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The 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 carolyn.farquhar@uottawa.ca

2007 IUCN Academy Colloquium in Brazil

The fifth annual conference of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law took place between May 29 and June 5th 2007 in Brazil, attracting around 100 participants from all regions of the world. More than 70 papers were given on a wide range of topics relating to the theme of the colloquium, "Rio + 15: A Legal Critique of Ecologically Sustainable Development". The Colloquium was organized by the Law for Green Planet Institute of Brazil on behalf of a consortium of Brazilian universities, in close collaboration with the Academy's Secretariat.

The conference program can be viewed on our Website at http://www.iucnael.org/downloads/PROGRAM_FINAL%20May30.pdf Abstracts can be seen at <http://www.iucnael.org/87>

Selected conference papers are now being edited for inclusion in the regular IUCN Academy Research Studies published by Cambridge University Press. The Governing Council appointed Jamie Benidickson, Ben Boer, Antonio Herman Benjamin and Karen Morrow as the editors of this year's proceedings.



Collegium meeting in Rio de Janeiro. From left to right: Jamie Benidickson (Canada), Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan (Nigeria), Javier de Cendra de Barragán (The Netherlands), Nicholas Robinson (USA), Yanti Fristikawati (Indonesia), Yves Le Bouthillier (Canada), Karen Bubna-Litic (Australia), Melissa Powers, (USA), Mekete Bekele Tekle, (Uganda), Jonathan Verschuuren (The Netherlands), David Hodas (USA), Robert Kibugi (Kenya), Laode Syarif, (Indonesia), Antonio Herman Benjamin (Brazil), Iwona Rummel-Bulska (Kenya), Robert Percival, (USA), Anél Du Plessis (South Africa), Lye Lin Heng (Singapore), Ben Boer (Australia), Charles Okidi (Kenya), Pio Manoa (Fiji), Koh Kheng Lian (Singapore), Loretta Feris (South Africa), Robb Fowler (Australia), Willemien du Plessis (South Africa), Karen Morrow (UK), Carl Bruch (USA), Amber Prasad Pant (Nepal), Alexander Patterson (South Africa), (Photo: Rowena Cantley-Smith (Australia)).

Collegium Annual General Meeting

The Academy's Collegium, consisting of representatives of member institutions, met on the afternoon of 31 May in the Botanical Gardens of Rio de Janeiro. The Academy's Annual Report for 2007 was tabled and reports were received on finances, membership and establishment of committees. We record here the gratitude of the Academy to the Director and staff of the Botanical Gardens for all of the logistical arrangements.

Governing Council meetings

The Academy's Governing Council met twice during the colloquium, on May 31 at the Botanic Gardens in Rio and then again on June 4 in Paraty. The main points canvassed at these meetings are recorded below.

Nominating Committee for the Governing Council Election

The Governing Council appointed a Nominating Committee to establish an election process. The Committee consists of senior professors who have a broad knowledge of environmental law teaching institutions.

The members of the Committee are:

Charles Okidi, Chair, Kenya
Antonio Herman Benjamin, Brazil
Koh Kheng Lian, Singapore
Eckard Reh binder, Germany
Nicholas Robinson, United States

Financial Report

An overview of the Academy's financial situation was presented to the meeting. As most of the Academy's funding currently takes the form of grants and contributions to the University of Ottawa rather than to the incorporated Academy itself, a formal and audited financial report was not required at this time according to the Canadian corporate by-laws under which the Academy operates.

Election of the 2008 Governing Council

The election process for the Academy's new Governing Council is currently underway. The slate of candidates is representative of all regions of the world. The efforts of the Nominating Committee are greatly appreciated.

The ballot paper and biographical statement of each candidate has been sent to all Collegium members, together with the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. The e-mail ballot will be open until 14 January 2008.

The responsibilities of Governing Council members include the following:

- Attendance and participation at Governing Council meetings. Normally one meeting is held in conjunction with the Annual Colloquium of the Academy. (Meetings can take place by telephone and decisions may also be made by email)
- Consideration of matters of Academy governance such as relations with the IUCN, the IUCN Environmental Law Programme and the University of Ottawa
- Input into the Academy's annual work plans for teaching, capacity-building and research
- Organization of and participation in regional Academy meetings, conferences and seminars
- Timely responses to requests for assistance from the Academy's Chair or Deputy Chair
- Timely responses to requests for assistance from the Academy's Secretariat relating to Academy membership in the councilor's region
- Generating memberships from universities in the councilor's region
- Contributions to the Academy's newsletter
- Acting in a liaison capacity for the Academy's committees
- Identifying, recommending and assisting with potential sources of financial support
- Election of officers
- Approval of budget and general direction of management and program of the Academy
- Engaging in recruitment and selection of Executive or Co-Directors of the Academy from time to time

The IUCN Academy's Teaching and Capacity-Building Committee

During the Brazil 2007 Colloquium, the Academy's Governing Council initiated the appointment of its Teaching and Capacity-Building Committee. The terms of reference of the Committee are to advise the Governing Council with respect to the teaching and academic capacity-building activities of the Academy, and to develop programs and curricula for environmental law teaching and academic capacity-building.

Specific objectives include:

- a. the provision of teaching and academic capacity-building support services for member institutions
- b. building links with regional associations of environmental law teachers to develop academic specific capacity-building initiatives
- c. the development of collaborative teaching activities, including by use of internet technology

- d. the development of specialist academic courses under the auspices of the Academy
- e. the building of academic capacity with respect to the teaching of environmental law
- f. promoting the involvement of the Academy at the regional level with environmental law teachers through identifying new governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental sources of potential funding for the Academy's teaching and capacity-building programs

The Committee is comprised of the following people:

- Rob Fowler, Co-Chair, University of South Australia
- Lye Lin Heng, Co-Chair, National University of Singapore
- Marjan Peeters, Maastricht University, The Netherlands
- Karen Bubna-Litic, University of Technology, Australia
- José Juan Gonzáles, Metropolitan Autonomous University, Mexico
- Nicholas Robinson, Pace University, USA
- Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria
- Loretta Feris, University of Pretoria, South Africa
- Qin Tianbao, Wuhan University, China
- Gilberto Rincon, Rosario University
- Brad Morse, representing the Secretariat of the IUCN Academy
- Thomas Greiber, representing the IUCN Environmental Law Programme

Development of a Strategic Plan for the Teaching and Capacity-Building Committee

The Teaching and Capacity-Building Committee met at the IUCN Environmental Law Centre in Bonn on 13 and 14 September. Outcomes of the meeting included the development of a long-term Strategic Plan for the teaching and academic capacity-building initiatives of the Academy, the central element of which is the proposed development of a "teaching the teachers" course to enhance the capacity of legal academics to teach in the area of environmental law. We are grateful to Dr. Alejandro Iza and the ELC staff for hosting and providing substantial logistical support for this meeting.

The Secretariat, in collaboration with the new Teaching and Capacity-Building Committee, has initiated several outreach activities for building the capacity of academic colleagues in universities in developing countries. In China, a three-year "Training the Trainers Program" is being devised in a project through the Research Institute for Environmental Law at Wuhan University in collaboration with other Chinese institutional members. In the South Pacific, the Secretariat has assisted with the development of a Master of

Environmental Law program to be based at the Faculty of Law at the University of the South Pacific. Further, a project is under development for the delivery of environmental law courses by video conferencing.

It is also hoped that additional funding will be found to support a continuing relationship between environmental law students and faculty in Ottawa and Nairobi as a follow-up to an exchange in January of this year, which saw a group of Ottawa students under the supervision of Jamie Benidickson learn about environmental law in Kenya in partnership with the Centre for Advanced Studies in Environmental Law and Policy (CASELAP) led by Charles Okidi at the University of Nairobi.

Substantial progress has also been made with the curriculum development project on Compliance and Enforcement with MEAs being conducted by the Academy in collaboration with UNEP. Phase One of the project is nearing completion, with materials presently undergoing detailed review. Phase Two is now being planned. This will include pilot testing of the curriculum and materials by Academy member institutions.

The Committee has designed a survey for members of the Academy regarding the instruction of environmental law in member institutions, their capacity-building needs, and an assessment of the use of technology within these institutions. This survey will be administered to all member institutions electronically over the next few weeks.

The IUCN Academy's Research Committee

The Academy's Research Committee is composed of representatives of member institutions who are committed to developing and supporting research on various topics in environmental law. The purpose of this Committee is to provide guidance and directions on new research needs. The Research Committee is responsible for generating new research proposals, facilitating quality assurance and peer review for research under the auspices of the Academy, and fostering publications and dissemination of research reports.

Specific objectives include:

- a. Prepare and coordinate the Academy's Research Plan
- b. Work with the Secretariat to respond to and coordinate with the research plans and projects of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law and the Environmental Law Centre, and in particular the Commission's Specialist Groups
- c. Coordinate collaborative global and regional research programs and assist with the enhancement of programs of Academy member institutions
- d. Cooperate with the Secretariat to build and update a database of research expertise of professors from the Academy's member institutions

- e. Facilitate collaborative research groups and professors from member institutions and with Academy partners and with appropriate scientific and other experts, on global and inter-regional research projects
- f. Identify governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental sources of potential funding for the Academy's research program.

The Committee is comprised of the following people:

- Ben Richardson, Co-Chair, York University, Canada
- Simone Borg, Co-Chair, University of Malta, Malta
- Patricia Kameri-Mbote, University of Nairobi, Kenya
- David Hodas, Widener University, USA
- Jan Jans, Groningen University, The Netherlands
- Kurt Deketelaere, University of Leuven Belgium
- Koh Kheng Lian, National University of Singapore, Singapore
- Louis Kotze, North West University, South Africa
- Wang Xi, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
- Yves Le Bouthillier, Academy Secretariat, University of Ottawa, Canada
- Irina Krasnova, Moscow State Law Academy, Russia
- Representative of IUCN Environmental Law Programme

Development of a Strategic Plan for the Research Committee

There has been some significant discussion of research plans and projects within the Academy in recent months. An IUCN Academy Strategic Research Planning Workshop took place in April 2007 under the leadership of Professor Yves Le Bouthillier of the University of Ottawa. The 40 participants included representatives of Academy institutional members, together with other Canadian and international specialists. The three day intensive workshop, funded by a grant from the International Development Research Council of Canada, was aimed at discussing the Academy's research needs and priorities, within the context of the IUCN's Environmental Law Programme and the IUCN's overall mission.

The Research Committee has developed a concept paper on climate change law, with a focus on developing countries. A copy of the concept paper will be placed on the website early in the New Year. Comments may be directed to Professor Richardson at: brichardson@osgoode.yorku.ca

The research work on climate change and climate law is intended to contribute to research initiatives identified in the IUCN's overall Environmental Law Programme. In this regard we note that the Co-Chairs of the Commission on Environmental Law Specialist Group, Professors Richard

Ottinger and Wang Xi have been actively involved in the development of the climate change proposal.

Further, the Research Committee has begun a consultation process in relation to an annual environmental law book prize, a new environmental law journal, and a portal on its website for upcoming conferences and events which will be of interest to Academy member institutions.

Good progress has been made over the last few months with the research work being carried out at the University of Ottawa in connection with the joint CEL/WCPA Taskforce on Protected Areas Law and Policy. The research also entails the participation of other IUCN Academy members including Dalhousie University, Canada, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China and Universitas Hasanuddin in Indonesia. We look forward to further interaction with the ELC staff and members of the Commission on Environmental Law in relation to the ELC project on the development of protected areas legislation.

Planning for the 2008 Colloquium in Mexico

During the 2007 Colloquium a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Academy and the President of the Metropolitan Autonomous University, Mexico, to hold the 2008 Colloquium in Mexico City. The dates are November 10-15, 2008. The 2008 Colloquium theme will be "Poverty Alleviation and Environmental Protection." The initial planning meeting for the Organizing Committee took place in Mexico City in November 2007. A call for papers will be made shortly; see 2008 colloquium website developed by the Metropolitan Autonomous University, <http://coloquiouam-uicn.azc.uam.mx>

The themes of the conference will include:

1. *Poverty and Environment*, including a discussion of the scope and distribution of urban and rural poverty, the ethical aspects of environmental law in regard to poverty alleviation, recent approaches to poverty alleviation and environmental protection, and the role of environmental economic instruments in poverty alleviation
2. *Resource use and poverty alleviation*, focusing on sustainable use of resources, and considering equitable access to natural resources, ensuring safe environmental practices in resource extraction, payments for ecosystem services, creating economic opportunities for poor communities through ecotourism, management of protected areas etc
3. *Challenges for poverty alleviation and environmental protection in an urban context*, including urban planning, housing and sustainability, quality of life, disaster prevention and response, greening of cities, water and sanitation, alternative energy sources, intergovernmental responsibility and coordination, human health, nutrition, environmental exposure and land use

4. *Education, Participation and Environmental Justice*, focusing on law reform, the potential contribution of law to poverty alleviation and environmental protection, access to justice, the role of the judiciary, role of civil society in compliance and enforcement, the role of an environmental ombudsman in poverty alleviation, the use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, institutional and legal frameworks for natural disaster planning and emergency response, the need for attitudinal changes, increased environmental education and broader community participation in environmental planning and decision-making.



The Mexico City Field Trip: Roberto Franco (architect), José Juan González,, Sherry Ally, Ben Boer, Lee Paddock, Diane Ponce, Nicholas Robinson, and Daniel Sepúlveda (coordinator of barranca conservation project)

Regional seminar at the Metropolitan Autonomous University Mexico on Protected Areas and Poverty Alleviation

In addition to the planning meeting for the 2008 Colloquium, the Metropolitan Autonomous University arranged a very successful one day seminar on *Protected Areas and Poverty Alleviation*, which was attended by some 60 participants. Professor Nicholas Robinson, as Chair of the Academy, gave the opening address. Powerpoint versions of the papers at the seminar can be found on the Academy's website at <http://www.iucnael.org/92>

Workshop on Protected Areas Law in Veracruz

On November 16 & 17, 2007, the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law and the Faculty of Law University of Ottawa, in collaboration with the Metropolitan Autonomous University of Mexico held an International Legal Workshop "Assessing Legal Frameworks for Protected Areas" in Veracruz, Mexico with the collaboration of over a dozen institutions, including academia, local and federal government agencies and NGOs. The Workshop was part of a larger international comparative project aimed at

developing legal and policy guidelines for the better management of protected areas, including RAMSAR sites. Nineteen presentations were made, ranging from climate change and protected areas to ecosystem based management of transboundary aquatic areas and indigenous people participation in ecotourism strategies for biodiversity conservation. The workshop opening was addressed Dr. Ernesto Enkerlin, Mexican National Commission for Natural Protected Areas and by Mrs. Silvia Dominguez, the Veracruz Minister for Social Development and the Environment. Powerpoint versions of selected presentations are available on the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law website at <http://www.iucnael.org/92>

Regional Seminar on Climate Change and Energy Law at the University of Malta

The Academy's first regional seminar took place at University of the University of Malta on May 4th, 2007. Hosted by Dr Simone Borg, the seminar was entitled: "Towards an Integrated Climate Change and Energy Policy in the EU". Selected papers delivered at the seminar are available in PowerPoint form at <http://www.iucnael.org/92>

APCEL Conference in Singapore

On August 30-31, 2007, Academy member, the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL) of the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, held a two-day conference on "*Crucial Issues in Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol: Asia and the World*". Recognizing that Asia is home to the world's most populous countries and is a rapidly industrializing region, the conference focused on the impact of climate change on Asian countries and the role of Asia in the global effort to address climate change. The conference centred on the themes of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) in Asia, carbon trading, the effective implementation of the Kyoto Protocol in Asia, and the post-2012 climate change regime. The conference brought together speakers from around the world and whose expertise spans academy, the private and public sectors as well as carbon consultants. They included Professor Nick Robinson (School of Law, Pace University, USA), Mr. Andrew Beatty (Climate Change Group, Baker & McKenzie, Sydney), Professor Yang Xing (Hunan Normal University, China) and Dr. Charlotte Streck (Climate Focus, the Netherlands). The conference papers will be published as a volume edited by K.L. Koh, Lye Lin Heng and Jolene Lin (World Scientific Press, forthcoming).

Climate Law Workshop in Vancouver

On 15 October 2007 the IUCN Academy held a one-day workshop on *Climate Law in Developing Countries*, under the

auspices of the EDGE (Emerging Dynamic Global Economies) Network, which funded the event. Featuring twelve participants drawn from around the globe, the workshop sought to contribute to the Academy's evolving legal research and dialogue to assist developing countries address the challenges of mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to global warming while meeting their social and economic needs.

Among the presentations at the workshop, Professor Wang Xi (Shanghai Jiaotong University) discussed China's growing carbon footprint and the role of policy instruments to further technological innovation in the energy sector. Jolene Lin (University of Hong Kong) and M.K. Ramesh (National Law School of India University) provided excellent accounts of the implementation of the Clean Development Mechanism in Asia. Bringing a European perspective, Zen Makuch and Karen MacDonald (Imperial College, London) canvassed how human rights approaches could promote "climate justice" for victims of global warming. Lynda Collins (University of Ottawa) advocated "parens patriae" litigation as a novel way to address similar goals. Economic policy instruments such as taxes and energy efficiency standards were discussed by José Juan González Márquez (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico) and David Hodas (Widener University, USA) as the principal tools to abate the threat of rising greenhouse emissions. Bearing in mind the 2007 negotiations for a successor to the Kyoto Protocol, Albert Mumma (University of Nairobi) and Natasha Affolder (University of British Columbia) canvassed ways to align the interests of disputing parties, including allocating differential carbon emissions to all countries (Mumma) and harnessing non-governmental and corporate actors to promote better climate governance (Affolder).

Several scholarly papers will arise from the workshop, including an article that Professors Hodas and Mumma are co-authoring on "Post-Kyoto from an African Perspective" for a United States law journal. Overall, the intensive workshop, chaired by IUCN Academy Co-Director Professor Jamie Benidickson, provided ample food for thought that will assist the Academy's planning for a comprehensive international conference on climate law proposed for late 2008, among other initiatives on climate law research.

If you wish to learn more about the presentations and discussions at the workshop, please contact Professor Benjamin Richardson: brichardson@osgoode.yorku.ca

Membership of the Academy

The Secretariat has directed a great deal of effort to securing a representative institutional membership base. A total of 75 institutions have now renewed their

membership, or have been approved as new members. See our website www.iucnael.org/ for details of members.

Work is now underway to build the membership numbers in regions that are currently under-represented. The assistance of current members would be welcome. Please see the current membership information and forms at <http://www.iucnael.org/19>

Appointment of Manager at the Academy Secretariat

The Academy is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Carolyn Farquhar as Manager of the Academy Secretariat at the University of Ottawa. Carolyn was director of research and executive networks at the Ottawa-based Conference Board of Canada and has a background in public policy and public administration. She has worked extensively with public and private sector organizations in Canada and other countries. She has a Bachelor of Arts (honours) and an MBA from Queen's University in Kingston. Her immediate responsibilities will centre on fundraising and strategic development as well as member liaison and member services. She can be reached at 1 613 562 5800 ext. 3245 or by e-mail at carolyn.farquhar@uottawa.ca

Visitors to the Academy

The Academy Secretariat has welcomed a number of distinguished scholars to speak to faculty and outside guests at the University of Ottawa in recent months. In July, Professor Nicolas de Sadeleer, Professor of Environmental Law at the Facultés Universitaires Saint-Louis, spoke about his work in the area of the precautionary, prevention and polluter-pays principles.

In October, Professor Hans Christian Bugge, Professor of Environmental Law at the University of Oslo, provided a legal update on climate change and energy in Norway, highlighting the country's new climate policy of June 2007, the instruments being used to promote renewables and energy efficiency, the issues related to off-shore carbon capture and storage, and efforts of the State itself to address carbon emissions.

In November, Professor M.K. Srivastava, Vice Chancellor of the Hidayatullah National Law University in Raipur, India (an Academy member institution), visited the Academy Secretariat to discuss his university's programmes in environmental law and a potential exchange arrangement.

Academy website

Improvement of the website of the Academy is underway. We will be posting more regular news items on conferences, recent research and developments regarding legal education. We will also be developing improved means of fostering

exchange and networking amongst all members. Efforts are being made to ensure that the IUCN's languages are reflected on the website. Our annual report is now available in English, French, Spanish and Chinese.

See: <http://www.iucnael.org/downloads/Annual%20Report%202007.pdf>
<http://www.iucnael.org/downloads/2007%20Report%20French.pdf>
<http://www.iucnael.org/downloads/2007%20Report%20Spanish.pdf>
<http://www.iucnael.org/downloads/2007%20Report%20Chinese.pdf>

New and Forthcoming Environmental Law Books

Compiled by the Research Committee and the Academy Secretariat

Benidickson, Jamie, *Environmental Law* (Essentials of Canadian Law) (3rd edition, Irwin Law, 2008).

Benidickson, Jamie, *The Culture of Flushing* (UBC Press 2007)

Bodansky, Daniel, Jutta Brunee, Ellen Hey, eds, *Oxford Handbook of International Environmental Law* (Oxford University Press, 2007)

Bonyhady, Tim and Peter Christoff, *Climate Law in Australia* (Federation Press, 2007)

Campbell, David and Robert Lees, eds, *Environmental Law and Economics* (Ashgate, 2007)

Chalifour, Nathalie, Janet Milne, Hope Ashiabor, Kurt Deketelaere and Larry Krieser, eds *Critical Issues in Environmental Taxation* (Oxford University Press, 2008)

Douma, Wybe, Leonardo Massai and Massimiliano Montini, eds, *The Kyoto Protocol and Beyond: Legal and Policy Challenges of Climate Change* (Asser Press, 2007).

Etty, Thijs and Han Somsen, eds, *The Yearbook of European Environmental Law*, Volume 7 (Oxford University Press, 2007)

Fauchald, Ole K. and David Hunter, eds, *Yearbook of International Environmental Law*, Volume 17, 2006 (Oxford University Press, 2008)

Gerrard, Michael, ed., *Global Climate Change and US Law* (ABA, 2007)

Gillespie, Alexander, *Protected Areas and International Environmental Law* (Hotei Publishing, 2007)

Jans, Jan H. and H.H.B. Vedder, *European Environmental Law* (3rd edition, Europa Law Publishing, 2008)

Jeffrey, Michael I., Jeremy Firestone and Karen Bubna-Litic, eds, *Biodiversity Conservation, Law and Livelihoods: Bridging the North-South Divide*, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Research Studies (Cambridge University Press, 2008)

Kaniaru, Donald, *The Montreal Protocol: Celebrating 20 Years of Environmental Progress - Ozone Layer and Climate Protection* (Cameron May, 2007)

Kraft, Steven E. and Christopher L. Lant, *The Law and Policy of Ecosystem Services* (Island Press, 2007)

Lange, Bettina, *Implementing EU Pollution Control: Law and Integration* (Cambridge University Press, 2008)

McAllister, Lesley, *Making Law Matter: Environmental Protection and Legal Institutions in Brazil* (Stanford Law Books, 2008)

Redgewell, Catherine, Don Zillman, Yinka Omorogbe and Lila K. Barrera-Hernandez, eds, *Beyond the Carbon Economy* (Oxford University Press, 2008)

Soskolne, Colin, *Sustaining Life on Earth* (Lexington Books, 2007)

Sze, Julie, *Noxious New York: The Racial Politics of Urban Health and Environmental Justice* (MIT Press, 2007).

Westra, Laura, *Environmental Justice and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: International and Domestic Legal Perspectives* (Earthscan, 2007)

Upcoming Academic Conferences on Environmental Law and Policy

Compiled by the Research Committee and the Academy Secretariat

Tenth International Wildlife Law Conference, Granada, Spain, 6-7 March, 2008

<http://www.law.stetson.edu/conferences/IWLC>

“Compelling a Climate of Change,” 26th Public Interest Environmental Law conference, Portland, US, 6-9 March 2008 <http://www.pielc.org>

American Bar Association (Section on Energy, Environment & Resources), 37th Conference on Environmental Law, Keystone, Colorado, US, 13-16 March, 2008

<http://www.abanet.org/environ/programs/keystone/2008/home.shtml>

“Picking Up the Pieces: Reclaiming Environmental Leadership,” National Association of Environmental Law Societies, Burlington, Vermont, US, 20-23 March, 2008

<http://www.naels.org>

"The Law of Climate Change," Australian National Environmental Law Association, Freemantle, Australia, 27-28 March, 2008 <http://www.nela.org.au>

Eighth International Conference on Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Cape Town, South Africa, 5-11 April, 2008 <http://www.inece.org>

Biennial Conference of the International Bar Association, Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law, Copenhagen, Denmark, 28-30 April, 2008. http://www.ibanet.org/conferences/Conferences_home.cfm

Queensland Environmental Law Association annual conference, Sanctuary Cove, Australia, 28-30 May, 2008. <http://www.qela.com.au>

UK Environmental Law Association annual conference, Kent, UK, 20-22 June, 2008. <http://www.kent.ac.uk/law/news/ukela.html>; <http://www.ukela.org>

"Reconciling Human Existence and Ecological Integrity," Global Ecological Integrity Group, Berlin, Germany, 16-20 July, 2008 <http://www.globalecointegrity.net/conferences.html>

IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, 6th Annual Colloquium, Mexico City, 10-15, November, 2008. <http://www.iucnael.org> and <http://coloquiouam-uicn.azc.uam.mx>

Other General Law Conferences with Environmental Law Sections

Socio-Legal Studies Association Annual Conference, Manchester, UK, 18 – 20, March 2008 <http://www.law.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/news/events/SLSA2008>

16th Commonwealth Law Conference, Hong Kong, 4-8 April, 2008 <http://www.commonwealthlaw2009.org>

Asian Law Institute 5th Conference, Singapore, May 22-23, 2008 http://law.nus.edu.sg/asli/conference/asli_conf2008/index.htm

Law and Society Association, Montreal, Canada, 29 May - 1 June, 2008 <http://www.lawandsociety.org>

73rd International Law Association, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 17-21 August, 2008 http://www.ila-hq.org/html/layout_conferences.htm

Biennial Conference of the European Society of International Law Heidelberg, Germany, 4 – 6 September, 2008 http://www.esil-sedi.eu/english/pdf/Call_for_Papers.pdf

Society of Legal Scholars annual conference, London, UK, 15-18 September, 2008 <http://www.legalscholars.ac.uk/conference/index.cfm>

Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be published in the spring of 2008. We are moving to a three times-yearly publication. We welcome your input for the upcoming issue.



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