

Conference

The Future of European Environmental Law

Groningen
16 May, 2008

Conference outline

This conference will mark the publication of *European Environmental Law* (3rd. revised edition) by Prof. Jan H. Jans and Dr. Hans H.B. Vedder (Europa Law Publishing 2008) ISBN: 978-90-76871-76-9 (hbk) and ISBN 978-90-76871-77-6 (ppb).

The third edition of *European Environmental Law* takes stock of European environmental law as it stood on November 1, 2007. It provides an in-depth analysis of important legal issues of European environmental law. What are the legal grounds for EC environmental policy and on what principles are directives and regulations based upon? To what extent preclude EC environmental directives more stringent national environmental standards? What are the requirements the Court of Justice has imposed on the Member States implementing environmental directives? To what extent can European environmental law be relied upon and challenged before national courts and the Court of Justice? How do the Treaty rules on the Internal Market and undistorted competition interfere with national environmental policy?

But what are the challenges for the future? What changes in law and policy are necessary to respond adequately to the threats to the environment in the years to come? This is the central theme of this conference.

From the preface by Dr. Stavros Dimas, European Commissioner for Environment:

“This book is indeed a very welcome contribution to the theory and practice of European environmental law.”

Applicant Profile and Registration Fee

The conference is open to all interested academics and practitioners. The standard fee for participation is €195. This price includes coffee, tea, the conference lunch and a copy of *European Environmental Law*.

Date and Place of the Conference

Friday 16 May 2008

Het Kasteel, University of Groningen, Melkweg 1, 9718 EP Groningen.

Registration and information

You are kindly requested to register before May 1, 2008. After receiving your registration, we will confirm it and send you an invoice (containing full banking details) for the conference fee. Registrations will only be effective after receipt of your payment.

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IUCN Academy of Environmental Law

This conference is co-hosted by the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (www.iucnael.org). The IUCN Academy of Environmental Law is dedicated to advancing knowledge of environmental law through an international network of universities teaching and researching in this area. The Academy engages participating universities, governmental institutions and international environmental organisations in innovative multi-disciplinary research into how law can best address environmental problems around the world.

On Saturday-morning 17 May 2008 members of the Academy will have a meeting discussing the Academy's activities in Europe. Place and venue is to be announced.

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| 9.30-9.50 | Registration | Conference Venue: <i>Het Kasteel</i> , Melkweg 1, 9718 EP Groningen. |
| <i>Morning session</i> | | |
| 9.50-9.55 | Welcome | Prof. Oscar Couwenberg (Vice Dean Law Faculty) |
| 9.55-10.00 | Opening | |
| 10.00-10.15 | General remarks | Dr. Hans Vedder (University of Groningen) |
| 10.15-10.45 | Improving sustainability | Prof. Maria Lee (University College London) |
| 10.45-11.15 | Coffee | |
| 11.15-11.45 | Enforcement: Enhancing the role of the European Commission | Sibylle Grohs (European Commission; Brussels) |
| 11.45-12.30 | Panel: Applying more stricter standards at national and regional level | Dr. Kristel De Smedt (University of Maastricht); Dr. Wybe Douma (Asser Instituut The Hague); Dr. Ymke Hofhuis (Amsterdam Municipality) |
| 12.30-13.45 | Lunch | |
| <i>Afternoon session</i> | | |
| 13.45-14.25 | Applying European environmental law by national courts | Prof. Dr. Luc Lavrysen (Constitutional Court, Brussel); Dr. Áine Ryall (University College Cork) |
| 14.25-14.45 | A need to rebalance trade and environment? | Prof. Dr. Ludwig Krämer (Bremen, Brussels, Madrid) |
| 14.45-15.15 | Coffee/tea | |
| 15.15-15.45 | Integrating environmental objectives in competition policy | Andre Andeweg LL.M (Netherlands Competition Authority, The Hague) |
| 15.45-17.00 | Panel; Improving the role of regional authorities | Dr. Kars de Graaf (University of Groningen; IPPC Directive). Prof. Dr. Marleen van Rijswijk (University Utrecht; Water Framework Directive); B. Arentz (Drenthe Regional Authority; Habitats Directive) |
| 17.00-17.15 | Concluding remarks | Prof. Jan Jans (University of Groningen) |
| 17.15 | Drinks | |

Conference fees:

- Standard €195
- Members of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law €135
- Participants from low and lower-middle income countries €95
- PhD students €95
- Conference fee without a copy of *European Environmental Law*, subtract €35

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