

NATIONAL REPORT ALAI MEXICO

Meeting of the Executive Committee on October 5, 2008

In the period 2007 to 2008, Alai Mexico has obtained the following results :

1.- In this period Alai Mexico celebrated the 9th consecutive specialized course in intellectual property, with the participation of the Instituto Mexicano de Derechos de Autor, and the Ilustre y Nacional Colegio de Abogados de México. As you have been informed, the object of this course is to teach this field of law to all the persons in Mexico who have an interest in it, but especially the Judges and personnel who work in the most important courts in our country. Alai is present at all times in this course and all the students recognize the support that ALAI gives to it. This is one of the several reasons that this course is in its 9th consecutive year.

2.- With some Alai Mexico members' support, we helped to obtain a resolution in the Mexican Congress that established the rule with support in the Ley Federal del Derecho de Autor, that every hotel in our country must pay royalties for the use of works in every kind of public utilization. This pronouncement has its origin in the several petitions that every year the Mexican Hotel Association made to the Congress with the hope of obtaining a federal law reform that would free them from this obligation.

3.- In this period the Mexican Congress approved a constitutional law reform initiative to establish the culture right like a constitutional right, and the fact that only the Federation and not the States has the faculty to legislate in cultural matters. This reform is now at the Mexican Senate and we hope with optimism that it will receive ratification soon.

Alai Mexico Group.
Gabriel Larrea Richerand.
President.