

# Global Ecological Integrity, Human Rights, and Human Responsibilities: Intersections Between International Law and Public Health

URBINO, ITALY: June 27- July 1, 2003

A conference

co-organized by Laura Westra, Colin L. Soskolne, and William (Bill) E. Rees

## FINAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM (June 27 update)

dated May 16, 2003

Convene in Florence, via del Proconsolo 12, near the Duomo,

**by no later than noon;**

then, proceed by bus to Urbino at 1 p.m. sharp (projected cost, about €12)

### ▶ June 27

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Reception and light dinner at Albergo Italia - all conference participants. Evening free

*NOTE: All meetings are at the University of Urbino, unless indicated otherwise*

### ▶ June 28

9:00 a.m. – Noon

#### Plenary Session 1

“The Earth Charter: Linkages to Public Health and the Law”

Chair

**Klaus Bosselmann** (NEW ZEALAND)

– **Speakers:**

09:00 – 09:15 a.m.  
09:15 – 09:30 a.m.  
09:30 – 10:00 a.m.  
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

- **Introductions by Laura Westra**
- **Welcome by the Mayor of Urbino, The Hon. Doctor Massimo Galluzzi**
- **Brendan Mackey** (AUSTRALIA) “The Earth Charter and Ecological Integrity”
- **Ron Engel** (USA) “A New Covenant for Global Democracy: The Size of the Task Before Us”

*Break*

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

– **Speakers:**

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.  
11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

- **Laura Westra** (CANADA) “Integrity, Health and Supranational Governance”
- **Judge Amedeo Postiglione** (Supreme Court – Rome, ITALY) “Environment and International Justice”

11:45 – Noon

– **General Discussion**

*Lunch*

Noon – 2 p.m.

◀ June 28

2:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Chair

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

2:30 – 2:40 p.m.

2:40 – 3:00 p.m.

3:00 – 3:20 p.m.

*Break*

3:20 – 3:35 p.m.

3:35 – 3:55 p.m.

3:55 – 4:15 p.m.

*Break*

4:15 – 4:30 p.m.

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Chair

4:30 – 4:55 p.m.

4:55 – 5:20 p.m.

*Break*

5:20 – 5:30 p.m.

5:30 – 5:55 p.m.

5:55 – 6:20 p.m.

6:20 – 6:30 p.m.

Plenary Session 2

“Science & Sustainability: Concepts and Cases”

Laura Westra (CANADA)

– **Keynote Speaker: James Karr** (USA) “Measuring What Matters; Counting What Counts: A Global Citizen’s Perspective”

– **Discussion**

– **Speaker:**

- **Janos Toth** (HUNGARY) “The Social Aspects of an Environmental Catastrophe”

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– **Speaker:**

- **Eva Cudlinova** (CZECH REPUBLIC) “Voluntary Agreements as Examples of Taking Responsibility for Environmental Pollution”

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Plenary Session 3

“Public Health and the Environment”

William Rees (CANADA)

– **Speakers:**

- **Colin Soskolne** (CANADA) “Public Health and Human Rights: The Right to Healthy Indoor Air”
- **Maud Huynen & Pim Martens** (THE NETHERLANDS) “Future Health: The Health Dimension in Global Scenarios”

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– **Speakers:**

- **Valerie Brown** (AUSTRALIA) “The Sustainability Dialogue, Public Health, and the Construction of Knowledge”
- **Kerstin Mechlem** (FAO, ITALY) “The Right to Food: Recent Developments”

– **General Discussion**

▶ **June 29**

10:00 – 11:50 a.m.

**Plenary Session 4**

**“Human Rights and the Law”**

Chair

**Don Brown (USA)**

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

– **Speakers:**

- **William Rees (CANADA)** “Toward Sustainability with Justice: Can Cultural Mutation Override Biological Evolution?”

10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

- **Klaus Bosselmann (NEW ZEALAND)** “Human Rights and the Environment: A Circular Affair. The Case for an Ecological Approach”

11:30 – 11:50 a.m.

– **General Discussion**

*Lunch, then Chartered Bus for an optional visit to Assisi for the afternoon & dinner (?)*

▶ **June 30**

09:30 – 12:05 p.m.

**Plenary Session 5**

**“Globalization, Water and the Law”**

Chair

**Colin Soskolne (CANADA)**

09:30 – 09:55 a.m.

– **Speakers:**

- **Joseph Dellapenna (USA)** “A Human Right to Water: An Ethical Position or a Realizable Goal”

09:55 – 10:20 a.m.

- **Ruana Rajapakse (SRI LANKA)** “Water as a Human Right: Legal, Social and Economic Implications”

*Break*

10:20 – 10:35 a.m.

– **Speakers:**

10:35 – 11:00 a.m.

- **Emma Witbooi (SOUTH AFRICA)** “Environmental Justice in South Africa: Legislative Attempts to Balance Equitable Access to Adequate Safe Water with Sustainable Use of the Nation’s Water Resources”

11:00 – 11:25 a.m.

- **Jack Manno (USA)** “Engineering, Biology, Integrity, Thanksgiving and Original Instructions: Modes of Reasoning in the Management of Canada/US/Mohawk Boundary Waters”

11:25 – 11:50 a.m.

- **David Manuel-Navarrete, Dan Dolderman, James Kay (CANADA)** “People and Their Involvement in the Ecological Integrity Dialogue”

11:50 – 12:05 p.m.

– **General Discussion**

12:05 – 2:00 p.m.

*Lunch followed by*

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Tour of Urbino with Guide.*

◀ June 30

4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Chair

4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

*Break*

5:00 – 5:10 p.m.

5:10 – 5:30 p.m.

5:30 – 5:50 p.m.

5:50 – 6:10 p.m.

6:10 – 6:30 p.m.

Plenary Session 6

“Sustainability, Public Policy and the Law”

**James Karr** (USA)

– Speakers:

- **Roberto Bertollini** (WHO, EURO) “Related Goals of the WHO”
- **Konrad Ott** (GERMANY) “Strong Sustainability and Environmental Policy in Germany”

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– Speakers:

- **Richard Westra** (SOUTH KOREA) “What is the ‘Value’ of the Human-Life World? A Japanese Approach to Ecological Integrity”
- **Dire Tladi** (SOUTH AFRICA) “Human Rights, the Environment and Sustainable Development: A South African Response”
- **Cesidio Parissi** (AUSTRALIA) “Paradigm Shifts in Sustainability Governance - Looking to the Future”

– General Discussion

▶ July 1

09:30 – Noon

Chair

09:30 – 10:00 a.m.

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

*Break*

10:30 – 10:40 a.m.

10:40 – 11:10 a.m.

11:10 – 11:40 a.m.

11:40 – Noon

*Lunch*

Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Plenary Session 7

“Global Rights and Responsibilities”

**Jack Manno** (USA)

– Speakers:

- **Don Brown** (USA) “What is Next After KYOTO? What and When is required of Nations to limit their Emissions of Greenhouse Gasses Based upon “Equity” to “Prevent Dangerous Interference with the Climate System”
- **Giulio De Leo & M. Gatto** (ITALY) “The Socio-Environmental Costs and Benefits of the Kyoto Protocol”

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– Speakers:

- **Helmut Burkhardt** (CANADA) “A Full Spectrum Integrity Index of Nations”
- **Prue Taylor** (NEW ZEALAND) “The Earth Charter: Leading the Ethical Debate on Biotechnology”

– General Discussion

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Plenary Session 8

“Global Rights and Responsibilities” (cont.)

Helmut Burkhardt (CANADA)

– Speakers:

- **Heiner Benking** (GERMANY) “Environmental Ethics and Governance”
- **Louis Kotze** (SOUTH AFRICA) “The Constitutional Court’s Contribution to Sustainable Development in South Africa: Constitutional Interpretation and Adjudication in Matters of Sustainable Development”

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– Speakers:

- **Philippe Crabbé** (CANADA) “Community-level adaptation to climate change”
- General Discussion

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Plenary Session 9

“Sustainability and Global Ethics”

Ron Engel (USA)

– Speaker:

- **Nigel Dower** (UNITED KINGDOM) “The Earth Charter – A Global Ethic for Development”

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– Speakers :

- **Brunetto Chiarelli** (ITALY) “The Atlas Project for CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction in the Mediterranean Region”
- **Imre Lázár** (HUNGARY) “Geopathology: Narratives of Geopathic Radiation”

Concluding Panel – General Remarks by Westra [on Goodland], Soskolne, Burkhardt and Brown