

IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Annual Report 2015-2016

This document reports on Academy activities and operations for the period ending 30 April 2016.

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. The organization now includes nearly 200 institutional members from sixty countries. Full details are available on the Academy's website at www.iucnael.org

Annual Colloquium:

The 2015 Colloquium was held in September 2015 at Atma Jaya Catholic University in Jakarta, Indonesia, on the theme of "Forest and Marine Biodiversity."

The conference program included nearly two hundred scholarly presentations in addition to plenary sessions and the annual distinguished lecture by Justice Hilario Davide. 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 2016 Colloquium at the University of Oslo on the theme of "The Environment in Court."

Publications:

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

[**Energy, Governance and Sustainability**](#) Edited by Jordi Jaria i Manzano, Nathalie Chalifour, Louis J. Kotzé

[**The Law and Policy of Biofuels**](#) Edited by Yves Le Bouthillier, Annette Cowie, Paul Martin, Heather McLeod-Kilmurray

In addition, a multi-volume **Elgar Encyclopedia of Environmental Law** under the General Editorship of Professor Michael Faure moved into the production phase.

The sixth 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 6: 2015 may be found at: <http://www.iucnael.org/en/e-journal/current-issue->

Other Activities:

During the year the Academy Secretariat continued to collaborate with UNEP to provide the French and Chinese translations of on-line educational materials concerning multilateral environmental agreements under the general auspices of the InforMEA program [<http://e-learning.informe.org/>] and to promote this program. Academy members participated in two Training the Teachers (TTT) of Environmental Law programs delivered 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 continued to expand under the General Editorship of Jamie Benidickson and Yves Le Bouthillier with approximately 60 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 was presented to the Governing Board on June 19 at the Oslo Colloquium.

Secretariat Transition:

Following notice provided to the Governing Board at the Jakarta 2015 Colloquium that the original Secretariat of the Academy at the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, would close after the completion of the 2016 Oslo Colloquium, the Governing Board pursued new arrangements with Pace University and the University of Maryland to assume responsibility for Secretariat operations. Transition arrangements have been the subject of extensive consultations between Ottawa and the new Secretariat.

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