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MARYLAND-PACE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ALLIANCE TAKES OFFICE AS SECRETARIAT FOR THE IUCN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The New Joint Maryland-Pace Secretariat Will Provide Support to the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law's Growing Worldwide Network of Environmental Research and Educational Institutions

Oslo, Norway – June 23, 2016. The Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University (formerly named "Pace Law School") ("Pace Law") and the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law ("Maryland Carey Law") will jointly serve as Secretariat for the Governing Board of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources ("IUCN") Academy of Environmental Law ("Academy"). The Maryland-Pace Environmental Law Alliance will draw on each program's strengths and its long-standing relationships with the Academy, IUCN, and leading environmental legal experts and scholars in order to expand the global reach of environmental law.

Last year, Pace Law and Maryland Carey Law launched the Maryland-Pace Environmental Law Alliance, creating a new partnership between their nationally ranked Environmental Law Programs. Historically, Pace Law and Maryland Carey Law have been intimately involved with the work of the IUCN. In 2003, Pace Law was instrumental to the inception of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, now a global network of around 200 member universities from over 50 countries on every continent dedicated to research and education in environmental law. "IUCN's flagship legal 'think tank' has immeasurably enhanced the growth and effectiveness of environmental law worldwide," said Pace Law's Professor Robinson, founder and first Chair of the Academy.

The Academy is the only international learned society for university environmental law academic scholars. Professor Robert Percival, Maryland Carey Law's Robert F. Stanton Professor of Law and Environmental Law Program Director, remarked, "With nearly 200 member institutions from every corner of the world, the Academy has created an extraordinary global community of scholars dedicated to improving environmental law." The Academy has already published 50 books and holds annual Colloquia at different institutions around the world. Pace Law hosted the Academy's 4th Colloquium in 2006, and Maryland Carey Law hosted the 10th Colloquium in 2012. This year, the University of Oslo held the 14th Colloquium in Oslo, Norway and welcomed 350 participants.

"Through the Secretariat position, our law students will have incredible opportunities to build relationships with lawyers, judges, legal experts and scholars, government officials, and other students from around the world who are pushing the agenda of environmental law forward," said Professor Jason Czarnezki, Pace Law's Gilbert and Sarah Kerlin Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law and Executive Director of Environmental Law Programs. Jullee Kim, Pace Law's Global Environmental Law Fellow added that "as a graduate fellow, being able to attend and participate in meetings with the Academy's Governing Board, prior Secretariat, and Maryland Carey Law the past few weeks has been an extremely positive and valuable experience, allowing me to learn about the pressing concerns and agenda for the future of environmental law."

At the Annual General Meeting of the Academy ("Collegium") held on June 23, 2016 during this year's Colloquium, the membership approved the transition from the Academy's existing Secretariat, the University of Ottawa, Canada, to the new joint Secretariat, between Pace Law and Maryland Carey Law.

This transition will coincide with the reincorporation of the Academy in Maryland, United States. As a result of the transition and relocation, the Secretariat will restructure its capacity to provide administrative support for the Academy's ongoing achievements, as well as to the growing future of the Academy.

Under the direction of the Academy's Governing Board, the new Secretariat will continue to carry out the affairs of the Academy, which vary from administrative responsibilities to facilitating communications with its membership, the Governing Board, IUCN and partner organizations. Additionally, the Secretariat organizes major conferences including the Academy's Annual Colloquia, coordinates the production of the Academy's publications, and assists with the selection of Academy fellows and recipients of the Academy's prizes and awards.

The Academy's Current Chair Nilufer Oral stated, **"**The Academy is very excited to have the new Secretariat hosted jointly by the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. Each of these institutions is a leader in environmental law and will further strengthen the work of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, a global network of around 200 institutions."

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For almost four decades, Pace Law's Environmental Law Program, which houses the Global Center for Environmental Legal Studies, has provided an internationally acclaimed environmental legal education. Its dedicated faculty have been pioneers in developing and implementing environmental law and continue to serve as national and world leaders in the field. Its alumni are at work in law firms, government agencies, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and universities across the country and around the world. Its students choose from more than forty environmental law courses, exciting opportunities to work in its innovative on- campus research centers and clinics, and unparalleled prospects to develop into highly qualified environmental lawyers. For more information on the Pace Law's Environmental Law Program, visit http://law.pace.edu/environment and on the Global Center for Environmental Legal Studies, visit http://law.pace.edu/global-center-environmental-legal-studies.

The University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Environmental Law Program is committed to developing tomorrow's environmental leaders by addressing today's environmental challenges. For more than two decades Maryland's nationally ranked Environmental Law Program has trained environmental lawyers in government, non-profit, corporate, and private practice. For more information on Maryland Carey Law's Environmental Law Program, visit http://www.law.umaryland.edu/programs/environment/.

For more information on IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, please visit the website at: http://www.iucnael.org/.