The Antarctic Treaty System:
Legal and Environmental Issues

10 June 2006, Edinburgh

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The British Institute of International and Comparative Law, in collaboration with the International Law Association (British Branch) and the Scottish Centre for International Law, is arranging a conference on international legal issues arising from the Antarctic Treaty regime. The conference is to coincide with the forthcoming Antarctic Treaty Consultative Party Meeting to be hosted by the United Kingdom from 12-23 June, 2006 in Edinburgh. A one day conference will be held on Saturday 10 June to which both Antarctic legal scholars and delegates to the Consultative Party Meeting will be invited to give papers and participate in discussions.

The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for analysis of Antarctic legal and environmental issues which have a contemporary value both generally and for the purposes of the subsequent Consultative Party Meeting itself. It is hoped to encourage geographical representation among participants. While participants will be asked to fund their own travel and accommodation, some funds will be available to assist those from the developing member States.

PROGRAMME

9:00- 9:30 Registration: University of Edinburgh, Playfair Library

9:30- 11:00 Session 1: Raeburn Room

Introduction: Professor Gillian Triggs, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Keynote address: Dr Marie Jacobsson, Swedish Foreign Ministry, ‘Future Challenges for the Antarctic Treaty System’

11:00-11:30 Coffee

11:30- 1:00 Session 2; “Antarctic Environmental Legal Issues”

• Professor Alan Boyle, Edinburgh University, ‘The Liability Annex’
• Professor Christopher Joyner, Georgetown University ‘The Emerging Legal Regime for Navigation through Ice-Infested Antarctic Waters’
• Ivana Zovko, University of Zagreb ‘Vessel-sourced pollution in the Southern Ocean’

1:00-2:00 Lunch

2:00-3:30 Session 3; “Marine Protected Areas and the law”

• Karen Scott, Nottingham University, ‘Marine Scientific Research and the ATA: interaction with UNCLOS’
• Professor Stuart Kaye, University of Wollongong, ‘IUU Fishing in the Southern Oceans’
• Dr Thomas Bauer, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, ‘Antarctic Tourism: Management, environmental impacts and future directions’

3:30- 4:00 Afternoon tea

4:00-5:30 Session 4; “The Antarctic Treaty System: institutional practices and future legal development”.

• Professor Don Rothwell, University of Sydney, ‘Capacity of the ATS to work with other legal regimes: whaling, bioprospecting and climate change’.
• Patrizia Vigni, University of Siena ‘Antarctic Bioprospecting’
• Jan Huber, Antarctic Treaty Secretariat Argentina, ‘Notes on the ATCM recommendations and their approval process’

5.30-5.45 Closing Address: Dr Jorge Berguño, Chilean Antarctic Institute

5:45-6:30 Wine and cheese.

7:30 Dinner: Playfair Library
Travel by Rail

All trains arrive at Waverley Station in the centre of the city, although some trains also stop at Haymarket, which is a smaller station in the west end. Walking from Waverley to the central University areas takes approximately 15 minutes, and there are good bus connections to take you further afield.

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Visitors using the A1 can approach the University following the City Bypass (A720), turn off at the A701 junction until it becomes Mayfield Road (The Science and Engineering Faculty) and continue straight ahead until through Causewayside until you reach the central area.

The King's Buildings Campus can be seen on this map, and it is accessed by following the A701 from from the City Bypass (A720) until it becomes Mayfield Road. Entrance gates 3 and 4 can be found on Mayfield Road with entrance gates 1 and 2 on West Mains Road.

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