



MU-CEL NEWSLETTER - April 2008

New Teaching Staff

Susan Shearing left DEL at the end of 2007. Two new members of staff have been appointed: Elaine Johnson (for semester 1 only) and Chris Stone (for semester 1 and 2).

Course Development

As a result of DEL's review of all postgraduate Units several changes have been made to their structures. In particular all Units now have an active Blackboard CE6 website. All Units have moved to a three day on campus session block and are offered internally and externally.

Water and Marine Resources Law is being offered for the first time this semester to both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Three New PhD Students

Irene Hoetzer has commenced her PhD supervised by Donna Craig and Erika Techera. In addition, Ms Charu Sharma, a lecturer at the City University in Hong Kong has also commenced her PhD (part-time) with Donna as her Principal Supervisor and Michael Jeffery as her Associate Supervisor. Kip Werren, has recently commenced his PhD studies under the principal supervision of Michael Jeffery with Donna Craig as his Associate Supervisor. Kip is presently lecturing at the University of New England.

Finally, we wish to report that one of our recent outstanding Masters graduates, Jane Scanlon has obtained a full scholarship and will commence her PhD studies in second semester under the principal supervision of Michael Jeffery.

PhD Completions and Applications

Bo (Kevin) Miao, under Michael Jeffery's supervision has successfully completed his PhD and will receive his degree at the graduation ceremonies next month.

Another PhD student Ana Penteado under Donna Craig's supervision has submitted her thesis for examination. Both Linda Hajjar-Lieb and Min

(Miranda) Jiang under the principal supervision of Donna Craig and Michael Jeffery respectively are on track to submit their theses for examination later this year.

In addition, three outstanding PhD candidates have applied for admission in second semester under Michael Jeffery's supervision. Two will graduate with their Masters degrees from Wuhan University's Research Institute of Environmental Law (RIEL) in June of this year. Both have been granted provisional admission to our PhD program conditional upon their obtaining scholarships from the Chinese Scholarship Council and meeting Macquarie's language requirements. These candidates are a result of CEL's recent Chinese university initiatives and the cooperative MOU signed between CEL and RIEL in February 2006.

A third outstanding candidate from Nepal has also applied for admission and a scholarship under Michael Jeffery's supervision. His application is presently being assessed by HDR.

Other Student News

DEL again held a lunch on 7th March 2008 for postgraduate environmental law students. This provided an orientation for new students and an opportunity for networking with continuing students.

The MU-CEL student prize will be awarded to Heath Adams at the upcoming Prize Giving Ceremony on 22 April 2008.

New International Appointments

Erika Techera has been accepted as a member of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law. In particular Erika will be involved in regional Oceania issues connected with her research in relation to community based natural resource management in the South Pacific Island States.

MU-CEL will be active at the IUCN World Congress in October 2008 as several of the Program/Workshop areas relate specifically to research in which we are involved.

Macquarie Journal for International and Comparative Environment Law

Volume 4(2) of the Journal has been published. Volume 5 (1) is currently under preparation and should be published mid-year.

Seminars and Meetings

MU-CEL will be participating in the upcoming Joint UNESCO Macquarie University Forum on *Ethics of Energy Technology* on Sunday 4th May. The Forum will facilitate cross-disciplinary dialogue on the results of research, future research needs, policy lessons and policy recommendations in regard to the ethical issues of energy-related technologies, and related environmental and human security issues.

The Forum is being organised by the Department of Biological Sciences (Dr Irina Pollard) and will be attended by Regional Advisor Professor Darryl Macer (RUSHSAP, UNESCO). A group of DEL students will be presenting at the Forum with assistance of Erika Techera and Elaine Johnson.

DEL participation in Conferences

Michael Jeffery has just returned from speaking at a conference in Monaco organized by the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations based in Paris. The Conference on Governance of High Seas Biodiversity was by invitation only and was co-sponsored by the Prince Albert of Monaco Foundation and the Maritime and Oceanic Law Centre of the University of Nantes. Papers and commentary from this meeting will be presented at the IUCN World Congress to be held later this year in Barcelona.

Publications

A major study about a new investment model for conservation, entitled *Concepts for private sector funded conservation using tax effective instruments* was launched in Sydney on 3rd April. The research was funded by Land & Water Australia's Innovation Call and has involved experts from the Australian Centre for Agriculture and Law, Macquarie University Centre for Environmental Law, working with collaborators including WWF Australia, Kreston Dormers Accountants and AgriDNA. The project leader was Paul Martin (UNE) and the co-authors were Susan Shearing (MU-CEL) and Kip Werren (UNE). The report outlines a new business model for conservation over privately owned lands.

New Affiliations

Michael Jeffery and Donna Craig met with colleagues at Osgoode Hall Law School (York

University) in Toronto and discussed closer ties in our respective areas of interest. In addition they visited the Centre of International and Comparative Environmental Law located at the Faculty of Law of the University of Limoges. This Centre publishes the *Revu Européene de Droit de L'Environnement* and CEL will establish a collaborative relationship with colleagues there.