

Dear Integrity Friends,

I want to start by thanking with all my heart those of you who came to celebrate the 25th anniversary of GEIG: I hope you found the trip worthy of your time and expense. I am also more than grateful to Dean Houser who kindly took the time to welcome our group to the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law, although no one from the latter was present. Warm thanks are also due to Marcello Guarini, now Dean of Arts, who was the first student supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) grant, which funded our original research from 1992 to 1999 while I was philosophy professor at the U. of Windsor. It is also thanks to Dean Guarini that we enjoyed the beautiful location for our final discussion/meeting on Friday June 30 at Canterbury College, and thanks to Luc's advice (whom you finally met!) that we enjoyed our excellent lunch there. The format of "discussion/meeting" of the last day initiated a pattern that will be continued.

Finally I want to thank our Keynote speakers, Kathleen Mahoney, Sheila Collins and Richard Westra, whose presentations attested to the high level of thought and research that characterize our yearly meetings, as do all the varied and interesting presentations we heard each day. In fact, as many of us agreed, we have developed into an excellent "think-tank", well worthy of the work some of us do to bring that research to the eyes of international law organizations, as Klaus Bosselmann is doing, as Colin Soskolne did in earlier times by bringing us and our work to the attention of the WHO, and others are doing in several ways; and as Katy Gwiazdon has done with the development of our excellent new website.

Essentially, as we reflect on our past achievements, and as we note the connections between our research and the global problems that need to be addressed urgently, we also support other associations through those who are, in some sense, the "generals", the leaders that forge ahead as they attempt to promote new policies and laws based on our thinking and joint work.

I also want to thank those of you who came to our house on Canada Day, for our annual dinner/reception. My house holds the memories and souvenirs of 60 years of marriage, but also, at the same time, many of the memories from past GEIG meetings, such as the Turkish carpet Peter bought in a boat tour to Turkey from our Samos meeting; the prayer of St. Francis framed in the kitchen, from our meetings in Assisi; the Hungarian museum prints from Budapest, also in the kitchen; and the King Charles puppet from Prague, to name but a few. I'm only sorry I was too busy to spend more time with each one of you.

And now to look ahead: in October I have been invited by Prof. Virginia Zambrano, Faculty of Law at the University of Salerno to present once again on On Hunger, and to help with the early organization for next year's meeting which this new member was kind enough to propose hosting.

All in all, I hope you enjoyed the meeting as I did, and I look forward to sending out the next Call for Papers in November, as usual, and to plan with you our next meeting, once more in Italy, and once again on the sea.

Laura Westra.

An additional note from Klaus:

Speaking on behalf of those who were there, I thank Laura wholeheartedly for her hospitality at the Law School in Windsor and in her beautiful home. As we all have experienced, GEIG is well and alive and we have Laura to thank for her inspiration and leadership during the past 25 years. Let the "spirit of Windsor" guide us for many years to come!

Klaus Bosselmann