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Media Release

The Australian Institute of International Affairs and the International Law Association (Australian Branch) proudly announce that this year's Peter Nygh Hague Conference Internship has been awarded to Brooke Marshall.

The Internship supports a post-graduate student or graduate of an Australian law school to undertake an internship with The Hague Conference on Private International Law (The Hague Conference) in the Netherlands by providing funds to cover the cost of travel to the Netherlands and a contribution towards living expenses.

Brooke's deep fascination with private international law made her an outstanding candidate for the award. Her critique of the draft Hague Principles on International Commercial Contracts was published in the Melbourne Journal of International Law in June 2012. She has also participated as an invited member at a round table symposium on Changing Private International Law in Australia. While completing her degrees in Arts and Law at the University of Queensland, Brooke undertook two exchanges with French universities. As a result she is not only fluent in French but has also studied European private international law and participated in a working group on private international law as global governance.

Last year Brooke was an associate to the then Chief Justice Keane at the Federal Court of Australia. She has also worked as a translation and research assistant to Dr Mary Keyes, Professor of Private International Law at Griffith University. Brooke is now employed as a Graduate Lawyer at Allens in Brisbane.

Brooke has contributed to the Australian and international community as secretary of the Lawyers Information Network and as a volunteer for the Red Cross in New Caledonia. She has also been involved in a number of moot competitions, as both a team member and a judge.

Brooke is looking forward to the Internship, as she plans to focus on private international law and law reform in her future career. Brooke is inspired by the career of the late Hon Dr Peter Nygh AM and hopes to lead a similar career path.

For those interested in applying for the 2014 Nygh Internship, applications close on 30th September 2013. Please visit the AIIA website for more information: <http://www.aiia.asn.au/get-involved/nygh-internship>.

Background Information

The Peter Nygh Hague Conference Internship is an award in memory of the late Hon Dr Peter Nygh AM, a leading international lawyer and former judge of the Family Court of Australia. Dr Nygh was also an Australian delegate to, and a rapporteur of, The Hague Conference. In 2002, he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in part 'for service to international law, particularly through honorary assistance to The Hague Conference'.

Dr Nygh's family donated funds to establish the Peter Nygh Hague Conference Internship. The Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department donated an additional \$50,000, and Allens generously supports the administration of the award. Further donations are being sought to support this initiative. All donations are tax deductible.

The Australian Institute of International Affairs (www.aiia.asn.au) was established in 1933 as an independent non-political body to promote an interest in, and understanding of, international affairs. The AIIA operates nationwide with 1,300 members across seven State and Territory branches. The AIIA provides a forum for discussion, and educates and disseminates ideas via its journal *Australian Journal of International Affairs* and book series including *Australia in World Affairs*. The Governor-General of Australia, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC is the AIIA's Honorary Visitor and Patron.

The International Law Association has over 50 branches worldwide and a growing membership of academics and practicing professionals with an interest in international law. Membership is available to all persons interested in international law. The Hon Dr Peter Nygh AM was a past president of ILA (AB) and was also active in the international organisation of the ILA. While president of the ILA (AB) he promoted co-operation between the ILA (AB) and the AIIA.