mr. M. van der Stoel, former Minister for Foreign Affairs, who was invited as a guest speaker to highlight some of the latest developments in public international law, spoke about 'International Law in International Relations', mentioning many examples in which States had *nolens volens* to bow to the rules of international law.


The LJIL will be published twice yearly. The subscription rate for the Netherlands is Dfl. 55, for students Dfl. 35, for institutions Dfl. 60. There is a separate price list for other EEC countries and world-wide. The Secretariat’s address is P.O. Box 9520, 2300 RA Leiden, the Netherlands.

*Hans Verheul*