

Preface

As is already known to its former readers, the first series was launched in 1962 by the Hungarian Branch of the International Law Association and its first volume has been published by the Hungarian Lawyers' Association on the occasion of the Brussels Conference of the ILA. By starting the series, our aim was to acquaint the experts of international law living abroad with studies by Hungarian scholars in public and private international law. As the biannually published volumes of the series were received favourably, we did our best to overcome the technical difficulties which temporarily suspended publication after the 1970 volume. It was deeply gratifying to have the Publishing House of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences—in cooperation with the Leyden Sijthoff—undertake to bring out the next bigger and more attractive volume.

The book had a very good international reception; the fact that it is read the world over is indicated by the great number of references being made to it. Thus encouraged, we have continued to work on the publication of the series, and hope that in the future, too, we shall be able to publish it regularly.

The reader of the series is likely to meet a relatively stable list of contributors. Since the publication of the last volume, however, Ernő György, István Herceg, and István Szászzy have regrettably passed away. Hungarian science of international law has suffered a great loss by their passing. Younger international lawyers have joined the group of contributors to the series, and we shall continue to try to have as many young authors as possible.

We wish to emphasize again that the studies published, naturally, express the personal views of the authors, and although the volume is put under the auspices of the Hungarian Branch of the ILA, the individual studies can by no means be regarded as the reflection of some common stance of the Hungarian Branch.

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