

IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Annual Report 2014-2015

This document reports on Academy activities and operations for the period ending 30 April 2015.

Corporate Continuance:

As required by new Canadian legislation governing not-for-profit corporations, the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law was successfully continued in 2014 on the basis of advice from counsel and with the assistance of the Governance Committee (Wang Xi, Robert Percival, Anel DuPlessis, Robert Fowler (chair), Jamie Benidickson).

Membership:

Membership in the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law expanded during the year from the perspective of increased numbers of institutional members and in terms of the countries represented in the organization. Full details are available on the Academy's website at www.iucnael.org

Annual Colloquium:

The 2014 Colloquia was held in July 2014 at the University of Tarragona y Virgili in Tarragona, Spain, on the theme of "Energy for a Fair Society on a Safe Planet."

The conference program included some two hundred scholarly presentations in addition to plenary sessions and the annual distinguished lecture by Dr. Ludwig Kramer. Under the leadership of students from the host university, a well-attended Graduate Students Forum took place during the colloquium. The conference was preceded by successful workshops administered by the Academy's Research and Teaching and Capacity-Building Committees.

At year-end (30 April) arrangements were underway for the 2015 Colloquium at Atma Jaya University in Jakarta, Indonesia, on the theme of "Forest and Marine Biodiversity."

Publications:

Two further volumes in the Academy series were published with Edward Elgar during the year:

[*Global Environmental Law at a Crossroads*](#)
(Robert V. Percival, Jolene Lin, William Piermattei eds. 2014)

[*Water and the Law Towards Sustainability*](#)
(Michael Kidd, Loretta Feris, Tumai Morumbo, Alejandro Iza eds. 2014)

In addition, significant organizational progress was made on a multi-volume Encyclopedia of Environmental Law under the General Editorship of Professor Michael Faure.

The fifth issue of the Academy's electronic journal appeared during the year thanks to the editorial efforts of Professor Elizabeth Kirk and Professor Amanda Kennedy and their associates.

Issue 5: 2014 may be found at: <http://www.iucnael.org/en/e-journal/current-issue->

Other Activities:

During the year arrangements were made for collaboration with UNEP to provide the French and Chinese translations of on-line educational materials concerning multi-lateral environmental agreements under the general auspices of the InforMEA program [<http://e-learning.informea.org/>] . Academy members participated in two Training the Teachers (TTT) of Environmental Law programs delivered in Manila as an initiative of the Asian Development Bank. The Essentials of Environmental Law series of readings recommended by scholars and experts in various fields of environmental law was launched with approximately 45 entries at year end.

Financial:

A year-end report from the financial administration office of the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, which provides financial services to the Academy has been prepared for presentation to the Governing Board. Pursuant to new Canadian legislation under which the Academy has been continued a decision will be taken to conduct either a review or audit of financial statements.

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