

MINUTES OF THE COLLEGIUM OF THE IUCN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2012 FROM 1:00 TO 2:30 PM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FRANCIS KING CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, UNITED STATES

ATTENDANCE: Robert Fowler, University of South Australia; Yves Le Bouthillier, University of Ottawa/IUCN Academy of Environmental Law; Winnie Carruth, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law; Louisa Denier, IUCN-Environmental Law Centre; Melissa Powers, Lewis & Clark Law School; Willemien du Plessis, North-West University; Anél du Plessis, North-West University; Meghan Trepanier, University of British-Columbia; Sophie Riley, University of Technology, Sydney; Karen Bubna-Litic, University of South Australia; Loretta Feris, University of Cape Town; Brad Morse, University of Waikato; Jan H. Jans, University of Groningen; Nicola Lugaresi, University of Trento; Trevor Daya-Winterbottom, University of Waikato; Svitlana Romanko, Prykarpatsky National University; Alison Rieser, University of Hawaii/University of Maine; Nilufer Oral, Istanbul Bilgi University; Louis Kotzé, North-West University; Lorenzo Schiano Dipepe, University of Genoa; Erkki Hollo, University of Helsinki; Richard Ottinger, Pace Law School; Irina Krasnova, Moscow State Academy of Law; Carla Aceves A., University of Guadalajara; Ann Powers, Pace Law School; Lin Harmon, Pace Law School; Nawneet Vibhaw, National Law University, Delhi; Laurel Pentelow, University of Ottawa; Pierre Cloutier de Repentigny, University of British Columbia/University of Ottawa; Sarah Widman, MD Fisheries Service; Nathalie Chalifour, University of Ottawa; Tumai Murombo, University of Witwatersrand; Morgan McDonald, University of British-Columbia; Antoni Pigrau, Universitat Rovira i Virgili/ CEDAT; Maria Marques, Universitat Rovira i Virgili/ CEDAT; Benjamin Richardson, University of British Columbia; Elaine Hsiao, University of British Columbia; Hana Heineken, Global Witness; Michael Kidd, University of KwaZulu-Natal; Ben Booth, Edward Edgar Publishing; John Dernbach, Widener University; David Hodas, Widener University; Linda Malone, William and Mary Law School; Robert Percival, University of Maryland; Douglas Tookey, Willamette University College of Law; Koh Kheng-Lian, National University of Singapore; Emmanuel Kasimbazi, Makerere University; Mekete Bekele Tekle, Addis Ababa University; Tanzim Afroz, Macquarie Law School; Natalie Stoianoff, University of Technology, Sydney; Angela Dwyer, University of Technology, Sydney; Paul Kibel, Golden Gate University; Wilhelm Bergthaler, DKU University of Linz; Elizabeth Kirk, University of Dundee; Paul Martin, University of New England; Lee Paddock, George Washington University Law School; Rafael Gonzalez, University of Costa Rica; Tracy Hester, University of Houston Law Center; Nicholas Robinson, Pace Law School; Wang Xi, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

1. Welcome and Adoption of the Agenda

Robert Fowler, Chair of the Governing Board of the IUCN Academy, welcomed all attendees to the 2012 Collegium. The Agenda for the Collegium was adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes from 2011 Collegium

The Minutes of the previous Collegium in Eastern Cape, South Africa, on 5th July 2011 were approved.

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

3. Report of the Chair and the Secretariat of the IUCN Academy

The Chair of the Board indicated that he would close the meeting with his report on behalf of the Governing Board and then invited one of the Directors of the Secretariat of the Academy, Yves Le Bouthillier, to present the Report of the Secretariat in the form of a power point presentation. The report covered the activity of the Secretariat since the last Collegium.

The first item was administrative matters:

- The Director mentioned that the Board met on Friday June 29, and Saturday June 30, 2012, and that the minutes of the meeting have already been circulated. During the preceding year, the Secretariat briefed the Board on a quarterly basis regarding its activities. As in previous years, there will be a call by the Secretariat in November 2012 for a partial election of Board members. This year candidatures will be invited for the following regions: Africa, North America and the Caribbean, and Western Europe. The current representatives for Africa (Michael Kidd) and Western Europe (Marjan Peeters) have informed the Board that they do not intend to seek a new mandate. The Collegium warmly thanked both Marjan and Michael for their important contribution to the work of the Academy in the last 5 years. Regarding the staff of the Secretariat, the contract of Winnie Carruth has been renewed for another year. The Collegium recognized her dedication and the great quality of her work. As well the Secretariat has renewed the contract of the webmaster. In addition, the Secretariat has hired a student for the summer and a graduate student is currently pursuing an internship at the Secretariat.

- Much work has been done in the last year on the website and more will be done in the coming year. One issue that will be considered is whether it would be a good idea to facilitate communications between scholars through the website. The Director also invited scholars to update their list of publications on the website and for those not included in this registry to fill out the necessary form to do so.
- Regarding corporate matters, the Secretariat is working on the annual report for the last year. When completed it will be sent to the IUCN as well as to the University of Ottawa. The Secretariat is also working on the annual report to the donor responsible for the creation of an endowment at the University of Ottawa for the benefit of the Secretariat of the Academy. With regard to the bylaws, there were no changes made to them in the last year. The Secretariat is exploring the possibility for the Academy to be granted charitable status.
- The Secretariat coordinated and participated in a number of meetings of the Administrative and Advisory Committees.

Winnie Carruth, Manager of membership, reported for the Secretariat on membership:

- She indicated the membership went from 149 last year to 158 this year. Our members originate from 49 states.
- It is a challenge for the Secretariat to get all the members to pay their membership fees and to do so in time. This was particularly true in the last year given the economic downturn. She encouraged members to give priority to ensuring payment of fees and to do so, if possible, on line with a credit card as this is easier to process for the Secretariat. Some of the money from the membership was used to support the participation at this colloquium of scholars from developing countries.
- The Secretariat has promoted members events as well as their publications and will continue to do so in the coming year. She reminded members that the newsletter always include a section on new members

and invite interested institutions to send information that could be included in the newsletter.

The Director dealt with the next item, the relationship with the IUCN:

- The Licence agreement with the IUCN has been renewed until the end of this year and afterwards the intent of both parties is to renew it again for an additional four years. The Director highlighted the crucial role played by the Chair, Robert Fowler, during these discussions, as well as the key support of the Environmental Law Commission in the person of its Chair, Sheila Abed, and Deputy Chair, Antonio Herman Benjamin.
- Thanks to the excellent relationship with the Environmental Law Center and collaboration with the Director of the ELC, Alejandro Iza and staff member Louise Denier, the Academy was able to jointly organize, with the ELC and CEL a workshop on ecosystem services this year before the colloquium. Melissa Powers, co-chair of the Research Committee of the Academy, led the organization of the workshop for the Academy. Some of the presentations of the workshop will be published in the electronic journal of the Academy and will also feed in an activity that will take place at the World Conservation Congress in Jeju, South Korea in September 2012. Louisa Denier provided some details about the upcoming World Conservation Congress and Melissa Powers confirmed that a book proposal will result from the workshop and subsequent activities. The Collegium applauded their efforts with regard to this initiative. Lee Paddock also mentioned that there will be a number of panels involving the Academy at the World Conservation Congress.

The Director recalled that it was in the last year that the Academy received the ABA Environmental Law Section Award. This was warmly received by the Collegium.

The Director moved on to the next item: fundraising initiatives.

- He emphasized the great number of initiatives taken by Jamie Benidickson, in his capacity as Director, to put proposals together. These

proposals involved a great number of scholars from the Academy and the Secretariat greatly appreciates their input and active support.

- Once again this year the University of Ottawa has made an important contribution to the Secretariat Academy, \$80 000, in addition to the support it provides in kind. This amount matches a similar contribution made by the Law Commission of Ontario for a third consecutive year.

With regard to publications:

- The Editorial Board of the Electronic Journal of the Academy, led by the co-chairs Sandy Paterson and Elizabeth Kirk, delivered an impressive new issue. Elizabeth Kirk called for contributions for the next issue which will have the theme “ecosystem valuation”. She reminded the Collegium that each issue is composed of peer reviewed substantive articles; national reports; and book reviews.
- The Director thanked our publisher, Edward Elgar Publisher, represented at the Collegium by Ben Booth. The last year has been a remarkable one for publications with EEP. As a result of a close collaboration between EEP and the Academy, selected papers from the 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 colloquia have now been published and work is well underway to publish in 2013 two new volumes to cover the 2010 and 2011 colloquia. In addition, the editorial committee for the volume to come out of the 2012 colloquium has already been put in place. In addition, EEP will soon publish in its IUCN Academy Series a book on “Local Climate Change” edited by Ben Richardson following an earlier conference on this topic at the University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada.

The last item covered by the Director was the financial overview for 2011-2012.

- Revenues were \$305,425 and expenses \$193,315. The carry over for 2012-13 is \$112,110.

Following the report by the Secretariat, the Chair mentioned that, due to the efforts of the Secretariat the Academy was on the right track. The Collegium expressed its warm appreciation for the work of the team of the Secretariat.

The Chair also thanked the chairs of the Committees of the Academy, with special thanks for the co-chairs of the Advisory Committees.

The Chair then made a number of closing remarks:

- The Academy had good reasons to be proud of its accomplishments. The Board had received a report from the Secretariat concerning the last ten years. It demonstrated that the Academy over time had put in place a significant structure of governance, and had encouraged and increased participation by members from all over the world.
- There were a number of challenges ahead for the Academy, in the following areas:
 - Membership recruitment and retention: adding to membership in regions currently under-represented and meeting the expectations of our existing members in terms of both the benefits of membership and the opportunities presented to participate in various Academy initiatives. . He encouraged members present to fill in a questionnaire that has been distributed in order that the Board and the Secretariat can identify various needs and expectations by members;
 - Finances and fundraising: the Academy, as reported by the Secretariat, is in reasonable shape for the next two years, but faces a great deal of uncertainty down the road. We all need to look for more financial support for both core activities and teaching/research projects;
 - Academy activities: he noted the need to advance the Academy's work in a range of areas over the next period, including advancing the Training the Teachers Project; increasing collaborative engagement by academy members in both teaching and research projects; advancing the Academy's international profile via engagement in international meetings and collaborative relationship with key international organisations, and finally, promoting regional Academy activities wherever possible.

- Governance and succession planning: he advised that having served for five years as Chair of the Board (as Professor Nicholas Robinson had also done in the past), he has decided not to seek to renew his term as Chair at the beginning of next year. In his view, this five year point is a good time for a change in leadership and also an appropriate time to look at the next ten years direction for the Academy. He noted that the Board and the Secretariat are working on a strategic plan that encompasses a ten year long-term vision for the Academy and a 3-year, working plan for activities in the immediate future.

Michael Kidd invited all the members present to express their great gratitude to Robert Fowler, in his capacity as Chair of the Board, for the last five years. The entire Collegium warmly thanked the Chair.

4. Meeting Closure

As there was no other business, the Collegium was adjourned.