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The Academy Newsletter provides a forum for exchange amongst members. We welcome any material on teaching, academic capacity-building and research in your university or in your region. Please send your contributions to the editor, at iucnael@uottawa.ca

**Jakarta Colloquium –
September 7-12, 2015**
Call for Abstracts is now open
Submissions should be sent to
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A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR VLADIMIR MAGALHAES

It is with profound sadness that the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law announces the passing of Professor Vladimir Garcia Magalhães on July 30, 2014. Professor Magalhaes suffered severe injuries from a car accident in June and succumbed to the injuries a few weeks later.



Professor Magalhães was a law professor at the Catholic University of Santos (UNISANTOS) in Brazil. He was a lawyer, biologist and environmental law professor who taught and researched in subjects such as ecology and the environment, genetic engineering, environmental law and the sea, biotechnology, biodiversity, international environmental law and property rights.

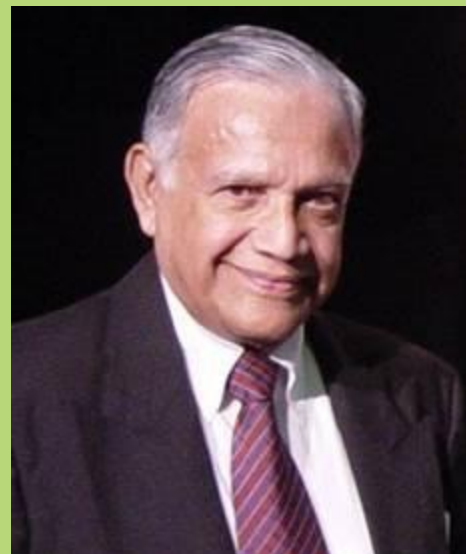
Professor Magalhães worked and served on the boards of various organizations in Brazil, including the Company of Technology of Environmental Sanitation of the State of São Paulo (CETESB), the State Program for Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Biodiversity (Probio/SP) of the Secretariat of Environment of the State of São Paulo, the Managing Council of the Sea APA of the Littoral Center of the State of São Paulo for Biennium 2013/2014, Surrounding the Transdisciplinaria Academy del (HEHITS UPON), the Institute of Green Planet and the Brazilian Institute of Advocacia Publica (IBAP). He was one of the founding members of the Latin American Academy of Environmental Law (WINGED) and was President of the Association of the Professors of Environmental Law of Brazil (APRODAB).

Justice Antonio Benjamin of the National High Court of Brazil (STJ) stated that the passing of Vladimir was a major tragedy and a terrible loss to Brazilian Environmental Law. He also stated that we will all remember him for what he was: a great human being with a passion for Nature.

A staunch supporter of the IUCN Academy, Professor Magalhães presented papers at many of the Academy's previous colloquia and workshops. Earlier this year, Professor Magalhães was appointed to the Academy's Research Committee. He was energetic and passionate about contributing to the work of this Committee and he had great ideas. He will be greatly missed by many colleagues and friends in the environmental law community all over the world.

APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE WEERAMANTRY AS FELLOW OF THE ACADEMY

The Chair and Governing Board of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law are pleased to announce the appointment of Judge Christopher Gregory Weeramantry as a Fellow of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law. Judge Christopher Gregory Weeramantry is former Vice-President of the International Court of Justice. In the course of his professional career of over five decades as lawyer, legal educator, domestic judge, international judge, author and lecturer, he has touched on a wide variety of topics essential to peace, cross-cultural understanding and education. He has written over twenty five books and lectured extensively on these topics in over fifty countries.



Judge Weeramantry is a Doctor of Laws of the University of London and also a Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) of the same University. Before his appointment to the Court, he was a Justice of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka and a Professor of Law, Monash University, Australia. Judge Weeramantry was the President of the International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms (IALANA) for many years. He is the

founder of the Weeramantry International Centre for Peace Education and Research (WICPER). WICPER is based on Judge Weeramantry's philosophy and has his vast corpus of research and writing as an informational base from which to develop its programmes. Judge Weeramantry received the UNESCO Prize for Peace Education, 2006, in recognition of his commitment and concrete undertakings in support of the concept and culture of peace through his career. He has also received the Right Livelihood Award, 2007, sometimes described as the Alternative Nobel Prize and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation in 2008.

Judge Weeramantry has delivered several Opinions in the International Court of Justice which have helped to develop international law in the light of multicultural perspectives. For example, his Opinion in Hungary v Slovakia, [Case Concerning the Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros Project (Hungary/Slovakia), ICJ Reports 1997, pp. 88-119] is considered to be perhaps the leading exposition of the subject of sustainable development from a multi-cultural view point. For this reason he was also asked to address the judicial summit at Johannesburg on this topic in 2003, as a prelude to the Heads of State Summit on Sustainable Development. Another of Judge Weeramantry's outstanding Opinions is his Dissenting Opinion in the Nuclear Weapons Advisory Opinion Case. In that Opinion, Judge Weeramantry declared categorically that the use of nuclear weapons offends every principle of international humanitarian law and that the use of these weapons is totally unjustifiable in any circumstances whatsoever. This is the Opinion most often cited on the illegality of nuclear weapons.

In 1998, when the City of The Hague celebrated its 750th Anniversary, it designated eighteen areas in which it had excelled over the centuries. One of these was international justice. A search committee was set up to identify one personality representing excellence in each of these areas. The personality selected to represent The

Hague's excellence in international justice was Judge Weeramantry and a book was published outlining the work of the eighteen personalities selected. In 2003, the Australian Government granted the honour of Member of the Order of Australia to Judge Weeramantry. In 2007, Judge Weeramantry received the title of Sri Lankabhimanya (The Pride of Sri Lanka), which is the highest national honour of Sri Lanka awarded by the President of Sri Lanka.

PRE-COLLOQUIUM WORKSHOPS IN TARRAGONA, SPAIN

The Teaching and Capacity Building Committee and the Research Committee once again organized two well-attended and received Pre-Colloquium Workshops at the Tarragona Colloquium. It was great to see that all plenary and panel sessions were filled with enthusiastic attendees and that many excellent questions were asked and answered at the two Workshops.

Teaching Workshop

The Teaching Workshop was organized by the Co-Chairs of the Teaching and Capacity Building Committee, Professors Maria Marquès (Universitat Rovira I Virgili, Spain) and Sophie Riley (University of Technology Sydney, Australia).

Panel 1 was in the format of 8 breakout sessions chaired by Professors Maria Marques and Karen Bubna-Litic respectively. Topics presented included "Law School Practicum on Global Environmental Constitutionalism" (Professors James May and Erin Daly – Widener University, USA)' "How can a MOOC promote knowledge acquisition in environmental law: The example of the MOOC "Sustainable Cities: how to be an agent of change" (Professors Laurent Vassallo & Chrysta Pellissier – Institute of Technology, Beziers, France); and "Problem-Based Learning: Lessons from use of film to frame and solve legal

issues” (Professor Robert Kibugi – University of Nairobi, Kenya).



Professors James May & Erin Daly

Panel II was a Plenary session chaired by Professor Sophie Riley. Topics presented were “Multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary teaching – The Masters in Environmental Management (MEM) & the Bachelor In Environmental Studies (BES) Program of National University of Singapore” by Professor Lye Lin Heng; “Applying a common but differentiated approach to post-graduate teaching of environmental law: bridging gaps in Africa” by Professor Niel Lubbe; “Teaching non-lawyers in international environmental law through cases: experiences from the United Nations University” by Professor Volker Mauerhofer of United Nations University, Japan; and “The InforMEA Project” by Ms. Eva Duer of United Nations Environment Program.

Research Workshop

The Research Workshop was organized by the former Co-Chair of the Research Committee, Professor Melissa Powers (Lewis & Clark Law School, USA). The theme was on Hydraulic Fracturing: A Comparative Assessment.

The four moderators were: Professors Rob Fowler (University of South Australia, Australia); Dr. Amanda Kennedy (University of New England, Australia); Professor Enrius Cocciolo (CEDAT – Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain) and Professor

Tumai Murombo (University of the Witwatersand, South Africa). Topics were on Environmental Regulation of Fracking: Lessons Learned and Unanswered Questions; Emerging Regulatory Regimes as Hydraulic Fracturing Expands: A Comparative Review; The Regulation of Fracking in Europe: Top-Down or Bottom-Up Regulation; and International and Transboundary Regulation.

At the end of the workshop in Tarragona, participants expressed interest in creating a working group that would promote collaboration among researchers interested in various aspects of hydraulic fracturing. Professor Powers has created a Google document for those who are interested in collaborating by entering their contact information, areas of interest.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QwavaErdGn3LbaPUDjdwLK - vyY7W0eoTrjQVzKpeQg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QwavaErdGn3LbaPUDjdwLK-vyY7W0eoTrjQVzKpeQg/edit?usp=sharing)

TARRAGONA COLLOQUIUM

The Tarragona Colloquium attracted over 350 environmental law scholars and graduate students from over 40 countries to join us at Universitat Rovira i Virgili. There were 3 Plenary Sessions and 53 Breakout Sessions. The Keynote Distinguished Scholar was Dr. Ludwig Kramer, a Fellow of the Academy, (University of Bremen, Germany; University College London, UK) who gave a brilliant and insightful address on legal and ethical dimensions of energy regulation.

This year, we welcomed a number of side events that took place during the Colloquium: Global Network for the Study of Human Rights and the Environment Symposium organized by Professor Anna Grier (Cardiff University, UK) and Professor Louis Kotzé (North West University, South Africa); Importance of Ethics for International Environmental Policy and Law organized by Professor Donald Brown (Widener University, USA) and Professor Klaus Bosselmann (University

of Auckland, New Zealand); Wine, Law and the Environment organized by Professor Maria Marqués (Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain) and Professor Paul Martin (University of New England, Australia).

All of these side events added so much more to the success of the Colloquium as they provided intellectually stimulating and highly interactive discussions among scholars of the various chosen themes.

There were also three information sessions presenting the European Environmental Law Forum (EELF) organized by Dr. Moritz Reese (Helmholtz-Zentrum für Umweltforschung, Leipzig, Germany); EU Research Opportunities organized by the Research Management Service of Universitat Rovira i Virgili and Enhancing Cooperation between Environmental Law Electronic Journals: A long Way to Go organized by Professor Mar Campins Eritja (University of Barcelona, Spain).

One of our members, Professor Ferdinand Kerschner (Johannes Kepler Universität Linz) and his wife, Irmgard, set a good example of conserving energy by cycling all the way from Salzburg, Austria to Tarragona, Spain to participate in the Colloquium. We salute them for their amazing determination.

CYCLETOUR FROM SALZBURG TO TARRAGONA TO ATTEND THE COLLOQUIUM

(By Ferdinand and Irmgard Kerschner)

Our motivation was to reach Tarragona and participate the IUCNAEL COLLOQUIUM 2014 only with our own energy. Our topics were energy-turn and climate-change as the greatest challenges of the 21th century. The change of human behaviour is necessary. Sufficiency is the

main keyword. Yes, we can prevent the climate change, if we want it.



Many things, nearly all are possible, if you want it. Energy-turn is possible, even it would be a long journey. There are many short steps. The same holds true for our cycle tour. We were biking with luggage in June 2014 for nearly 4 weeks. The route was going through Austria, Germany, Switzerland, France and Spain. In details:
Distance: about 2000 km
Highest Point: 1000 m (above sea level)

We started in Salzburg (Austria) and tried to use principal cycleways. First we went on the "Lake Constance to Königsee Cycleway", which is following the northern edge of the Alps. The bike route crosses Bavaria and the Allgäu through the hilly foothills of the Alps. We visited small nice villages and cycled through moors with a lot of beautiful flowers.

In Lindau we went with the ship over the "Lake Constance" to Constance. Now we followed the Rhine-Cycleway, a part of the Eurovélo 15, to Basel through Germany and Switzerland.

From Basel we biked through Sundgau in France on quiet and small winding roads. Sundgau is the hill country between the Jura, the Vosges and the Rhine plain.

Then we followed river valleys and canals, Canal du Rhone au Rhine, the Doubs, the Saone and the Rhone. At the beginning we cycled on Voies Vertes, these are traffic-free cycleways, a true paradise for cyclists and part of the EuroVelo 6. The trails along the Saone and mainly the Via Rhone are not continuous cycleways. Sometimes it was difficult to find the right way and we had to bike on roads with much traffic. We visited big and old cities, for example Lyon and Avignon. From Arles we cycled on small roads through the Camargue, a very flat, but interesting landscape with rice fields, salt marshes, lakes with numerous species of birds (for example pink flamingos) and herds of black bulls and white horses.

Then we went along the Mediterranean Sea, visited Seté and Narbonne and crossed the Pyrenees in Le Boulou, where we got caught in a thunderstorm. We went particularly on the Pirinexus-cycleway or used small roads until the coast. Now we had to bike to Barcelona and finally to Tarragona on the coast-road, beautiful, but there was much traffic with many dead animals on the road. We were very happy when we had reached our destination Tarragona

The advantages of biking:

- no environmental pollution
- more intensive contact with nature and other people
- improvement of fitness

GRADUATE STUDENT FORUM

The Graduate Student Forum held at the Tarragona Colloquium was an incredible success. Graduate students, faculty members and researchers joined together for an informative and enjoyable session. Organized by Malka San Lucas and Lorena Martinez, graduate students at Universitat Rovira i Virgili, the event featured an entertaining 'ice breaker' activity

followed by a question and answer session between students and faculty experts. This session allowed graduate students to engage with each other and to make connections with senior academics with similar research interests.



Graduate Student Forum

SECOND DISTINGUISHED ENVIRONMENTAL LAW EDUCATION AWARDS

The Second Distinguished Environmental Law Education Awards were announced by Professor Sophie Riley, Co-Chair of the Teaching and Capacity Building Committee, during the Colloquium Gala Dinner. Professor Nilufer Oral, Chair of the Academy, presented the Senior Education Award Certificate to Professor Robert Percival (University of Maryland, USA). Ms. Amelia Thorpe (University of South Australia, Australia) was the recipient in the Emerging Scholar Category. In Ms. Thorpe's absence, Professor Rosemary Rayfuse received the Award Certificate on her behalf.

Many congratulations to Professor Percival and Ms. Thorpe for their distinguished achievements.



Ms. Amelia Thorpe

Professor Robert Percival

For more information about the Education Awards, please visit:

<http://iucnael.org/en/academy-awards/environmental-law-education-awards/218.html?layout=blog>

2014 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Sixth Environmental Law Scholarship Awards were announced by Professor Carmen Gonzalez, Co-Chair of the Research Committee. Professor Nilufer Oral presented the Senior Scholarship Award Certificate to Professor Wang Xi (Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China) and the Emerging Scholar Award Certificate to Dr. Cameron Holley of the University of New South Wales, Australia.



Professor Wang Xi

Dr. Cameron Holley

Many congratulations to Professor Wang Xi and Dr. Holley on their distinguished achievements in their academic scholarship in the field of environmental law.

For more information about the Scholarship Awards, please visit:

<http://iucnael.org/en/academy-awards/environmental-law-scholarship-awards/216.html?layout=blog>

2014 BEST GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

Following the Education and Scholarship Awards, Professor Nathalie Hervé-Fournereau (Rennes 1 University and Winnie Carruth (IUCN Academy Secretariat) announced the winner of the 2014 Best Graduate Student Paper Award. Professor Nathalie Hervé-Fournereau presented the Award Certificate to Manuel Peter Solis (University of Adelaide, Australia). Winnie Carruth presented a book to Manuel which was generously donated by Edward Elgar Publishing in recognition of this special Award.



Manuel Peter Solis

Many congratulations to Manuel for this distinguished achievement.

For more information about the Best Graduate Student Award, please visit:

2014 JANUARY TERM VISITING SCHOLARS AT THE ACADEMY

The Academy was delighted that Professor Klaus Bosselmann (University of Auckland, New Zealand) and Professor Eve Truilhé-Marengo (Aix-Marseille Université, France) were the January term visiting scholars at the University of Ottawa. Professor Bosselmann taught a course on “International Environmental Governance and Law”.



Professor Klaus Bosselmann

Professor Truilhé-Marengo taught a course in French on “Preuve juridique et preuve scientifique”.

The Academy would like to thank Professors Bosselmann and Truilhé-Marengo for enriching the environmental law studies of those students who took their classes.

Professor Ed Couzens (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa) will be the visiting scholar with the Academy and the University of Ottawa in January 2015. We all look forward to welcoming Ed to the Academy and the University of Ottawa in the New Year.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Since the last newsletter, the Academy has gained 9 new institutional members and they include:

Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico
Udmurt State University Institute of Law, Russia
University of Sherbrooke, Canada
University of Kashmir, India
West Virginia University College of Law, USA
Université Libre des Pays des Grands Lacs, Democratic Republic of Congo
Barcelona University, Spain
Jindal Global Law School, India
Symbiosis Law School Pune, India

With these additional members, the Academy now has 186 institutional members in 57 countries as at November 2014. The Academy welcomes all the new members to our global environmental law community.

In this issue, the Academy would especially like to introduce two new members, the Université Libre Des Pays des Grands Lacs in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Barcelona University in Spain, to our readers.

We congratulate the University of Eastern Finland on launching the “Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law at its law school.

UNIVERSITE LIBRE DES PAYS DES GRANDS LACS, ULPGL Goma/Democratic Republic of the Congo

Created in 1985, the *Université Libre des Pays des Grands Lacs, ULPGL*, is a Christian university operating in the African Great Lakes region.

Located in Goma, capital city of the North Kivu Province, in the Eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the *Université Libre des Pays des Grands Lacs, ULPGL*, provides mainly teachings for students from DRC, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Burundi. At ULPGL, students enjoy a fruitful environment of learning and knowledge production inspired by a beautiful landscape of lake kivu, Nyragongo volcano and the world heritage Virunga National Park.

The incorporation of the course of environmental law into the curriculum at the faculty of law since a number of years has been a great achievement to flesh out an environment protection culture, environment education program at the university as well as at the grassroots level. A critical thinking reveals challenges that one needs to deal with urgently for the betterment of life of present and future generations. Against this background, research on environmental law, nature conservation and natural resources management are carried out by scholars and students under the supervision of Prof Dr Kennedy Kihangi Bindu who specializes in environmental law. ULPGL through its centre for research CREDDA/ULPGL attached to the faculty of law.

Prof Dr Kennedy KIHANGI BINDU is a Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Administrative Affairs at ULPGL, Associate Professor, and Coordinator at the Centre for Research, CREDDA/ULPGL (Centre de Recherche sur la Démocratie et le Développement en Afrique, CREDDA/ULPGL), visiting professor in different regional universities in Africa. He has published books, articles and book chapter contributions on environmental law issues. He won the **Most Research Output award in 2007** in Pretoria from African Young Graduate and Young Scholars program.



Prof Dr Kennedy KIHANGI BINDU

UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA, SPAIN

The study of Law at the University of Barcelona can be traced back to the very foundation of the University. The Faculty of Law and Canon Law came into existence in 1450 with the foundation of the *Estudi General de Barcelona*, the predecessor of our present-day University. Today, the Faculty offers degrees not only in Law, but also in Political and Administrative Sciences, Industrial Relations, Public Management and Administration, and Criminology for undergraduates, postgraduate and doctoral students. And from the academic year 2009-2010, the degrees will be fully adapted to the European Higher Education Area.



Barcelona University

The Faculty of Law took up its current residence on the Pedralbes Campus in 1958, now over fifty years ago. At that time, the newly christened building was the recipient of a FAD award in recognition of its value as an expression of rationalism in the city's architecture in the wake of the Spanish Civil War. The new Faculty of Law

stood as a ray of light and a symbol of modernity in the dark times of Franco's dictatorship.

Entire generations of lawyers have received their training at the Faculty of Law. From among them have come prominent individuals in professional, political, academic and social life not only in the city of Barcelona but throughout the country. And the Faculty is home to illustrious professors who have gained renown academically and in the wider society. We have built a solid tradition, which is a source of pride and must be safeguarded. At the same time, the Faculty is also looking towards to the future and adapting to new times, mindful of the new demands emerging from the professional world and society as a whole.

Tradition and modernity are the two values that the Faculty of Law embodies today. Our reality is rooted in them and our academic offering, both teaching and research activities, is built on their foundations. They are the values that will enable us to take on the challenges of the future: completing our adaptation to the European Higher Learning Area and consolidating an undergraduate and postgraduate offering of acknowledged quality; consolidating and increasing the international presence of the Faculty both in research and in teaching, particularly with current and future double-degree programs, student exchanges and visiting students from abroad; promoting high-quality research; and opening the Faculty up to the professional world and society at large, channeling and responding to the training and research demands that are emerging there.

**CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE,
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
LAW, UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN
FINLAND LAW SCHOOL**

The "Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law" was launched at the University of Eastern Finland Law School.

The Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law (CCEEL) is a network of researchers and experts in the area of natural resources, climate change, energy and environmental law. It brings together a wide range of activities from the UEF Law School and provides for a common platform for discussion, research, international events and education.

The Centre currently hosts over 20 researchers and 4 professors.

The UEF Law School is the leading Finnish research institution in the area of natural resources, climate change, energy and environmental law. Its staff members contribute actively in academic and policy discussions both nationally and internationally. The activities of the new Centre will highlight these areas of expertise and provide for timely information on the recent developments, publications and educational possibilities in the area of climate change, energy and environmental law.

In addition to the extensive research, the Centre also offers a range of programmes and degrees in the field of Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law. There are two Master's Degree Programs, an LL.M. in Energy law and multiple possibilities for PhD students alike.

To find further information about the Centre, please visit the website at www.uef.fi/cceel or contact the Head of the UEF Law School Tapio Määttä at tapio.maatta@uef.fi.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS

SOUTH-EAST ASIA

APCEL (National University of Singapore) was invited by Birdlife International to co-host with Nature Society (Singapore) and National Parks Board a special Symposium on Intertidal Conservation in Southeast Asia, 12-13 June 2014, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (SBWR), Singapore.

APCEL in partnership with ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network organized an ASEAN-WEN Regional Stakeholders Workshop, 8-10 December 2014 which was supported by the US Fish & Wildlife Service and Freeland's ARREST program.

WEST ASIA



Jindal Global Law School ("JGLS"), Delhi NCR, India, one of the Academy's newest members, organized a national conference titled *Review of Developments in Indian Environmental Law: Legislation, Jurisprudence and Policy Making* in September. The conference included sessions on ethics and climate change; Indian constitution and environment; pollution control and environmental compliance; land acquisition and environment protection; forests and wildlife. Senior bureaucrats from the Government of

India, noted activists, senior fellows from leading think-tanks, lawyers and academicians participated. In the Keynote address Prof. Armin Rosencranz, ex-faculty Stanford University, USA and currently Professor of Law and Public Policy at Jindal Global Law School, emphasized that government should not dilute the scope of environmental legislation and that development should not be pursued at the cost of environmental protection.

SOUTH AMERICA

The VII International Environmental Congress "Sustainable Development Initiatives: Role of The Financial and Corporate World" organized by The Center for Sustainable Development Studies – CEID Colombia and supported by the Academy of Environmental Law of the IUCN, took place on October 20th and 21st in the main auditorium of the Club El Nogal – Bogotá D.C, Colombia.



More than 600 representatives of the national authorities, non-profit organizations, academy and business sector gathered at the venue to listen to our international speakers who talked about the role of the financial and corporate world in the building of a sustainable economy.

The main topics of the Congress were:

1. The importance of green business for meeting our climate goals
2. The role of leadership in creating a green low carbon economy

3. International cooperative for fostering a green economy and to meet climate goal
4. High impact sectors to develop a green economy

Nine international speakers such as Nick Tyler (Researcher, University College London - UCL), Phillipe Joubert (Senior Advisor, World Business Council for Sustainable Development - WBCSD), John Fullerton (President, Capital Institute), Roberto Borjabad (Director, Climate Change Mitigation Projects in Latin American, UNEP), among others, and a representative number of national speakers discussed about the major issues that nowadays the country needs to accomplish the sustainable development. For example, Simon Gaviria Muñoz (National Planning Department Director) exposes the Colombian commitments to achieve the sustainable development goals that be reflected in the construction of the National Development Plan 2014-2018.

The VII International Environmental Congress was again a successful one in which several important ideas were developed. All the conferences provided to the assistants new ideas about the leading-edge topics related with environment and sustainability.

EASTERN & CENTRAL EUROPE

On September 20-21 in Lviv, Ukraine, took place an international symposium on "Human Rights and the Environment in the new Ukraine: in honor of Professor Svitlana Kravchenko."

Co-organizers of this event were: Environment-People-Law, Faculty of Lviv National Ivan Franko University, Law Institute Carpathian National University V.Stefanyk, NGO "Bureau of Environmental Investigation" funded by the UN Democracy Fund and the Swiss Agency international Development / Swedish Embassy in Ukraine.

The Symposium honours the memory of Professor Ivan Franko Lviv National University and the University of Oregon Svitlana Kravchenko, who for three decades has initiated environmental protection in Central and Eastern Europe and as a scientist and as a practitioner. She had published about 190 articles, 12 books and book chapters in English, Ukrainian and Russian, and her latest work - "Human Rights and the Environment" was the culmination of her reflection and the first time in the world scientific literature has combined descriptions of court decisions in this area from every continent.



Svitlana Romanko, Olena Kravchenko & John Bonine

WESTERN EUROPE

The First Stakeholder Workshop on Private Detention at Sea was held on November 7, 2014 in London, England. The MARSAFENET Action – Maritime safety and security have become matter of concern for many States and for the international community as a whole. The existing international legal framework, including the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982 (UNCLOS), does not answer to all contemporary needs for ensuring safety and security within cross-sectorial and ecosystem - based approach to maritime governance. The MARSAFENET COST Action brings together experts in international law of the sea from 22 countries in order to increase the knowledge on maritime security and safety and to develop a common conceptual and methodological framework to help filling the legal gaps and to turn scientific results into feasible solutions.

OCEANIA

This year, the IUCN World Parks Congress took place in Sydney, Australia from November 12-19. Over 6,000 participants from over 170 countries participated. Acknowledging the traditional owners of the land where the participants met, the Congress celebrated an enormous variety of inspiring ways of addressing the challenges facing the planet, through protected area approaches that respect and conserve nature, while benefitting human health and prosperity. It recognized that rebalancing the relationship between human society and nature is essential, and that ecosystems and variety of life fully support our existence, cultural and spiritual identity, economies and well-being.

Captured from the boldest thinking of governments, international organisations, communities, civil society leaders and indigenous peoples, the four pillars of the **Promise of Sydney** collectively represent the outcomes of the World Parks Congress. These pillars – a core Vision for the future we want to see, a set of Innovative Approaches to solving some of the world’s most elusive challenges, commitments to advancing this change for people, protected areas and the planet, and solutions that provide evidence that this change is in fact within our reach – collectively represent the direction and blueprint for a decade of change that emanate from the deliberations of this World Parks Congress. Originally proposed by a youth leader in the preparations for Congress, The Promise of Sydney is a deliberate step away from the usual declaration and action plan so familiar to these events. The Promise of Sydney is at once representative of the promise we will make to our children and our belief in a promising future for all.

LAUNCH OF ESSENTIAL READINGS IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The Academy launched the Essential Readings in Environmental Law in May this year. Essential Readings in Environmental Law is a project of the Academy under the leadership of Professor Yves Le Bouthillier, which is intended to support teaching and capacity building in the broad field of environmental law. The collection gathers personal recommendations from a wide range of specialists in various fields of environmental law. Each individual contributor has selected about a dozen essential readings and commented briefly on their importance.

We are happy to report that we have now received over 40 submissions and many scholars have also expressed their interest in submitting next year. We look forward to receiving your submissions. For interested parties, please send your submissions to iucnael@uottawa.ca

For more information on this project, please visit: <http://iucnael.org/en/essential-readings.html>

MESSAGE FROM BEN BOOTH OF EDWARD ELGAR PUBLISHING

Edward Elgar has been very pleased to work with the Academy on a number of new publications during the last year. “Global Environmental Law at a Crossroads”, edited by Robert V. Percival, Jolene Lin, and William Piermattei was launched in July at the Academy’s colloquium in Tarragona and “Water and the Law: Towards Sustainability”, edited by Michael Kidd, Loretta Feris, Tumai Murombo, and Alejandro Iza will be published during December.

We have also been working closely with the Academy on the ambitious and exciting project to develop a research-focused Encyclopedia of Environmental Law. With Professor Michael Faure serving as General Editor, a number of constituent volumes are now at varying stages of

preparation. We look forward to sharing more details as the project continues to take shape.

And we have been delighted to publish close to 20 new books within Environmental Law during 2014, including our acclaimed Research Handbooks as well as research monographs and edited collections. We are always happy to hear from Academy members with ideas for new books of their own. Please feel very welcome to contact Ben Booth directly – Ben@e-elgar.co.uk

** Note: Academy members are entitled to discounts off titles in the Academy's series – 30% from OECD countries, 60% from non-OECD. Use the codes IUCN30 or IUCN60 on Edward Elgar's website, www.e-elgar.com*

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The Judicial Training Centre of the Supreme Court of Indonesia will be holding a workshop on Environmental Law from 14-17 January 2015.

The University of Tasmania Faculty of Law and NELA cordially invite you to the Inaugural **Frontiers of Environmental Law Colloquium** to be held at University of Tasmania Law School on 10-11 February 2015. The Colloquium aims to further a national conversation among environmental law scholars and teachers about the issues facing our research and teaching practice.

CALL FOR PAPERS/CHAPTERS

The European Union and the Arctic

29-30 May 2015, Dundee, Scotland

The School of Law, University of Dundee, UK and the K. G. Jepsen Centre for the Law of the Sea, University of Tromsø, Norway are pleased to announce the call for papers for "The European Union and the Arctic" (2015 EU-Arctic

Conference). Deadline for submission January 15, 2015

IUCN 13th Academy Annual Colloquium will be held from September 7-12, 2015 at Atma Jaya Catholic University, Jakarta, Indonesia on the theme Forest and Marine Biodiversity. A Call for Papers has been issued. Interested parties should submit papers to iucn.abstract@atmajaya.ac.id

The Pre-Colloquium Workshops will be held on Monday, September 7, 2015. The Research Workshop organized by the Research Committee is on "Forest Value Claims in the Global Economy -Social Justice and Sustainability Considerations"

More information on the Teaching Workshop organized by the Teaching and Capacity Building Committee will be available soon.

"Environmental Mediation: Diversity of Practices Across the World". The Canadian Research Group on Strategies and Actors in Environmental Governance (SAGE) based at the University of Sherbrooke is pleased to invite you to participate in an international collective effort aimed at the publication of a collection on environmental mediation. Chapters will be expected by **July 1, 2015**.

International Conference on "NEW CHALLENGES FACING THE ARCTIC OCEAN AND OTHER FRAGILE SEAS" February 20, 2015/Arctic Centre/Rovaniemi/Finland

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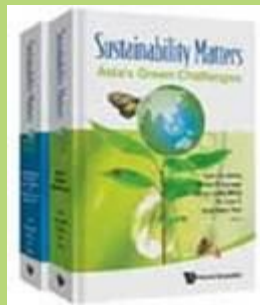
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