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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Rob Fowler

Chair, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law

One of the most significant accomplishments of the Academy since its establishment in 2003 has been to foster a sense of community within the ranks of environmental law scholars around the globe, particularly through the opportunity to assemble together at our annual Colloquia. Collaborations on research have ensued, teaching projects have been designed, friendships have been forged, and mutual respect has been enhanced.

It is a reflection of this increased collegiality that we have collectively mourned recently the passing of one of our most esteemed colleagues and friends, Professor Svitlana Kravchenko, who has been, together with her husband John Bonine, a staunch supporter of the Academy since its inception. I will remember John and Svitlana attending the launch of the Academy in Shanghai in 2003 and contributing enthusiastically to discussions about its future directions. They regularly attended subsequent Colloquia and in June 2011 the Academy bestowed its Senior Scholar Award on Svitlana.

The Academy has recently completed a fresh round of elections for four positions on its Governing Board and I congratulate Professors Wang Xi (North Asia region), Bharat Desai (South and West Asia region) and Gilberto Rincon (South America region) on their re-election. I have also been privileged to have the opportunity to serve a further term as the representative for the Oceania region. I also would like to thank the unsuccessful candidates for their willingness to contribute to the Academy.

Following these elections, the annual election of the Chair and Deputy Chair from the ranks of the Board members has also just been concluded. I am honoured to have the opportunity to serve for a fifth year in the office of Chair, and am pleased to welcome Professor Nilufer Oral from Istanbul Bilgi University (our Eastern Europe regional representative) as the new Deputy Chair. I wish

to extend a special thanks to Professor Michael Kidd, who has served as Deputy Chair in an extremely dedicated and supportive manner for the past three years. I also would like to indicate that I consider it will be time, at the end of this year, for the Academy to be served by a new Chair, given that I will have been at the helm for five years, as was my predecessor, Professor Nicholas Robinson. Fresh leadership usually brings new ideas and a different perspective and I firmly believe that now is the right time to begin a process of transition to a new Chair.

Meanwhile, there is much to be done during the rest of 2012!

Both our Teaching and Research Committees have full agendas of activities that they are either already pursuing or are planning to undertake in the near future (see further below). We continue to search for ways to fund the deployment of our Training the Teachers project in several countries, and also to support the core activities of the Academy. Planning is now well advanced for what will surely be an outstanding Colloquium in July 2012 under the guidance of Professor Bob Percival and his team, especially Bill Piermattei and Suzann Langrall from the University of Maryland in Baltimore, USA. Over one hundred and forty abstracts were reviewed.

This year is also marked by two major international events in which the Academy has a keen interest – the Rio + 20 meeting in June, and the IUCN World Conservation Congress in September. Further details of these events are provided later in this Newsletter. Whilst the Academy may not be in a position to provide financial support to its members to participate in these events, I hope that those of you who are able to attend either event may be able to engage in some activities on behalf of the Academy. As it becomes clearer exactly what activities are open to the Academy, the Secretariat will issue calls to our membership for contributors.

It is very pleasing to see a steady flow of applications by law schools from around the

world for membership of the Academy, resulting in our membership now exceeding the 150 milestone. I acknowledge our Membership Manager, Winnie Carruth, who continues to provide outstanding service to the Academy in the recruitment of new members.

I am particularly conscious, however, as our membership steadily increases, that we must continue to meet the needs and expectations of our members and to ensure that there is an ongoing sense of engagement with the Academy. Clearly, these aspects of membership of the Academy must extend beyond participation in our annual Colloquia, something which can be prohibitively expensive for many of our members from developing countries. I note that this is also increasingly a challenge for members from developed regions where University spending cuts are placing limitations on funds for travel to overseas conferences. We need to use other means of engaging members in Academy activities and I am particularly attracted to the idea of promoting some regional level activity for Academy members. I welcome the inclusion for the first time in our newsletter of a regional news section, and hope to see this expand in the future.

As always, I am keen to hear from members in relation to any ideas you may have for the Academy, or any issues you may wish to raise about your membership. Feel free to email me at rob.fowler@unisa.edu.au at any time with your thoughts.

Rob Fowler

Chair, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law

IN MEMORIAM: SVITLANA KRAVCHENKO



The IUCN Academy of Environmental Law joins colleagues, friends and family of Svitlana Kravchenko in mourning her sudden death last month and in seeking to honour her exceptional legacy to environmental law and human rights. As stated in a tribute from the University of Oregon where she was Director of the LL.M. Program in Environmental and Natural Resources Law, *“Dr. Kravchenko is remembered as an international force in environmental law.”* (<http://law.uoregon.edu/2012/02/13/kravchenko/>)

Svitlana, in addition to many other forms of recognition, was the 2011 recipient of the Academy Senior Scholarship Prize, presented in recognition of her distinguished scholarship and efforts to advance environmental law in Ukraine, throughout Eastern Europe and around the globe. In a message of condolences to Svitlana’s husband Professor John Bonine, Rob Fowler recalled that occasion:

“It was only seven months ago that she was being honoured by her peers at the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium in South Africa for her contribution to environmental law scholarship and that we were able to listen to the inspiring words she had penned just an hour or so earlier, upon being informed of this award. It is a small consolation that she was able to know of the huge esteem in which she was held by her colleagues for a short while before her life ended.”

Nick Robinson, of Pace University School of Law, who first met Svitlana in the 1970s and knew her during the course of the quarter century she taught at Lviv National University in Ukraine highlighted some of her accomplishments in a message that has been widely circulated throughout the environmental law community:

“We participated together in IUCN and UNEP meetings at Lviv University on environmental adjudication, where she taught environmental law and inspired students to take responsibility for the rule of law and their environment. Singularly, she helped to bring about the ratifications of most of the former USSR Republics for the Aarhus Convention and materially enhanced the capacity for sustainable development and the public participation that is key to realizing human rights. The UNECE Aarhus Convention system is in her debt.”

Dean Michael Moffitt of Oregon, underscored the scope of Svitlana’s career in environmental law:

“Professor Kravchenko accomplished more on the international stage than perhaps anyone in the School of Law’s 128-year history. She enjoyed international acclaim for her scholarship and her advocacy, which improved our school, our state and our world.”

10TH ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND



“Global Environmental Law at a Crossroads” is the theme of the Academy’s 10th Annual Colloquium to be held at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law from **July 1-5, 2012**. Organizers have invited abstracts for papers and/or presentations on such topics as: approaches for improving global environmental law and governance; overcoming political resistance to sustainable development law and policy; new strategies for promoting environmental justice; moving forward from Rio+20. Papers may focus on strategies for addressing specific environmental problems, new developments in national and regional environmental law, and the interaction of international and domestic law and policy.

The Colloquium organizers would like to take this opportunity of reminding presenters and attendees of Colloquium to register on-line at <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/faculty/conferences/conf115/registration.html> as soon as possible. Registration is on a first come first served basis. For more information concerning the Colloquium, please visit <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/faculty/conferences/detail.html?conf=115>

COMMITTEES OF THE ACADEMY

Teaching and Capacity-Building

The TCB is Co-Chaired by Maria Marques i Banqué and Sophie Riley. Following recent deliberations, the TCB has outlined a three year Action Plan for the period 2011-2014. As formulated, the plan identifies eight concrete objectives within five general streams for promoting teaching and capacity-building in Environmental Law. This unprecedented and wide-ranging programme is summarized below.

STREAM I: Teaching Environmental law – what is now being taught?

Objectives:

1. Increase the number of model courses prepared by the Academy
2. Circulate information about Environmental Law courses

STREAM II: Environmental Law Methodology

Objectives:

3. Develop alternative teaching and learning methods
4. Encourage awareness of best practices

STREAM III: The Internationalisation of Environmental Law Teaching

Objectives:

5. Promote exchange programs involving students and scholars
6. Promote comparative law perspectives in Environmental Law

STREAM IV: Environmental Clinical Legal Education

Objectives:

7. Promote clinical legal education in Environmental Law

STREAM V: Recognize Excellence in Environmental Law Teaching

Objectives:

8. Establish a Teaching Prize in Environmental Law

The Teaching and Capacity Building Committee is also contributing to a session at the Maryland Colloquium on opportunities to enhance Clinical Environmental Legal Education (July 1).

Research Committee

The Research Committee's work on ecosystem services is continuing. Arrangements have been made for peer review of workshop presentations from the workshop on **Towards the legal recognition of ecosystem services** held alongside the Colloquium at Mpekweni, South Africa in July 2011.

The collection will eventually appear in the Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal.

A call for papers for a symposium at the Maryland Colloquium on **Ecosystem Services, Economic Valuation, and Environmental Equity: Complementary or Contradictory?** has been issued and many abstracts were received. Some of the challenges to be considered are highlighted in the following excerpt from the call for papers:

“Despite the increased interest in ecosystem services as a new model of environmental protection, many commentators are wary about its implications for fairness and environmental governance. Some environmental advocates fear that an ecosystem services approach will promote protection only of a limited number of habitats and leave less productive (and thereby less valuable) habitats vulnerable to exploitation. For example, while wetland habitats typically provide significant ecosystem services through water filtration and purification, deserts may provide far fewer ecosystem services capable of monetization. Is this fair, and if not, should the law develop a different regime to protect the value of fragile, but less productive, habitats (e. g. based on the values/beliefs of a given population)? How does an ecosystem services model fit within current development patterns in which most people live in urban areas? Will urban dwellers benefit from an ecosystem services approach to environmental protection? Will rural dwellers?”

For further information on the workshop contact Melissa Powers [powers@lclark.edu] or Louisa Denier (Louisa.denier@iucn.org)

REPORT FROM THE REGIONS

Oceania

At its 2nd Environmental Law Symposium, (Sydney 25 November 2011) the Environmental and Planning Law Group of the Law Council of Australia honoured Emeritus Professor Ben Boer and Professor Robert Fowler for their past and continuing contributions in both Australia and internationally to the study and teaching of environmental law.



(From left to right, Ben Boer, Rob Fowler and the Hon. Terry Sheahan, former Attorney-General of the State of New South Wales, Australia)

Planning for the Academy's 2013 Colloquium is now underway on the basis of collaboration between the Te-Paringa Faculty of Law at the University of Waikato in New Zealand and Australia's University of New England Law School. Conference planning arrangements will be chaired by Professor Trevor Daya-Winterbottom.

Africa

The Association for African Regional and Comparative Environmental Law (AARCEL) was recently established under the auspices of RALHUS (Regional African Law and Human Security) (www.ralhus.co.za). AARCEL aims to foster development and cooperation between various scholars, practitioners, government officials and NGOs. Such collaboration will have

the ultimate goal to foster good relationships between scholars across the region and internationally pursuant to capacity building. Further, AARCEL aims to influence law and policy making at a regional, sub-regional and national level in order to ensure that the African continent may play a meaningful role in relation to global environmental governance. For further information, contact niel.lubbe@nwu.ac.za.

Louis Kotzé has resumed teaching at North West University in South Africa after spending the January term at the Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa as the first IUCN Academy January Term Scholar. Louis taught a seminar course on Global Environmental Governance: Legal Perspectives and gave related presentations while working on the completion of a new book. Louis reported a positive experience on the intellectual and social fronts, adding that *“The faculty, students and administrative staff are all extremely friendly, caring and very supportive. In fact, my reception was so warm that it made the freezing winter feel like a warm South African summer breeze.”* Members of the environmental law community in Ottawa greatly welcomed Louis’ contribution, even though some may have considered it unnecessary for him to mention that the temperature was 32°C when he got back to South Africa.

North America and the Caribbean

The role of local governments in Climate Change Law was the subject of a two-day international workshop held October 22-23, 2011 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The programme, convened by Professor Benjamin J. Richardson, Canada Research Chair at the University of British Columbia, contributed to the further development of Climate Law research by the IUCN Academy.

Twenty specialized law and policy researchers drawn from the ranks of nine Academy member

institutions, as well as from local government and the NGO community, examined local climate law from a variety of perspectives. Political, policy and governance challenges were debated in order to better understand opportunities for and obstacles to improved local climate action. Drawing on insights from South Africa, Australia, China, the European Union and the United States, as well as Canadian experience, participants sought to identify best practices, assess the choice and mix of policy tools for local climate action, and consider the relationship between climate law and broader policy goals to build environmentally sustainable communities.

Proceedings from the Vancouver local climate law workshop will be incorporated into a book to be published by Edward Elgar in 2012, entitled *Local Climate Change Law: Environmental Regulation in Cities and Other Localities*.

In June, the IUCN Academy held a conference entitled “Designing Law and Policy for the Transition to Sustainable Energy: The Case of Biofuels”. The conference was held at the University of Ottawa, home to the Secretariat of the Academy. One of the elements that made this conference so unique was the pre-conference field trip to the Johnstown ethanol plant of GreenField Ethanol in Prescott, Ontario. The field trip included a tour of the plant and a dinner hosted by GreenField and attended by local farmers and interested citizens. It was an excellent way to provide a hands-on introduction to the discussions of biofuels.

The gala dinner of the Biofuels conference was held at the fabulous and newly renovated Canadian Museum of Nature. This also provided the ideal opportunity to join forces with the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law’s new Centre for Environmental Law and Global Sustainability <http://www.commonlaw.uottawa.ca/celgs>. The Keynote speaker was David Runnalls, Senior Fellow, Sustainable Prosperity, University of Ottawa and former CEO, International Institute for Sustainable Development, who spoke on **The Transition to a Low-Carbon Economy**. The dinner was attended by 120 people and was a

wonderful event for the Academy and a great opportunity to collaborate with the Centre.

The conference was highly multidisciplinary and multinational. The programme included speakers from Brazil, South Africa, the Philippines, Australia, Canada, the E.U. and the USA, among others. It also included academics, industry members and representatives of various levels of government. Among the academics, there were not only environmental lawyers but economists, geographers and political scientists, as well as significant number of graduate students presenting their work. Among the presenters were several IUCN Academy member scholars. The conference led to wonderful discussion and debate. The Academy will continue to work on this issue in the coming year.

In December, Academy Director Yves Le Bouthillier had an opportunity to discuss the work of the Academy en français in an interview with Radio Canada. The podcast is available at: [http://www.radio-canada.ca/emissions/le monde selon Mathieu/2011-2012/index.asp](http://www.radio-canada.ca/emissions/le_monde_selon_Mathieu/2011-2012/index.asp)

Western Europe

The West-European region of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law encompasses 23 countries, among which 19 EU member states (the other 8 EU member states fall into the East-European region). The annual colloquium in 2014 will be hosted in Spain, by Rovira i Virgili University (Tarragona). As is widely known, the bank crisis from 2008 and the economic and euro crisis in 2011 – still going on – puts the European economy and also its universities into a difficult position. Budget cuts are on the table, and this is a big threat to environmental teaching and scholarship in the region. Indeed, in such circumstances co-operation and exchange of experiences among environmental law teachers becomes even more valuable – but in this vein it is regrettable that funding of networks is clearly threatened: the funding of the Northern Scandinavian Environmental Law Network (NELN+) ended at the end of 2011. We are very

lucky that the co-ordinator – Helle Tegner Anker from Copenhagen University - announced that the website will stay available (<http://www.neln.life.ku.dk/>).

We hope that new applications for funding for the continuation of such a successful network like NELN+ will be successful and that this way of co-operation in a specific region (this time the Scandinavian region) can indeed be continued. In order to enhance the collaboration among specifically European environmental scholars in a wide sense, the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ) together with the Journal for European Environmental and Planning Law (JEEPL) organised in 2011 a European expert-symposium on **Key Challenges and Developments of European Environmental and Planning Law**. The symposium brought together European environmental law experts to address seminal topics of European environmental law but also with a view to laying the groundwork for an open environmental law network and a more large-scale European environmental law conference.

On behalf of the Natural Resources Law Research Group at the University of Oslo, Professor Hans Christian Bugge has extended an invitation to Academy members to attend the environmental law conference **Rule of Law for Nature** in Oslo 9 - 11 May 2012. This three day conference will gather experts in environmental law from different parts of the world and legal cultures. [For the conference programme and related information, see (<http://www.jus.uio.no/english/research/areas/natural-resources/events/05-09-rule-of-law>)

Professor Pat Wouters of Dundee and Dr. Alistair Rieu-Clarke are organizing a global water symposium in June on the 1997 Watercourses Convention (<http://www.dundee.ac.uk/water/unwc/>) followed by Dundee's annual international law and transboundary freshwaters workshop (<http://www.dundee.ac.uk/water/workshop/>).

North Asia

Ben Boer, former Academy Director, has recently been appointed as a professor at the Research Institute of Environmental Law at Wuhan University. He will be spending some months in Wuhan each year for the next three years, and will be teaching and setting up research projects in collaboration with his Chinese colleagues.

In addition to his other academic contributions there, Ben is working with the Research Institute to continue implementation of the Academy's TTT program in relation to Chinese universities. A second pilot version of the TTT program is planned to be presented in China in the next year. For further information, or to express interest in participating, please contact the Academy Secretariat at iucnael@uottawa.ca

The founding conference of the China Association for Environmental and Resource Law (CANRL) was held in August 2011 in Guilin, Guangxi Province in conjunction with the 2011 Symposium on Environmental and Natural Resource Law.

In order to enhance the development of environmental and natural resource law and better facilitate the academic exchange and activities among professionals, the Research Commission for Environmental and Natural Resource Law of China Law Association has been transformed into China Association for Environmental and Resource Law (CANRL). By being registered in and approved by the Ministry of Civil Affairs of the People's Republic of China, the CANRL will be an independent, non-profitable non-governmental organization at the national level with the highest academic capacity in policy and law for environmental protection and natural resource conservation.

South America

CEID Colombia is a Colombian research organization created experts in environmental issues. CEID is a member of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law and has consultative status

in the United Nation Economic and Social Council - ECOSOC and in the UNFCCC.

Over the last four years CEID has planned and organized the International Environmental Congress in Colombia, an event co-sponsored by the IUCN Academy of Environmental law (www.iucnael.org) and the Earth Policy Institute (www.earthpolicy.org).

In 2011, the IV International Environmental Congress was held in Bogota DC where CEID released Lester Brown's book: *World on the Edge*. The topic of the Congress was **Forests: from conservation to its potential in development strategies**. More than 430 participants attended the carbon-free congress and listened to many prominent international speakers such as Tony Juniper (Special Advisor to the Prince of Wales), and Jan McAlpine, Director of U.N. Forest Forum. Experts shared their knowledge and experience on issues related to forests in Colombia and worldwide: 1) Forest governance and communities; 2) Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation – REDD mechanism; 3) Sustainable management of forests and business opportunities; 4) Protection and conservation of forest ecosystems.

In 2012, the V International Environmental Congress will be held on October, 9th and 10th. The topic of the Congress is **GREEN ECONOMY: Bringing theory to practice**. The planned agenda will deal with topics such as: greening public policies, environmental taxation, sustainable production and consumption, new job opportunities and greening existing jobs, renewable energy, circular economy, environmental-economic accounting, and green buildings among others. Interested scholars are invited to contact CEID for more information and to submit a 2 page abstract on a Green Economy-related topic before March, 16th.

INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

The University of Otago, New Zealand

The University of Otago is New Zealand's top ranked university for research quality and is also the oldest. Within the Faculty of Law, Nicola Wheen and Ceri Warnock specialise exclusively in researching and teaching environmental law and a number of other researchers also touch upon this area. The undergraduate courses offered by the Faculty include national environmental law, international environmental law, resource management law and energy law. Nicola's particular area of expertise is with conservation mechanisms and the fisheries quota system and Ceri is concerned with concepts of risk. Otago has a thriving community of LLM and PhD students. At present, we have students undertaking research in a range of environmental law areas including 'environmental protection in times of war', 'REDD mechanisms' and 'property rights in natural resources'. Otago is known as the nature capital of New Zealand and we look forward to welcoming visiting academics, particularly IUCNAEL members, to this beautiful part of the world.



Ceri Warnock



Nicola Wheen

University of Deusto, Faculty of Law, Bilbao, Spain

Located in Bilbao, the financial and business city of the Basque Country, the University of Deusto is a multicultural institution with students, teachers and researchers from all over the world.



Law is the oldest faculty of Deusto. Created in 1886, its activity has always been linked closely to the origin and evolution of the University itself. All along its 125 years of existence, the Faculty of Law has maintained its recognized prestige regarding both the quality of the training and the high standing of its teaching staff and students.

Among the courses integrated in the new Law Degree, the Faculty offers a one-semester subject on *Régimen Jurídico del Medio Ambiente* (Legal Regime of the Environment). This course is taught by Lecturer Juan Luis Moragues.

In September 2010, the Faculty of Law hosted a conference on *La acción de la UE contra el cambio climático. Desafíos globales, compromisos internacionales y acciones comunes* (EU climate change policy: global challenges, international commitments and common action). This conference aimed to disseminate the major results of a research project about *The EU greenhouse gas emissions trading scheme. Abilities and prospects of a climate governance instrument*. This project was coordinated by the *Integración Europea* Research Team of the Faculty. Professor Svitlana Kravchenko, from the University of Oregon and Dr. Nicole Ahner, from the Robert Schuman Center of Advanced Studies

(EUI, Florence) also participated actively in this research.

The Faculty has a range of scholars who have an interest in environmental legal issues. Professor José Luis Ávila, Dean of the Faculty, has focused his studies on urban environment. Dr. Vega María Arnaez's interest is in the area of energy. Her last paper deals with *La comercialización de energía eléctrica a través de las cooperativas de consumo*. Associate Professor Laura Gómez and Dr. M^a Luisa Sánchez actively participated as researchers in the EU ETS project. Finally, Professor Beatriz Pérez de las Heras focuses her research on the EU climate change policy. She teaches on *The EU as an actor of climate governance*, within the PhD program on International and Intercultural Studies.

Catholic University of Paraná (PUCPR), Faculty of Law, Brazil

The Catholic University of Paraná combines tradition with innovation to provide a high quality education to more than 27,000 students from all parts of Brazil. Undergraduate postgraduate programs are spread over five campuses: Curitiba, São José dos Pinhais, Toledo, Londrina e Maringá.

The Faculty of Law (Curitiba Campus) was founded in 1956 and, nowadays, has around 2,200 students. In 2011, it was awarded by the National Association Bar the '2011 OAB Stamp', in recognition for offering one of the best Law Courses in Brazil. Environmental Law is a mandatory unit for all law students, and is also offered as an elective unit in Biology and Urban Management.

The Postgraduate Program in Law (PPGD) was established in 1999. The PPGD offers one area of concentration - Economics and Socioenvironmental Law. It is divided into two research fields: (1) Government, Economic Activity and Sustainable Development, and (2) Societies and Law, which has long been one of the hallmarks of the postgraduate program due to its special focus on socioenvironmental issues.

Dedicated exclusively to teaching and research activities, Professor Heline Sivini Ferreira joined the PUCPR in 2008, as a Visiting Professor at the Postgraduate Program in Law. In 2010, she became an Associate Professor at the institution, which allowed her to work with undergraduate students as well. Her recent work, a book on biofuels, produced in collaboration with Professor José Rubens Morato Leite was nominated for the 'Jabuti Award', the most important literary prize in Brazil. [Heline Sivini Ferreira; José Rubens Morato Leite. *Biocombustíveis: fonte de energia sustentável?* (Saraiva) (2011)].



Heline Sivini Ferreira

THE WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS AND RIO +20

The IUCN's World Conservation Congress will be held in Jeju, South Korea, September 6-15 (<http://www.iucnworldconservationcongress.org/>). During the planning stages for WCC events, the Environmental Law Centre (through Alejandro Iza and Francoise Burhenne-Guilman) extended an invitation to the Academy to collaborate on three proposals that were being formulated through the ELC, CEL and the CEL/WCPA Joint Specialist Group on Protected Areas. The Academy was also invited to join in a workshop on the need for a soil convention through the CEL Specialist Group on Soils. All

four events have been approved by IUCN recently and may be of interest to Academy members who are planning to attend the Congress. The themes to be addressed through workshops or panel sessions are: Rights-based Approaches to Environmental Protection; Climate Change Adaptation; Legal aspects of Protected Areas; and Proposals for an International Soil Convention. . Further details are anticipated shortly.

The Academy has also been in discussions about possible participation in Rio + 20, the dates of which have recently been announced. No decisions have as yet been finalized concerning a formal Academy contribution, although individual members are naturally encouraged to participate in their personal capacity.

EDWARD ELGAR AND THE ACADEMY

With the guidance and encouragement of Ben Booth and his colleagues at Edward Elgar publishing, the Academy's publication programme is now building momentum. The following volumes of conference proceedings are now available at a special discount to members of the Academy. Please visit <http://www.iucnael.org/en/home/publications.html>



INECE AND THE ACADEMY

Participants at the Academy's New York Colloquium will remember the close and valuable co-operation between the Academy and INECE, the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, now reflected in the impressive volume of published by EEP as a result of this colloquium. In the context of its 2011 meetings, INECE endorsed the opportunity for further collaboration with the academic community and the IUCN Academy in particular. INECE's Whistler Statement (<http://inece.org/conference/9/WhistlerStatement.pdf>) included within the elements of its proposed action plan a commitment:

"To establish an advisory committee to better integrate and expand the role of academia into the work of INECE and to expand collaboration between INECE and the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law."

On behalf of the Academy, Chair Robert Fowler responded: *"I strongly support the idea of some closer collaboration between the Academy and INECE, including by way of contributing via a representative to the proposed advisory committee, and look forward to hearing further from INECE as to how we might take these matters forward."*

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