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Results of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition

At the 68th International Astronautical Congress in Adelaide, Australia, the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) organized the Final Rounds of the 2017 Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition. Altogether, world-wide 74 teams participated in the four Regional Rounds.

The World Finals on 28 September 2017 were judged by one former Member and two sitting Members of the International Court of Justice (ICJ): **H.E. Ret. Judge Sir Kenneth Keith**, **H.E. Judge Kirill Gevorgian** and **H.E. Judge James Crawford**.

The result of the 2017 Competition was as follows:

- Winner: **National Law School of India University**, Bangalore, India
- Best Memorials: **National Law School of India University**, Bangalore, India
- Best Oralist: **Ms. Alexia Boggs**, University of Mississippi Law School, United States
- Runner-up: **University of Mississippi Law School**, United States
- Semi-Finalists: **University of Pretoria**, South Africa & **National and Kapodistrian University**, Athens, Greece

The problem, on issues relating to interference with the activities of states in the use of lunar resources, and the resolution of the dispute under the novel principles of *ex aequo et bono*, was authored by Dr. Michael Simpson, Executive Director of the Secure World Foundation, and Mr. Christopher Johnson, Secure World's Space Law Advisor.

For more information on the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court:
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