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### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Rhodes, Island of Rhodes, Greece

June 21 - 26, 2014

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

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**Location:** Rhodes, Island of Rhodes, Greece  
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**Registration Fee:** 200E; 50E for students

#### Hotel Information

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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 21<sup>st</sup> – 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 22<sup>nd</sup> – 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 Donato Gualtieri (IT) “Regional Approaches to Biological Invasions: The Role of the EU”

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 1:00-4:00



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 24<sup>th</sup> – 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 Janice Gray (AU) "Unconventional Gas Mining - What a Fracking Story!"  
6:30-7:00 General Discussion

Dinner on our own

## ***June 25<sup>th</sup> – 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 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday***

Optional Tours to Another Island (TBA)