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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
Rhodes, Island of Rhodes, Greece**

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**"Global Integrity at the Tipping Point:
Imminent and Ongoing Threats to the Ecological, Social and
Cultural Evolution of the Planet"**

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Registration Fee: 200E; 50E for students

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The reservation should be made by sending an e-mail to the following address: <mailto:info@mediterranean.gr> and by indicating that you are a participant of the Global Ecological Integrity Group Conference, so that you can take one room from the already reserved at the arranged price 99 (the double room) and 79 the single room.

Dear Integrity Friends,

This is the updated program for Rhodes. Please note the added location for our reception/dinner, and some added participants, who had thought the deadline was the end of March, rather than the 15th. All seems to be well now. Make sure you book the hotel right away, and specify the group to which you belong in order to take advantage of the rates posted. Should there be any problem, please let me know. Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you all there!

As usual, you are allotted 30 minutes for your presentation, unless you would like questions after it, in which case you could speak for 20 to allow for questions. I have made sure that we have reserved a 30 minute question time at the end of each session, however, so that you can use your full time for your presentation, if you wish. Note that we cannot allow longer presentations, in the interest of fairness to other presenters. Make sure you have your power point presentation ready and I trust there will be a student/technical helper available in case any problem should develop.



We will place a table and a couple of chairs in the lobby of the hotel on the morning of the 21st, after breakfast, so that you can all pay your registration fee, as usual in cash, receive your folder and program as well as a receipt at that time. Should you not be there at that time, Peter or I will approach you at a later date.

We have a very interesting and full program this year, and one anomaly: for the first time I have two presentations rather than one. The books from which they are taken will be available and I encourage you all to bring books or articles and flyers for a display table. There is only one keynote on the last day, as Klaus has been working on that topic with other members who cannot participate this year, and it is a topic of great importance to all.

GEIG Programme FINAL DRAFT

June 21st – Saturday

4:45-5:00 Welcome to the Conference: Tsaltas, Karagiorgou, Westra

Plenary 1 Chair, Laura Westra

5:00- 5:30 Tsaltas, Grigoris et al. (GR) “Evaluation and Development of small Island Communities with Special Reference to Uninhabited Insular Areas”

5:30-6:00 Vicky Karagiorgou (GR) .. Access to Justice for Environmental Matters in the EU”

6:00-6:30 Betsan Martin (NZ) “Could the Smallest Countries on Earth Provide a Tipping Point on Climate Agreements?”

6:30 - 7:00 General Discussion

Dinner on our own

9:00-10:00 “Toxic Trespass” - a one hour DVD offered by Laura Westra at the Hotel Mediterranean

June 22nd – Sunday

Plenary 2 Biological Integrity and Public Health: Chair, Klaus Bosselmann (NZ)

9:00-9:30 Laura Westra (CA) “Child Law and Children's Environmental Health”
9:30-10:00 Kaye H. Kilburn (US) “Why can't Our Air Be Clean?”
10:00-10:30 Colin Soskolne (CA) “Interface Between Public and Environmental Health Regimes: Which Paradigm and in Whose Best Interests”

10:30 - 11:00 General Discussion

11:00 - 11:30 Health Break

Plenary 3 Ecological Integrity, the Right to Water and Climate Change: Chair, Laura Westra

11:30-12:00 Antonio D'Aloia (IT) “The Right to Water: Interaction Between National and International Law”

12:00-12:30 Joseph Dellapenna (US) “Law and the Provision of Water for Megacities”

12:30-1:00 Massimiliano Montini (IT) “Promoting the Ecological Sustainability of Climate Change Related Investments Through Holistic Impact Assessment (HIA)”

1:00 - 1:30 General Discussion

Lunch break 1:00-4:30

Plenary 4 Environmental Governance, Culture, Civil Society and the Media: Chair, Joseph Dellapenna

4:30-5:00 Rose Dyson (CA) “Corporate Media, Ecological Challenges and Social Upheaval”

5:00-5:30 Youlia Moraitou (GR) “Investing in Cultural Heritage, a Step Toward Protecting Cultural Integrity Under attack? (The Case of Nicosia, Cyprus)”

5:30-6:00 Eirini Stefanou (GR) “Going Back to My Political Roots: How Environmental Law Leads the Way to a Democratic Society”

6:00 - 6:30 General Discussion

7:30 Dinner/Reception Offered by GEIG to all Participants (Location Alexis 4 Seasons Restaurant www.alexis4seasons.com)

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June 23rd – Monday

Plenary 5 Ecological Integrity and Indigenous Peoples' Rights: Chair, Phil Fontaine

9:00-9:30 Brad Morse (CA/NZ) “Indigenous Peoples and their Right to Water”

9:30-10:00 Kathleen Mahoney (CA) "Torts, Mass Harms and Human Rights"
10:00-10:30 Sandra Jen (Belgium) "Access to Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge and the Fair Sharing of Benefits: The Way Forward in the EU"

10:30-11:00 General Discussion

11:00-11:30 Health Break

Plenary 6 *Ecology for Democratic Governance: Chair, Colin Soskolne*

11:30-12:00 Peter Venton (CA) "Radical Changes in Canadian Democracy for Ecology and the Public Good"
12:00-12:30 Geoff Garver (CA) "A Complex Adaptive Legal System for the Challenges of the Anthropocene"
12:30-1:00 Dan Dolderman (CA) "The Unstoppable Snowball: Bringing Environment Activism Into Mainstream Society"

1:00-1:30 General Discussion

1:30-4:30 Lunch Break

Plenary 7 *Ecological Integrity and the Food Systems: Chair, Geoff Garver*

4:30-5:00 Antonio Cardesa-Salzmann & Alba Cedó-Guivernau (SP) "Of Whales and Common Interests: Appraising the Significance of Whaling in the Antarctic"
5:00-5:30 Constanz Frank Oster (DE) "Why It Makes Sense to Eat Less Animal Products"
5:30-6:00 Lily Wen/Nancy Chen (Taiwan) "A Culture of Food Sustainability"
6:00-6:30 Mery Ciacci (IT) "Safeguarding Heritage to Limit the Impacts of Biotechnology in Agriculture: Cultural Heritage Law and Bicultural Rights"

6:30 - 7:00 General Discussion

Dinner on our own

June 24th – Tuesday

Optional Half-Day Tour of Historical Rhodes (Details TBA)

Plenary 8 *Law and Sustainability in Conflict: Chair, Vicky Karagiorgou*

4:00-4:30 Wen Xiang (DK) "Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources"
4:30-5:00 Anastasia Fotinakopoulou (GR) "Redefining the Relationship Between CBD and the TRIPS Agreement: The First Step Toward confronting Biopiracy"
5:00-5:30 Benjamin Gussen (NZ) "Subsidiarity as a *Conditio Sine Qua Non* for Sustainability"
5:30-6:00 Jefferson Brown and Abby Sandy (US) "A Critical Look at the State of REDD"
6:00-6:30 Donato Gualtieri (IT) "Regional Approaches to Biological Invasions: The Role of the EU"

6:30 7:00 General Discussion

Dinner on our own

June 25th – Wednesday

Plenary 9 ***Toward Ecological Governance: Chair, Kathleen Mahoney***

9:00-10:00 Keynote: Klaus Bosselmann (NZ) “Towards New Institutions for the Global Commons”

10:00-10:30 Donald Brown (US) and Ben Brown (US) “Practical Lessons Learned to Achieve Environmental Goals from 65 Years of Expanding International Human Rights Law”

10:30-11:00 Spyridon Thanasoulas (GR) “From Millennium Development Goals to Sustainable Development Goals: A Critical Approach”

11:00-12:00 General Discussion and Health Break

Lunch Break 12:00 - 4:00

Plenary 10 ***The Perils of Environmental Defence: Chair, Don Brown***

4:00-4:30 Susanna Borrás and A. Pigrau (ES) “The Right to Defend the Environment: The Persecution of Environmental Defenders”

4:30-5:00 Laura Westra (CA) “Revolt Against Authority”

5:00-5:30 Katy Kintzele (US) “Seeking Justice in a Land Without Justice: The Application of Anti-Corruption Principles to Environmental Law”

5:30-6:00 Yulia Lyamzina (RU) “Hidden and Indirect Effects of War and Political Violence”

6:00-7:00 General Discussion and Close of Conference: Future Plans

June 26th – Thursday

Optional Tours to Another Island (TBA)