Chapter V  

Vladimír Mandl (20.3.1899 – 8.1.1941)

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A. Introduction

In a keynote address on “A Concise History of Space Law” by Stephen E. Doyle (USA), which was delivered during the 53rd Colloquium of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) at the 61st International Astronautical Congress held in Prague, 2010, the speaker also mentioned a Czech lawyer, Professor Vladimír Mandl, as author of the world’s first comprehensive survey of space law.1 After that address, V. Kopal made an intervention on the life and work of Vladimír Mandl.2 Stephan Hobe dedicated a substantive attention to Mandl’s work in his paper at the same session.3

Already in 1968, V. Kopal presented a report on the life and work of Vladimír Mandl at the Second History Symposium of the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA), which was held in conjunction with the XIX

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2 Id. at 18 et seq.

3 Id. at 21 et seq.

Stephan Hobe (ed.), Pioneers of Space Law