

50th Anniversary Campaign

In 2008, the Institute celebrates 50 years of promoting the rule of law in international affairs. If it is to continue to play a leading role in stimulating debate, providing authoritative practical research and setting legal standards internationally, the Institute needs to advance and be fully capable of undertaking fresh initiatives in response to emerging needs. For this reason we are embarking upon a major development campaign to coincide with our 50th Anniversary. The Institute aims to build sustainable income to enable it to:

Attract the highest level of scholarship Promote awareness of our work and encourage partnerships Generate new activities

The Institute's research programme is informed by its overall aim of being an independent and authoritative voice in contemporary debate and policy-making on international and comparative legal issues. Some of the topics that we seek to address, given the appropriate funding, include:

• Climate Change: the international legal aspects of this important issue and a comparative analysis of national laws.

Energy and Natural Resources: the requirement for a clear and settled international system for dealing with disputes over resources.

- Legal Responsibilities of Transnational Corporations: the need for an effective rule of law both to enable these corporations to operate within the international system and to protect those with whom they interact.
- The Relationship between International Law and Islamic Law: considerations of issues such as environmental law, domestic implementation of international law and the contribution of Islamic law to the development of international law.

• Financial Services: harmonizing financial regulation across borders.

• Security and Liberty: the relationships between security and liberty are found not only in the responses to terrorism but also in interactions between governments and corporations that concern financial investments and in the concerns over the use of data, movement of people, increasing armed conflicts and the role of global and regional institutions.

More information about the campaign and how you can support it will be available on our website as the year progresses. You can also contact **Helen Bright**, Development Director Tel: +44 (0)20 7862 5167 | Email: <u>h.bright@biicl.org</u>