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recently welcomed new members from Francophone countries and also to have reached the milestone of membership representation from 50 different countries. We continue to be well served by our committed Secretariat at the University of Ottawa in these endeavours.

I was pleased to attend the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Jeju in September 2012, along with a number of other Academy members. A report on the Congress is provided in this Newsletter, but I want to note here how gratifying it was to observe the level of respect accorded to the Academy by senior figures within IUCN and to have the opportunity to discuss future collaborative activities with them. I extend congratulations to Justice Antonio Herman Benjamin on his appointment as Chair of the World Commission on Environmental Law, and also to our former co-Director, Professor Ben Boer, on his subsequent appointment as deputy Chair of WCEL. I am also pleased to report that our deputy Chair, Nilufer Oral, was elected as a regional counsellor of the IUCN Governing Council.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE ACADEMY

As this Newsletter reflects, the Academy continues to thrive, both in terms of its activities and membership. It is especially pleasing to have

MESSAGE FROM THE ACADEMY SECRETARIAT

Our colleagues at Waikato and University of New England are working enthusiastically to prepare for the next Academy Colloquium in Hamilton, New Zealand from June 24-28 next year. As usual, the Colloquium will be accompanied by a number of additional, side-events and it promises to be a very stimulating and impressive event.

I will take this opportunity to confirm to all members my announcement at the Academy Collegium in Baltimore earlier this year that I propose to step down from the position of Chair of the Governing Board of the Academy early next year, following the conclusion of the elections for new Board members from three regions. It has been an honour and a privilege to have served in this capacity for five years, and I believe it is the right time to allow for fresh leadership of the Academy, just as my predecessor, Nick Robinson, did after five years at the helm. I am sure that a highly capable successor will be appointed by the Governing Board from its ranks. I will remain on the Governing Board for another two years in my capacity as the representative of the Oceania region and look forward to continuing to contribute to the affairs of the Academy in various ways.

Meanwhile, I urge you all to participate in the Governing Board election process which is now underway by the Secretariat and also to consider making early preparations for your attendance in mid-2013 of our next, exciting Colloquium in New Zealand.

Best wishes,

*Rob Fowler
Chair, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law*

It has been a busy fall season at the Academy Secretariat. In addition to continuing work with colleagues at Maryland to finish up loose ends from the 10th Colloquium (presentations available at <http://digitalcommons.law.umaryland.edu/gelc/2012/>) and with Trevor Daya-Winterbottom of Waikato and the team now hard at work on next year's conference.

Work on the publications program has been ongoing. Many thanks to Ben Booth of Edward Elgar for his continuing support which is helping to produce a solid series of proceedings and other collections.

*We have also received international visitors including Carmen Gonzalez of Seattle University School of Law, Karen Morrow of the University of Swansea and Robert Kibugi of CASELAP at the University of Nairobi who came to Ottawa for a conference on human rights and the environment. Jorge Cabrera of the University of Costa Rica and Carmen Gonzalez also came to Ottawa for an expert conference on Legal Preparedness for the Global Green Economy. Dr. Cao Mingde of the China University of Political Science and Law has been with us for a month as part of a North American trip to study environmental law. He has also been put to work giving talks on environmental law in China and the country's climate change policy. Nils Goeteyn, having recently completed his doctoral work at the University of Ghent, is assisting with the development of new educational materials for the Academy web page www.iucnael.org. Work to update the directory of scholars is now also getting underway. In the New Year, Kees Bastmeijer and Mar Campins will be in Ottawa as January Term Visitors at the Faculty of Law. Kees will offer a course on Environmental Law and Polar Regions while Mar will teach *Le droit européen: Cas d'études - les changements climatiques*.*



Venue of the 11th Annual Colloquium - Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts, an award-winning events centre situated lakeside on the beautiful University of Waikato campus.

On the membership front, we are now working in collaboration with the Organisation Internationale de la francophonie to strengthen the Academy's presence and contribution in la francophonie, particularly in the African region. As noted elsewhere in the newsletter, a very significant milestone was reached a few weeks ago when the Academy's institutional membership reached its fiftieth country. Bienvenue Burkina Faso (Université Ouaga II). Since the writing of this newsletter, we have gained another new member from Ivory Coast (Université Alassane Ouattara). Bienvenue aussi Côte d'Ivoire.

In early November the Secretariat had an opportunity to meet with Xhang Xinseng who was recently elected President of the IUCN at the World Conservation Congress in Jeju, South Korea. He expressed great interest in the innovative structure of the Academy network and was most encouraging about prospects for future collaboration.

Elections to the Governing Board of the Academy have begun with the nomination process to replace members from Africa, Western Europe, and North America who will have completed their terms in January 2013. As our members have been notified in our elections email, all three existing Governing Board members in these three regions have graciously expressed their desire to step down in order to give opportunity for other scholars to contribute to the Board. The Secretariat of the

Academy would like to take this opportunity to thank Michael Kidd, Marjan Peeters and Ben Richardson for their tremendous contributions to the work of the Academy throughout their terms.



Winnie Carruth, Zhang Xinsheng, Jamie Benidickson, Yves Le Bouthillier, Cao Mingde

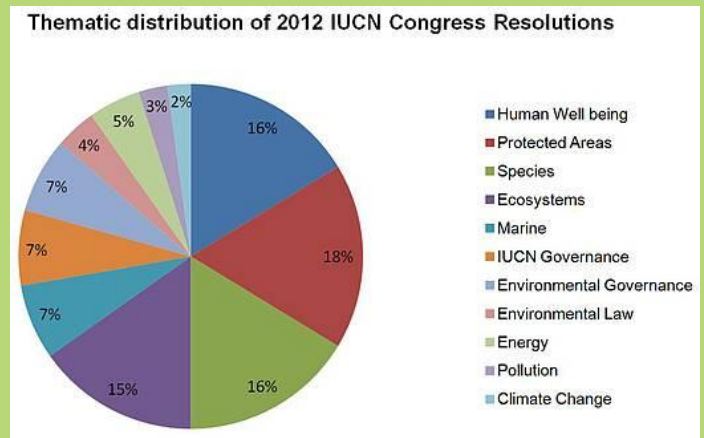
WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS, JEJU, SOUTH KOREA

The IUCN World Conservation Congress took place on the South Korean island of Jeju between 6-15, September 2012. From around the world, about 10,000 governmental representatives, scientists, academics, members of NGOs, lawyers, students,

and environmentalists gathered to exchange knowledge, information and views on environmental concerns ranging from the protection of the deep oceans to the high mountain ranges of Nepal and the forests of Borneo. Key IUCN Academy of Environmental Law people who attended the World Conservation Congress included Rob Fowler (Chair), Nilufer Oral (Deputy Chair), Lye Lin Heng (Board member), Ben Boer, Dick Ottinger and Sandy Patterson.

During these ten intensive days, delegates attended a myriad of panels, knowledge cafés, the Environmental Law Center’s innovative Conservation Campus, and the World Leaders Dialogue meetings. In addition to the vast range of intellectual and social events, the Congress also provides the venue for the adoption of high-level political decisions by the IUCN Assembly.

The IUCN Assembly is a unique body whose delegates are composed of NGOs and Government members with voting rights. Individual members of the six IUCN Commissions are not members of the Assembly and cannot vote. The Assembly is the highest governing body of the IUCN. Its functions include adopting motions submitted by members. A total of 186 motions were submitted for adoption to the Assembly. Rob Fowler, Chair of the IUCN Academy on Environmental Law, was actively involved in the negotiations of a particularly important motion on “Strengthening the motions process and enhancing implementation of IUCN Resolutions,” which was adopted. Dick Ottinger, who is also Chair of the CEL Climate Change Specialist Group was actively involved in the negotiation of a motion concerning the place of energy policy in IUCN’s work program.



In Jeju, the IUCN Assembly adopted the “One Programme Charter” approach that will guide the direction of the IUCN over the next four-year period. All activities of the IUCN, including Commissions and presumably the Academy will need align their activities with the One Programme Charter. Simply put, the IUCN’s overall program of work for the next four years underscores needs and opportunities for biodiversity conservation, building on the established track record that has been a core element of IUCN’s leadership.

In addition to decision-making forums and substantive events providing opportunities for exchange amongst members of IUCN’s six Commissions, the WCC helps promote greater public awareness of several of IUCN’s unique environmental contributions including updates to the Red List of Threatened Species <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>, the Green List of Protected Areas

http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/gpap_home/gpap_quality/gpap_greenlist/

and the Protected Planet Report https://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/protected_planet_report.pdf among others.

At the Members’ Assembly, resolutions were approved on a number of issues such as action on Atlantic bluefin tuna stocks and vulnerable dolphin populations; measures to check illegal bear farms; the need to scale back offshore drilling in a number of jurisdictions; and improved mechanisms to deliver payments for ecosystem services in developing countries. Other motions adopted addressed poaching of elephants and rhinos;

mercury contamination of wildlife; and the challenges of enforcing legislative provisions designed to safeguard wildlife.

The Commission on Environmental Law held two meetings prior to the opening of the World Conservation Congress. Rob Fowler, was invited to make a presentation on the Academy. In addition, CEL also invited the Academy to attend and participate in its Steering Committee meeting where Sheila Abed, the out-going Chair, and Antonio Benjamin, the in-coming Chair of the CEL, were present. Elizabeth Mrema, Deputy Director of a new division in UNEP, also attended the Steering Committee meeting and expressed her interest to collaborate further with the Academy. In each of these meetings, Rob Fowler gave very detailed and informative presentations on the development and different activities of the Academy, which garnered praise for the work of the Academy.

Of particular interest to many members of the Academy will be the re-naming of the Commission on Environmental Law as the World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL).

PRE-COLLOQUIUM WORKSHOP IN BALTIMORE: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINICS

This year's pre-Colloquium events in Baltimore included the first-ever workshop focused exclusively on clinical legal education.

The workshop began with a presentation by Maria Marquèz i Banquè, one of the co-chairs of the Academy's Teaching and Capacity Building Committee (TCBC). Maria explained that one of the objectives of the TCBC is to promote clinical legal education within the Academy. To this end, she proposed the creation of a network of Academy member institutions that run clinical programs, with the aim of sharing experiences and best practices, and to support collaboration in international cases. The network would use a broad and inclusive definition of clinical education under the rubric "environmental law clinical legal education programs", including internship and

externship programs, university collaborations with NGOs or government, as well as litigation, policy and other types of teaching clinics. The unifying element is *experiential education*, giving students hands-on experiences to enrich their traditional lecture-style modes of learning about the law. Maria outlined the multiple benefits of clinical education for faculty and students: it presents opportunities to work with other professionals; cultivates a sense of environmental justice; and opens a door to comparative law.

Will Amos then shared his experiences as Director of the Ecojustice Clinic based at the University of Ottawa. The clinic is a collaboration between the University and Ecojustice, a Canadian environmental NGO. Operating a legal clinic can be prohibitively expensive; this collaboration provides the necessary funds, but can also create tensions between the two institutions. But Will pointed out the multiple benefits for the university: increased exposure and name recognition in the community, involvement in high-profile cases, and an enriched student experience.

The Global Models of Environmental Law Clinics panel was rounded out by a presentation by Kim Diana Connolly from SUNY Buffalo law school. Kim Diana outlined the long history of legal clinics in the U.S., which date back to the late 1800s. She noted that most American law schools offer in-house clinics, with almost 40 specifically focused on environmental issues. These clinics are varied, including litigation, policy, inter-disciplinary, or with a focus on a particular environmental issue. Kim Diana described her experience running a "Healthy Homes Legal Clinic" that works to address the multiple legal issues associated with the poor environmental quality of some of Buffalo's housing.

The second panel addressed the issue of political pressure on environmental law clinics. Robert Kuehn shared his numerous experiences confronting intense political pressure and aggressive law suits. He explained that these conflicts can also have funding implications, as private donors to the university may be aligned with industries in contrary positions to the clinic, and politicians can threaten to cut off university funding. From his diverse experience, Robert has

drawn a number of key lessons: while state-funded clinics and law schools are the primary targets of political pressures, all clinics can be subject to such challenges; most interference is from external sources; and clinic teachers may not have tenure, so can be subject to greater pressure. Cultivating allies within the university administration, and the larger legal clinic community, is essential.

Finally, Jane Barrett discussed the University of Maryland's legal clinic, which has been engaged in a legal battle over agricultural pollution in the Chesapeake Bay. The area is home to heavily-polluting factory farms that supply large agricultural corporations. The clinic brought a law suit against one of these farms, which provoked a series of retaliations by government and the large corporation supplied by the farm. Students at the clinic have gained important lessons in political interference and the realities of practicing law in the public interest.

Following the presentations, the over 40 participants engaged and asked questions of the panelists before heading down to Baltimore's historic Camden Yards baseball stadium to enjoy a Baltimore Oriole's game.

Additional Resources:

Frank S. Bloch, *The Global Clinical Movement: Education Lawyers for Social Justice* (Oxford University Press, 2010)

Center for the Study of Applied Legal Education:
<http://www.csale.org>

Clinical Legal Education Association:
<http://www.cleaweb.org>

GRADUATE STUDENT PARTICIPATION AT THE 10TH ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM

Graduate students from universities representing many and diverse countries around the world gathered together for a special event during the

recent Colloquium held in Baltimore. Each year this event strives to bring together those grad students in attendance to foster community, facilitate networking and to learn from more senior academics. This year the focus of the session was on publishing research and attendees were given a good overview of the different publishing avenues that exist as well as some insights on the challenges



and opportunities that exist when trying to publish.

Jamie Benidickson, Director of the IUCNAEL and Professor at the University of Ottawa, Canada, spoke to those assembled about the realities of publishing – both good and bad. Professor Louis Kotzé of North-West University, South Africa, spoke about the importance of asking peers and colleagues to review work before it is submitted for publication. He also suggested that book reviews and newsletters or magazines of NGO's are a good way to build a publication record if you have been previously rejected based on lack of publications. Elizabeth Kirk, co-editor of the IUCNAEL's ejournal and Professor at the University of Dundee, Scotland, spoke to graduate students about publishing in the ejournal and the different avenues available within that publication. She specifically emphasized the substantive articles which are accepted for each issue but also that the country reports, book reports and shorter articles are a good way to get some experience at writing for a publication. The graduate students were also treated to a talk by Ben Booth of Edward Elgar Publishing on what you need to know about publishing a dissertation in book form. Thank you to all the speakers who gave of their time and expertise – this session was definitely a success and

we look forward to gathering again next year in New Zealand.

2012 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS & BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARD

This year's Academy Senior Scholar Prize was awarded to Justice Antonio Herman Benjamin of the High Court of Brazil and Professor Benjamin Richardson of the University of British Columbia. The Junior Scholar Prize was awarded to Professor Margaret Young of the University of Melbourne. These awards were presented to the recipients by the Academy's Chair of the Governing Board, Professor Robert Fowler of the University of South Australia, on July 2, 2012 at the Academy's 10th Colloquium held in Baltimore, Maryland. Many congratulations to the recipients.

For more information about the recipients of these awards, please visit our website <http://www.iucnael.org/en/home/latest-news.html>



Antonio Herman Benjamin, Rob Fowler, Ben Richardson

The Maryland Colloquium's Best Student Paper Prize was awarded to Nicole de Moor of Ghent University, Belgium. Many congratulations to Nicole.

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA FACULTY OF LAW SCHOLARSHIP IN ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY 2012

The Scholarship was established as part of a generous donation by an Anonymous Donor of the University of Ottawa to assist the University's commitment to supporting the goals of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law. Semie Memuna, an LLB graduate from Cameroon, was the recipient of the award who has completed her LLM studies at the University of Ottawa and is currently continuing her doctoral studies at the University of Ottawa. Many congratulations to Semie.



Semie Memuna in the middle

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Academy has reached a major landmark in terms of countries in which we now have members. With the latest addition of Université Alassane Ouattara in Côte d'Ivoire, our membership has reached 51 countries across the globe. These 51 countries include Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bénin, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Finland, France,

Germany, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Armenia, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tanzania, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA, Vanuatu and Fiji.

Since our last Newsletter of March 2012, we have gained 8 more members: Seoul National University School of Law in Korea; Georgetown Law Georgetown University in Washington, USA; National University Delhi in India; Université Laval in Quebec City, Canada; Afe Babalola University in Nigeria; Golden Gate University in San Francisco, USA; Université II in Burkina Faso and Université Alassane Ouattara in Côte d'Ivoire. The Academy extends our very warm welcome to all these new members. We will now introduce some of our more recent new members to the Academy community.



Prof. Wilhelm Bergthaler

THE INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LINZ, AUSTRIA

The Institute of Environmental Law (Institut für Umweltrecht - IUR), founded in 1996 by Univ.Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Kerschner at the Johannes Kepler University in Linz, Austria (JKU), was the first Austrian institute dedicated exclusively to environmental law. Since then, the IUR has gained an excellent reputation in the field of environmental law. Prof. Kerschner has built a dedicated team of law professors and researchers – including Univ. Prof. Dr. Erika Wagner, Univ. Prof. Dr. Nicolas Raschauer, Univ. Prof. Dr. Heribert Köck (honorary member) and Hon. Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Bergthaler as well as a staff of 6 researchers and 5 secretaries.



Prof. Ferdinand Kerschner



Prof. Nicolas Raschauer



Prof. Erika Wagner

IUR's work and research cover a wide area of activities, ranging from editing Austria's first and leading Journal of Environmental Law (*Recht der Umwelt – RdU*; which – in its latest issue – has referred to discussions at IUCN's colloquium 2012), hosting and organizing Austria's annual Conference on Environmental Law (*Österreichische Umweltrechtstage*), carrying out research and publishing expert statements on a variety of legal matters, including environmental liability law, water law, waste law, air quality law, traffic law etc. The IUR and its members are frequently commissioned by the Austrian ministries and other institutions of the public and the private sector to draft proposals for new environmental laws.

Located in Linz, and based at the JKU, a university also having a strong technological focus, IUR has extended its work beyond the law faculty also to interdisciplinary work, for instance by contributing

to the master studies program "law and economics for engineers".

IUR's work has been honored by several awards, most recently the Sustainability Awards 2012 both on federal as well as state level.

In the last decade, IUR has intensified its work on the international level. Having developed close ties with the universities of Prague (*Prof Damohorsky*) and Trier (*Prof Hender*), IUR has started to host – together with the University of Trier – the "International Symposium on European Environmental Law". In the context of these efforts, IUR has decided to join the IUCN and is looking forward to a fruitful dialogue within the community of IUCN.

**SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW, KOREA CENTER
FOR ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL
LAW AND POLICY**

The School of Law at Seoul National University, with its long and rich tradition, is helping to lead the progress and advancement of legal scholarship and education in Korea. Within the School of Law, the Center for Energy & Environmental Law and Policy (CEELP) was founded, with Professor Hong Sik Cho as the director, to facilitate and conduct environmental law and policy research, and to promote appropriate solutions to the challenges facing Korea and the world.

CEELP builds upon the academic excellence of the SNU faculty in the area of environmental law and integrates diverse talents of individuals in the energy and environment sectors in Korea and abroad. CEELP core faculty members are Professor Hong Sik Cho, Professor Jae-Hyup Lee and Professor Seong Wook Heo, and they teach a variety of topics in environmental and energy law at the law school. The Center is actively engaged in networking with major international research centers. Its advisory board members include many eminent scholars from various universities around the world. In 2010, the Center organized the inaugural meeting of the Northeast Asian Environmental Law Association

Network, bringing together environmental law associations in East Asia, including China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Mongolia.



Prof. Hong Sik Cho



Prof. Jae-Hyup Lee

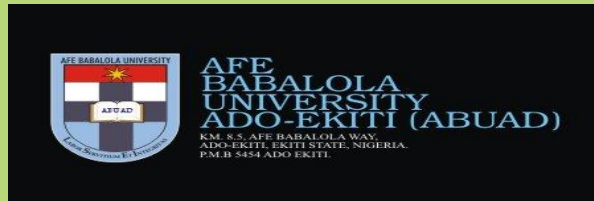


Prof. Seong Eook Heo

CEELP has not only hosted a variety of events for discussion of the most important issues of the day, such as climate change and renewable energy, it has also worked closely with government, business and the non-profit sector to provide the best solution to address urgent environment and energy problems. CEELP has made its contribution by playing a pivotal role in the establishment of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) as a full-fledged international organization, and by preparing for two of the most important climate change legislations in Korea, the Low Carbon Green Growth Framework Act and its implementing Emission Trading Scheme Act. The Center is actively advising various government agencies concerning environmental policies, and is now assisting the Ministry of Environment for the preparation of the Korean government's position for the Pre-COP meeting (in Seoul) and the COP18 meeting (in Doha) of the UNFCCC.

Further details about the CEELP and its core faculty members can be found at our webpage (<http://ecoecho.net/en/main/detail.jsp>). We welcome our IUCN Academy members to visit SNU Law School whenever they have a chance to come to Korea. For inquiries, please contact the Center at ceelp@snu.ac.kr or Professor Jae-Hyup Lee (jhyup@snu.ac.kr).

**AFE BABALOLA UNIVERSITY,
NIGERIA**



Afe Babalola University, Nigeria is Africa's fastest growing private University and the top ranked University for the study of Law in Nigeria. In 2012, the College of Law was recognized as Nigeria's Best Faculty of Law by the Institute for Government and

Leadership, Abuja, Nigeria. The College of Law currently runs the most comprehensive environmental and agricultural law research and teaching program in Nigeria. ABUAD is home to the Institute for Oil, Gas, Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development (OGEES Institute). The Institute seeks to utilize national and international laws and institutions to promote the sustainable exploration of natural resources, protect the environment and human health, promote sustainable agriculture and foster a progressive shift towards renewable energy resources in Nigeria and across Africa.

The Environmental Law program of the College of Law at ABUAD is strengthened by the expertise of staffs and researchers at the OGEES Institute. The Institute and the College's environmental law program is headed by **Dr. Damilola S. Olawuyi** who teaches international environmental law, international petroleum law, climate change law, and agricultural law .

The other undergraduate courses offered by the Faculty include national environmental law, trade and investment law, human rights and environment, international development law, resource management law and energy law. **Patrick Tolani's** research and teaching interests are in the areas of international trade and investments, international development and public international law. Patrick has over twenty years of experience working with the United Nations and other international development organizations.



Prof. Smaranda Olarinde



Prof. Damilola S. Olawuyi
Executive Director
OGEES Institute



Patrick Tolani, Director for International Development
OGEES Institute

The national environmental law course at the College is handled by environmental law expert-**Nnamdi Ikpeze**, who has published extensively on the linkages between oil and gas production and human rights in Nigeria's Niger Delta. The College also has a comprehensive environmental law clinic program that exposes students to practical advocacy, moot trainings and environmental tribunal sessions. This program is led by former High Court Justice and **Associate Professor O. Olateru**.

The College of Law also benefits from the industry expertise of visiting sessional instructors such as **Adebayo Adenipekun, SAN**, Head of Chambers at Nigeria's biggest international business law firm and also from the special seminar series organized by Aare Afe Babalola SAN, CON, LL.D.

The College is currently building partnerships and structures towards commencing specialized LL.M and Ph.D programs in the areas of natural resources, energy and environmental law. The OGEEES Institute and the Law College look forward to welcoming visiting academics and researchers, particularly IUCNAEL members, to ABUAD. More information about these opportunities are listed on www.abuadlawinstitute.org; information about the College of Law are on <http://www.abuad.edu.ng/law/>

GEORGETOWN LAW GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, USA

Georgetown Law is very pleased to be a member of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law.

Georgetown Law offers a broad, diverse program in environmental law, which includes courses and seminars on pollution control, natural resource management, water resources, land use, historic preservation, international environmental law, climate change, energy, environment and trade, accountability and development, and other relevant subjects. Core faculty include Professors Hope Babcock, Peter Byrne, Lisa Heinzerling, Vicki Arroyo, and Edith Brown Weiss.



Prof. Edith Brown Weiss

The program features an environmental law clinic, which under Hope Babcock's direction provides advocacy on behalf of a wide-ranging set of clients. During the past year, the clinic secured cleanup of a badly contaminated site on the Anacostia River, successfully prosecuted a NEPA challenge to the proposed redevelopment of a former Army base closing, represented Indian tribes in two energy-related proceedings, and more. Georgetown Law's Climate Center, which Vicki Arroyo directs, is an essential resource place for communities to prepare for climate change and for addressing federalism issues related to climate change. The Center convenes many events, which often feature state initiatives on climate and energy. The Georgetown International Environmental Law Review (GIELR) is one of only two law journals in the U.S. focused solely on international and transnational environmental law issues.

Georgetown Law Faculty has been deeply involved in policy-making in Washington. Within the last few years, Lisa Heinzerling held a high-level position at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency during President Obama's Administration, and Peter Byrne serves part-time as the DC Mayor's Agent Hearing Officer for Historic Preservation. Our law students have had internships/externships in the national government, including the White House, in international organizations, and in non-governmental organizations.

Georgetown Law Faculty has published course books on international environmental law and historic preservation law, written numerous books and articles, and drafted judicial briefs with assistance from law school students. Our law students put on a variety of environmental programs, which often feature national and international leaders in the field.

**GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY (GGU)
SCHOOL OF LAW,
SAN FRANCISCO, USA**

In October 2012, Golden Gate University (GGU) School of Law in San Francisco, California (United States of America) became a new member of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law. GGU Law Professor Paul Kibel was a presenter at the July 2012 IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium in Baltimore, Maryland, where he delivered a paper on urban open space fragmentation.

GGU Law's Environmental Law program was founded two decades ago by Professors Cliff Rechtschaffen and Alan Ramo. The program includes the GGU Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (directed by Professor Helen Kang), the GGU Environmental Law Journal, (edited by Professor Paul Kibel) a J.D. specialization certificate in environmental law, and an LL.M in environmental law. Additionally, in 2011 GGU Law launched its Center on Urban Environmental Law (CUEL) which is co-directed by Professors Alan Ramo and Paul Kibel. CUEL's three main areas of concentration are water, air & climate, and greenspace.



Prof. Paul Kibel



Since its inception, a focus of GGU Law's environmental program has been on issues relating to environmental justice and the urban environment. For example, the GGU Environmental Law & Justice Clinic has brought several successful and groundbreaking cases against San Francisco Bay Area powerplants operating in low-income minority neighborhoods. As another example, CUEL is currently involved in research regarding open space and parkland opportunities at the former Alameda Naval Air Station near Oakland, California. In January 2011, GGU Law hosted more than 200 attendees/participants for the California Water Law Symposium on the topic of urban water supplies.

For additional information about GGU's environmental law program, contact Professor Paul Kibel at pkibel@ggu.edu.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS

North Asia

The inaugural conference of China Association of Environmental Natural Resources Law (CAENRL) and annual colloquium convened in Chengdu, capital city of Sichuan Province in China. CAENRL is registered at the Ministry of Civil Affairs of PRC as a national environmental NGO which is dedicated to environmental and natural resources law teaching, research and practice to promote environmental law education, legislation and enforcement. More than eight hundred members around the country registered in this organization. During the conference, the first president and vice presidents were elected by votes from individual members through direct election. Professor Cai Shouqiu was elected as president of CAENRL, 17 professors were elected as vice president of the organization, including professor Wang Shuyi, professor Wang Canfa, professor Wang Xi, professor Mingde Cao, professor Zhou Ke, etc. The colloquium discussed issues relating to the 30th anniversary of Chinese Constitution 1982, the 40th anniversary of Stockholm Declaration, the 20th anniversary of Rio Declaration, and the amendment of Environmental Protection Law of PRC 1989.

Professor Mingde Cao of China University of Political Science and Law has been awarded Delta Environmental Law Scholar (DELS) in August 2012, in recognition of his outstanding achievement in environmental law research and practice, especially his contribution to the theory of ecological law, research on climate change legislation, payment for ecosystem services legislation, and environmental public interest litigation. Because of his contribution to environmental law, he was awarded as one of the Ten Most Distinguished Jurists Award in China by the China Law Society in 2006. DELS

Award is an annual prize to an environmental law professor. The recipient is chosen from the nominees among the top ten universities in mainland China and Taiwan. Professor Canfa Wang, also of China University of Political Science and Law, was the winner of DELS in 2011, which was the kick-off year for this prize.

South America

International Environmental Congress on Green Economy and Corporate Sustainability: Colombia preparing for an effective transition towards a greener and more sustainable economic growth.

More than 550 representatives from the national and local authorities, companies, non-profit organizations and the academy gathered for the V International Environmental Congress, organized by the Center for Sustainable Development Studies – CEID Colombia and supported by the Academy of Environmental Law of the IUCN, that took place on October 9th and 10th in the main auditorium of the Club El Nogal, Bogota D.C. Colombia.

This two-day event which has become one of the most important forum in the country, focused on Green Economy and Corporate Sustainability, highlighting the importance of a transition toward a more sustainable economic growth model based on the design and implementation of a new set of public policies and corporate business strategies.

Twelve renowned international experts such as Yvo de Boer (KPMG International), Paul Ekins (UCL), David Foster (BlueGreen Alliance), Mathis Wackernagel (Global Footprint Network), amongst others, and various national decision makers and companies CEOs, discussed some of the most relevant issues for the country: public policies for a green economy, sustainable urban policies, green jobs, environmental taxes, sustainable production and consumption, circular economy, B-Corporations, Corporate Sustainability, Sustainable Investment, Sustainability Reports, and Energy Transition.



CEID's V International Environmental Congress has been a true success in which several important ideas were developed and came out of the event. As a matter of example, the Minister of the Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia cast a light on the commitments of the on-duty government to push forward its low carbon economy strategy, enabling the country to pave the way for its integration in the OECD. Yvo de Boer emphasized the need for the business community and big corporations to re-orientate their risk assessment, management and business strategies in order to overcome the rising impacts of the environmental, climate and social crisis which threatens corporate sustainability in the long-run. The Panel of experts on Environmental Taxes raised the idea to create a Green Tax Committee in the country that could work more actively on analyzing the feasibility to establish the right incentives to succeed in the transition toward a greener growth model. Marie Claire Cordonier from IDLO recommended the assessment of the Legal Preparedness for a Green Economy in Colombia in order to analyze the legal reforms that would be needed to enable the actual transition toward a greener and more sustainable economic growth model.

CEID's Congress has shown that Colombia has great potential to be a continental leader in the implementation of a green economy model if the right public choices are made and effectively implemented.

Oceania

Professor Ken Palmer at Auckland University law school received the Resource Management Law Association of New Zealand's 'Outstanding Person Award' for 2012. Many congratulations to Professor Palmer.

http://www.law.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/home/news/template/news_item.jsp?cid=526358

South-East Asia

Report from the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL), National University of Singapore

A closed-door workshop on "REDD+ and the Legal Regimes of Mangroves, Peatlands and other Wetlands: ASEAN and the World" was held from 15-16 November 2012 by APCEL, supported by the National Climate Change Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Singapore.

The Workshop was aimed at assisting developing countries in ASEAN to put into place legal and policy frameworks and a system for implementation of REDD+ for wetlands. The Workshop explored how countries can (a) promote the conservation and management of wetlands through national legislation, and set up the pre-conditions for obtaining GHG sequestration credits; (b) restore degraded wetlands (particularly peatlands and mangroves) and provide the pre-conditions for potential REDD+ funding; and (c) provide long-term adaptation planning for climate change impacts. The unique challenges of wetlands from the scientific perspective were considered, as well as the economics of mangrove biodiversity and ecosystem services in relation to climate change. Case studies from Indonesia, Philippines, Lao PDR, the Mekong Sub-region, Finland, Singapore and the Sundarbans, Bangladesh were examined, as well as ASEAN instruments and programmes on wetlands.

The full programme can be accessed at http://law.nus.edu.sg/apcel/workshops/REDD_Workshop.pdf

A minute of silence was observed for the late Mr Warren Waetford, Legal Officer, IUCN Environmental Law Centre) and the late Mr Rodrigo U Fuentes, Executive Director, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, both of whom were to have participated in the workshop and were sadly missed.

On a happier note, APCEL's Director, Prof Koh Kheng-Lian has been awarded the 2012 Elizabeth Haub Prize for Environmental Law. Founded in 1973, the prize is administered by the International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL) and Stockholm University. The Prize, which includes a diploma and a gold medal, will be awarded at a ceremony in Stockholm next October, 2013. The International Jury stated:

The Prize is awarded to Professor Koh Kheng-Lian in recognition of her important and pioneering contributions to the development and evolution of environmental law in Singapore and in the whole ASEAN region. Her contributions have been particularly significant as regards both capacity building and scholarship in the field of ASEAN environmental law.

North America

The University of British Columbia Law School hosted the 13th Global Conference on Environmental Taxation, from September 20-22, which attracted participants from a number of IUCN Academy members: <http://www.law.ubc.ca/events/gcet/>

The Human Rights Centre of the University of Ottawa hosted an international conference on "[Environmental Justice and Human Rights: Investigating the Tensions, Exploring the Possibilities](#)", November 8-10 at the University of

Ottawa <http://www.cdp-hrc.uottawa.ca/?p=5570&lang=en>

The University of British Columbia (with the involvement of Professor Benjamin Richardson) has formed a coalition with Simon Fraser University, with the collaboration of École Polytechnique de Montreal (EPDM), to establish the Canadian International Institute for Extractive Industries and Development (CIIEID). The Institute will be supported with a contribution from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The IUCN Academy is included in the initial funding proposal and is envisioned to play an important role in environmental law training and education. For more information, please visit: <http://www.support.apsc.ubc.ca/engineering/giving/faculty-priority-projects/ciieid/>

Western Europe

The "Sino-European conference on sustainable development and law" organised by the Research Institute of Environmental Law (RIEL), Law School of Wuhan University, China, and Georg-August University was held in Göttingen, Germany. A wide range of participants from the EU and China attended and discussed topics such as Right to Development in China, WTO and Environmental Exception, Access to Justice in Chinese Environmental Law and Implementation of Sustainable Development in China and EU.

**eJOURNAL ENTERS ITS 4TH YEAR
OF PUBLICATION**

In 2010 the IUCNAEL launched its eJournal with the objective of providing a valuable resource for members, other institutions and scholars interested in keeping abreast of global environmental law developments and critical commentary thereon. A further objective was to provide a forum for facilitating the participation, collaboration and engagement of a broader array of scholars in the

IUCNAEL's network, especially younger and emerging academics.

To achieve these objectives, the eJournal is structured in four parts: critical scholarly articles on preselected themes; country reports on recent law, policy and jurisprudential developments; short opinion pieces; and book reviews. Three issues of the eJournal have been published to date with themes including biofuel regulation; new developments in earth rights, environmental rights and human rights; and innovations in social justice and environmental governance. Each issue of the eJournal contains on average three substantive articles, 25 country reports and several book reviews. We do encourage those of you who have not done so already, to visit the eJournal available through the IUCNAEL website.

Over the years we have sought to continue to improve the format, content and readability of the eJournal and we are happy to announce the following new developments: the eJournal's website will shortly have a new 'look and feel'; the eJournal now has an ISSN number; the annual substantive theme of the eJournal has been aligned with the annual pre-colloquium workshops hosted by the Research Committee; and finally, courtesy of the Teaching Committee, the eJournal will include a new section canvassing innovations in teaching practice as of 2014.

The 4th Issue of the eJournal is scheduled to be published in February/March 2013 and we do encourage all those still interested in contributing substantive articles, country reports, opinion pieces and book reviews to do so. The deadline is 30 November 2012 and the formal call for contributions is available at <http://www.iucnael.org/en/e-journal/about-the-journal.html>.

While still in its infancy, it is hoped that the eJournal will continue to grow in prominence and its expansion in the past three years suggests that it is well on the way to achieving its goal. Its success is however dependant on your support and we do encourage all members to contribute to it whether it be as reader, author, reviewer or critic.

RECENT ACADEMY & ACADEMY MEMBERS' PUBLICATIONS

Local Climate Change Law – Environmental Regulation in Cities and Other Localities edited by Benjamin Richardson, IUCN Academy of Environment Law Series, published by Edward Elgar Publishing.

Poverty Alleviation and Environmental Law edited by Yves Le Bouthillier, Miriam Alfie Cohen, Jose Juan Gonzalez Marquez, Albert Mumma and Susan Smith, IUCN Academy Environmental Law Series published by Edward Elgar Publishing.

Environmental Governance and Sustainability edited by Paul Martin, Li Zhiping,, Qin Tianbao, Anel Du Plessis and Yves Le Bouthillier, IUCN Academy of Environment Law Series published by Edward Elgar Publishing.

Trend in Environmental Law and Access to Justice in Nigeria by Muhammed Ladan and published by Lambert Academy Publishing.

The American Bar Association has just published *THE LAW OF ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE: U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS*, edited by Michael B. Gerrard and Katrina Fischer Kuh. <http://apps.americanbar.org/abastore/index.cfm?section=main&fm=Product.AddToCart&pid=5350233>

The Salmon Lectures: Justice and the Environment (2nd Edition), published by Thomson Reuters for the Resource Management Law Association of New Zealand Inc. <http://www.rmla.org.nz/librarydoc/publications>

Frontiers of Resource Management Law, published on September 27, 2012 by Thomson Reuters for the Resource Management Law Association of New Zealand Inc. <http://www.rmla.org.nz/librarydoc/publications>

Various articles written by members of the Academy published in the current issue of Law Environment and Development (LEAD) Journal. http://www.lead-journal.org/current_issue.htm

"Presumed Incompetent: The Intersections of Race and Class for Women in Academia" co-edited by Professors Gabriella Gutiérrez y Muhs, Yolanda Flores Niemann, Carmen G. Gonzalez and Angela P. Harris on the experiences of women faculty of color published by the Utah State University Press. The book features personal narratives, qualitative empirical studies and scholarly essays on the experiences of women faculty of color in a variety of academic disciplines. More than 40 different authors contributed to the book.

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2017249

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES / SYMPOSIA BY MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

The 3rd CILS International Conference 2012 on Human Security co-hosted by University of Indonesia and Hasanuddin University in Makasar, Indonesia, November 26 and 27, 2012.

Florida State University College of Law:
Environmental Law Forum, November 27 2012
<http://calendar.fsu.edu/Lists/College%20of%20Law/calendar.aspx>

Le Marché : menace ou remède pour la protection internationale de l'environnement? Colloque international en mémoire d'Alexandre Kiss, 29-30 Novembre, 2012. Colloque Annuel de la SFDE organized by Centre de Droit de l'Environnement Strasbourg.

Pace University: 11th Annual Land Use and Sustainable Development Conference: *Places for People: Funding and Strategies for Sustainable Communities*. December 7, 2012 7:30 AM
<http://webevents.pace.edu/eventscal.php>

20 Years of Habitats Directive: European Wildlife's Best Hope? – International Conference in Antwerp, December 12-13, 2012 organized by Universite Catholique de Louvain, Universiteit Gent etc. in collaboration with ARGUS.

Kerala Law Academy, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India and The Centre for Advanced Legal Studies and Research (CALSAR) Thiruvananthapuram - FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONSERVATION OF FORESTS, WILD LIFE AND ECOLOGY, 15-17 December 2012.

Denver Stern College of Law:
2nd Annual Carver Colloquium: *Local Regulation of Oil & Gas Production* Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 6:00pm - 8:00pm
<http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/calendar/event-description/2nd-annual-carver-colloquium-local-regulation-of-oil-gas-production/2013-01-24/10859>

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS "Laying the Foundation for a Sustainable Energy Future: Legal and Policy Challenges". The 2013 J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Conference, Co-sponsored by The George Washington University Law School, Husch Blackwell LLP, and The Environmental Law Institute, Washington, D.C. April 10-11, 2013

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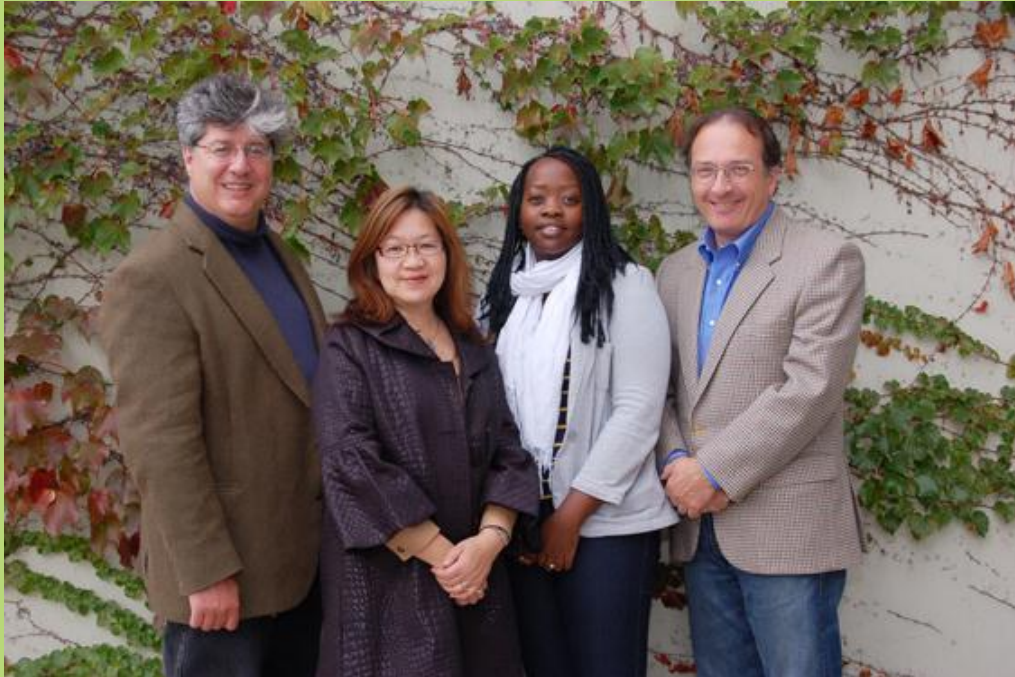
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