



Dr Mads Andenas (left) and the Rt Hon the Lord Slynn of Hadley, Member of the Advisory Council of the Society for Advanced Legal Studies and President of the Centre of European Law at King's College, London.

Mads Andenas

The Institute has benefited greatly from the presence of Mads Andenas in a senior role and his expertise in a variety of areas including company law, European law, comparative law, financial services and human rights. In addition to building a notable academic career he has held key positions in the Norwegian government service and important advisory roles in banks and banking organisations. He is the author of a number of books and articles, and holds general editorships on several journals.

Mads Andenas has played an important role within the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies as Senior Research Fellow in Company and Commercial Law, directing activities within the Centre for Corporate Law and Practice (CCLP) and contributing widely to the on-going development of the Institute. He takes over a new appointment as Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law on 1 April, but will also maintain his connection with IALS and its many activities in the corporate law field.

Under the direction of Dr Andenas the CCLP has been involved in a variety of corporate law activities. During 1998–99 two posts were established within the Centre, with Dr Bruce Butcher of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission occupying a Visiting Fellowship and Dr Sandeep Savla taking up a new part-time Fellowship in Corporate and Commercial Law funded by Sweet & Maxwell. Public lectures have been organised under the auspices of *The*


Company Lawyer journal, and members of the CCLP have participated in seminars, conferences, workshops and reports on issues relating to corporate law in Britain and overseas.

In November 1998 the Centre collaborated with the Society for Advanced Legal Studies in setting up a Standing Expert Working Group on Company Law Reform, under the chairmanship of Lord Hope of Craighead, to assess the various reform initiatives taking place in Britain. Dr Andenas himself recently served as a member of the SALS Anti-Corruption Working Group which last month published *Banking on corruption*, a report which concentrates on corruption by foreign leaders and seeks to clarify the civil and criminal liabilities facing those that handle the proceeds of corruption overseas.

As General Editor of the *European Business Law Review*, which is published by Kluwer Law International in association with the IALS, Dr Andenas has used his expertise in the area of European Law to improve the content and reputation of the publication. In February he resigned from the Centre of European Law at King's College, London, after serving as director from 1994 to 2000. The Centre was founded in 1974 with the objectives of advancing research into European Community Law, European human rights law, and the laws of European countries; providing training for persons interested in European law; and encouraging the teaching of common law in European

countries. It has built up an international reputation for its work.

Dr Andenas's interests and extensive experience make him ideally equipped to take over the helm at BIICL, which was founded in 1958 and incorporated two constituent associations – the Grotius Society and the Society of Comparative Legislation. BIICL is an independent organisation which serves as a forum for discussion among academics, practising lawyers, scholars, government officials and business leaders. It also has a number of other roles, including conducting research on current legal issues, organising practitioner workshops, providing assistance under the auspices of the Commonwealth Legal Advisory Service, and as publisher of the *International and Comparative Law Quarterly* and the *Bulletin of Legal Developments* (among various other academic volumes).

Dr Andenas is looking forward to the challenge of taking BIICL forward. 'There is a tremendously important task ahead. Areas such as comparative and international law have assumed greater importance than ever before, and so have international and private law and European law. BIICL is placed at the crossroads of all these areas, and will be playing an important role in developing them in a British context.' 

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