**Tribute to the late Arturo Diaz Bravo (delivered by AIDA President, Michael Gill, to the Presidential Council in Lisbon on 7 May 2013)**

We received the sad news of the passing of Arturo Diaz Bravo on 21 December 2012, who was a great contributor to the work of AIDA over many years.

He graduated as an attorney from the **Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México** (UNAM), and obtained a law PhD at such faculty by writing and defending the thesis *Insurance Agreement in Mexican Law*.

He was a professor at UNAM’s Law Faculty from 1960 to 2005, where he taught various subjects of Commercial Law, such as insurance and bonding law, consumer law, banking law, negotiable instruments, corporations, commercial agreements, etc.

He gave several lectures on bonds, corporations, banking, foreign investment, insurance law, competition law, banking law, commercial agreements, consumer protection and other subjects of commercial law and on environmental liability and insurance, at various colleges and universities in **Mexico**: Aguascalientes, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Colima, Durango, State of Mexico, Guanajuato, Jalisco, Nuevo Leon, Puebla, San Luis Potosi, Sonora, Tamaulipas and Veracruz and **abroad**: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.

He published numerous articles on the topics mentioned above, in Mexican and foreign magazines.

He wrote several books such as: “*Contratos Mercantiles”* (ninth edition), “*La responsabilidad civil por contaminación del ambiente y su aseguramiento”*, “*Derecho mercantil”* (third edition), “*Títulos y operaciones de crédito”* (third edition), “*El fraude y su incidencia en el contrato de seguro”*, “*Glosario de derecho mercantil”* (second edition), and “*Medicina, responsabilidad civil y seguro”,* all text and consultation in Mexican and foreign universities.

He was a member of the Editorial Board of the magazine “*Revista Ibero-Latinoamericana de Seguros”* (Colombia).

Among his professional activities, he was a member of the Legal Department of **Condominio, S. A.** (1956-1957); head of the Legal Department of the **Asociación Mexicana de Instituciones de Seguros** (Mexican Association of Insurance Institutions) (1957-1963); manager of the Legal and Fiduciary Departments of **Banco Santander** (1964-1982); Deputy Director of the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** (1965-1970), legal advisor and Deputy Director of **Foreign Investments of the Ministry of Economy** (1972-1978).

He was member of the Mexican delegations to UN meetings that developed various international treaties. He was part of the Mexican delegations to various global conferences of insurance law.

In 1960, he founded along with Roberto L. Mantilla Molina, the **Asociación Mexicana de Derecho de Seguros** (Mexican Association of Insurance Law), which presided for several years.

He was president of the **Comité Iberolatinoamericano (CILA) de la Asociación Internacional de Derecho de Seguros (AIDA)** [Ibero-Latin-American Committee of the International Association of Insurance Law (AIDA)], and was appointed Honorary President.

He was Mexico’s delegate of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT).

He was arbitrator in numerous national and international disputes, over commerce matters, especially so in insurance and reinsurance.

Arturo was very well respected and much liked, and we will miss him greatly.

Fellow Councillors, I invite you to rise and observe a minute's silence in memory of our dear colleague, Arturo Diaz Bravo.