All of us who work in law, he said, must acknowledge the contributions to the rule of law of persons from many professions and walks of life.

“It is fitting that Erivan and Helga Haub are with us tonight, for it was their leadership and quiet philanthropy that has made possible the Elizabeth Haub Prize for Environmental Law, as well as the on-going work of the Elizabeth Haub Foundations in Europe and North America…”

Richard Ottinger continued by saying that normally, the Agreement establishing this Prize recognises that there would be only one Prize. “Indeed, those at the symposium in Wiesbaden noted that in some years there might not be any one who would merit the award, and that the Jury should be discerning and pass over a year if candidates did not reflect great accomplishment. In this inaugural year, however, the Jury found that two individuals deserved the recognition of this prize, and the Rules for the prize allow this flexibility where merited.”

The Award ceremony then began, with Ambassador Data Rastam Mohd Isa receiving the Prize on behalf of Ambassador Razali who unfortunately could not attend.

The citations were conferred by Pace University School of Law and were read by Ambassador Bhagwat Singh, Secretary of the Jury for the Prize. Marilyn Jaffe-Ruiz, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Pace University, presented the citations to the Laureates.

The Gold Medals were conferred by the International Council of Environmental Law and presented by Helga Haub, Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Elizabeth Haub Foundation and Wolfgang Burhenne. Nicholas Robinson, as Governor of ICEL and Chair of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law, congratulated the prizewinners.

The ceremony was followed by an address given by Bo John Kjellén, in which he expressed his gratitude and honour in accepting the Award. The main theme of the address is printed on pp. 171–174.

Commemoration of Elizabeth Haub

The inauguration of the Elizabeth Haub Prize for the Environmental Diplomacy also featured a special commemorative presentation of the life and contributions of Elizabeth Haub, presented by Wolfgang Burhenne, Executive Governor of the International Council of Environmental Law. He described a woman who had attended an agrarian college for women, had set up a farm that was able to sustain itself comfortably, even during World War II, who had run a business, and who had supported the environmental movement before the term was generally recognised. In 1968, on the occasion of her father’s 100th birthday, she founded the Karl-Schmitz-Scholl Fund for Environmental Policy and Law (KSSF). Elizabeth Haub died in 1977, when her daughter-in-law Helga Haub took over as Chairwoman of the Fund.

Wolfgang Burhenne also described the great support given by the KSSF to the Environmental Law Programme of IUCN and to the International Council of Environmental Law.

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