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IUCN Academy of Environmental Law

Guideline Number 5

FELLOWS OF THE ACADEMY

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Academy Bylaws provide in Clause 6.4(v) that the Governing Board may “name individual professors to be Fellows of the Academy and establish such honorific positions as it may deem advisable”.
- 1.2 It is proposed that the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law recognise the contributions of individuals who have made a distinguished contribution to the development, implementation and advancement of environmental law. It is proposed that such individuals may be appointed as Fellows of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (hereafter Fellows of the Academy).
- 1.3 This Guideline proposes a set of criteria for appointment of Fellows of the Academy and details the procedure for and miscellaneous matters following such appointment.

2. CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT

- 2.1 Candidates for appointment as a Fellow of the Academy must have provided exceptional service in the field of environmental law in one or more of the following areas:
 - a. academic distinction (as reflected in teaching and scholarly research outputs);
 - b. environmental law practice (as reflected in distinguished and influential work in the practice of environmental law); or
 - c. service to the field of environmental law (as reflected in distinguished and influential work in a judicial or administrative capacity or in the provision of community-based services, including work in non-governmental agencies).

2.2 A candidate's service to the field of environmental law may be focused on the international, regional, national or local levels.

2.3 A candidate must have made a sustained contribution in the field of environmental law in one or more of the areas mentioned in Clause 2.1 above over an extended period before he or she will be eligible for nomination as a Fellow of the Academy.

3 PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT

- a. Candidates may be nominated by a member of the Academy in response to a bi-annual invitation by the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Secretariat.
- b. Appointments of Fellows of the Academy may be made bi-annually by the Governing Board on the advice of the Appointments Committee.
- c. The Appointments Committee shall comprise the Chair of the Governing Board, the Director of the Academy, a representative of each of the Teaching and Research Committees of the Academy and a representative of the Governance Committee.
- d. The Chair of the Governing Board will be the chair of the Appointments Committee.
- e. Members of the Appointments Committee and the Governing Board ordinarily from the same home institution as one or more of the candidates must withdraw from the appointment process, and all members of the Committee and the Board shall respect the confidentiality of the appointment process.
- f. Once the Board will have agreed to appoint a candidate, the Academy will communicate with the candidate to ask if he/she accepts the nomination.
- g. Following formal acceptance by the candidate to be appointed as Fellow, the Academy will make the announcement at a time it deems appropriate.
- h. The Governing Board may make one appointment every two years, unless the Board is of the opinion that there are compelling reasons to make additional appointments.
- i. The Governing Board is not under an obligation to make an appointment every two years.
- j. A candidate so appointed shall be awarded the title of Fellow of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law for life.
- k. The aforesaid title may be withdrawn by the Governing Board by a majority vote of the Governing Board if a Fellow of the Academy has conducted himself/herself in a manner that brings discredit to the Academy or its objectives. Petitions to suspend, withdraw or remove an appointment may be submitted to the Secretariat by any member at any time, or may be initiated by the Appointments Committee if it so deems fit.

4 MISCELLANEOUS

- a. A Fellow of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law has the right to officially use this title.
- b. Recognizing their valuable contribution to and expertise in the development, implementation and advancement of environmental law, the Academy will use its best endeavours, within the limits of its available resources, to engage Fellows in a regular dialogue on how to involve them in its affairs and in achieving the Academy's objectives.