

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Dear Sirs,

I congratulate you on a stimulating and well-presented newsletter which is indeed filling a serious gap in the discussion and recording of the views of Australian international lawyers as events happen.

I think it important, however, that we should not become, or seem to become, provincial in those views. For this reason I think it unfortunate that the review of two books on interim protection should state that

"From the publication in 1932 of Edward Dumbauld's authoritative work Interim Measures of Protection in International Controversies until 1981, there was no book published on this important topic."

There was of course the book by Karin Oellers-Frahm, Die Einstweilige Anordnung in der internationalen Gerichtsbarkeit 1975 which was reviewed by me in 1979 British Yearbook of International Law at 248-249. Oellers-Frahm had an intelligent discussion on the vexed question of jurisdiction to grant interim protection. Her discussion on this issue (subsequently updated by periodical article) is a useful counterpoint to M. de Lacharrière.

While one cannot expect international lawyers to be conversant with all the major European languages, it would be evidence of interest in the works of non-English speakers if their works were at least reviewed and known in English language publications. Dutch, Scandinavian and German scholars already publish widely in English. I think it would be a pity if Australian scholars contributed to the view that unless they do so, their works will pass unnoticed.

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