

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS CHOSEN AS PUBLISHER FOR THE IUCN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

On 8 March 2004, the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law signed a publishing agreement with the Syndicate of the Press of the University of Cambridge, to publish the research works of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law. Prof. Nicholas A. Robinson, Chair of the IUCN Commission of Environmental Law, signed on behalf of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, with John Berger representing the Cambridge University Press, at the Pace University School of Law Center for Environmental Legal Studies.

"Cambridge University Press has an outstanding set of publications in the field of environmental law," said Prof. Robinson at the signing ceremony. "IUCN's Environmental Law Programme is proud to be associated with an outstanding university press, advancing knowledge in our world since the 16th century. Inaugurated in November of 2003, and one of Earth's youngest academic institutions, the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law is proud to engage this esteemed press as its publishing partner", said Robinson.

The IUCN Academy's first volumes, which Cambridge expects to publish in October of 2004, will be results of the Academy's pioneering research into the Law of Energy for Sustainable Development. These works were peer reviewed and presented at the 1st Colloquium of the Academy at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, in Shanghai, China, on 4-8 November 2003.

Professors Adrian Bradbrook (Adelaide University), Rosemary Lyster (Sydney University), Richard Ottinger (Pace University) and Wang Xi (Shanghai Jiao Tong University) are the editors and authors of this volume. The volume also features the set of distinguished lectures by Prof. Alexandre Kiss (University of Strasbourg), that inaugurated the Academy's annual synthesis of environmental law. This volume will have as a companion book, the first ever Compilation of Sustainable Energy Laws, edited by Professors Ottinger and Robinson and Victor Tafur, of Colombia. Formal announcement of the availability of these books is expected by July.

The signing ceremony was attended by Ambassador Bhagwat Singh, who himself was a graduate of Corpus Christ College of the University of Cambridge, and IUCN's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Prof. Ottinger attended on behalf of the editors of the volume, as did IUCN colleagues Christina Voigt (University of Oslo), and Kadri Sirq (Estonia), and Prof. Lee Paddock (Pace University), and Nancy Kong (Yale University/Pace University).

The second research project of the IUCN Academy entails a critical re-examination of the laws on land stewardship and ecosystem management. The research papers will be presented at the Academy's Second Colloquium, 4-10 October 2004, at the University of Nairobi, in Nairobi, Kenya.

Inquiries about the future research programmes and publications of the Academy may be referred to Prof. Nicholas A. Robinson, Chair, IUCN CEL.

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