

# EDITORIAL

*The Third International Symposium of Laureates of the Elizabeth Haub Prizes for Environmental Law and Environmental Diplomacy convened from 14–16 November 2013 in Murnau, Germany. Preceded by similar gatherings in 1997<sup>1</sup> and 2006,<sup>2</sup> this occasion engaged laureates in a free exchange of views on papers prepared on matters in each of their respective fields of expertise. This special issue conveys the resulting contributions and wide-ranging discussions concerning the further development and promotion of international environmental law and policy.*

*The structure of this issue mirrors the schedule of the three-day event. A ceremony honouring the 2013 laureates, Koh Kheng Lian and Lubna Al Qasimi, was held in the evening on 14 November. Beginning the next morning, and over two days, the symposium convened in eight sessions, in which the laureates' contributions were clustered under five topics: Normative Aspects of Sustainability; International Law-Making and Implementation; Oceans; Freshwaters; and Public Participation. The papers relevant to each cluster are published in the order they were presented. Following all of the papers in a cluster is a summary of the laureates' discussions.*

*Special thanks must be given to Helga and Erivan Haub for their gracious hospitality as hosts of the symposium. In addition to 28 laureates, the Haub family also welcomed a number of special guests to Murnau, including representatives of the Elizabeth Haub Foundations for Environmental Law and Policy, the International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL), the IUCN Environmental Law Programme, Stockholm University, and Pace University School of Law. Through the generosity of the Haub family and so many others, the symposium provided an ideal atmosphere for fostering further action on behalf of the environment and sustainable development.*

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*- Wolfgang Breyer -*

## Notes

1 The Elizabeth Haub Colloquium on “The Cutting Edge of Environmental Law: Compliance and Emerging Norms”, was held from 17–19 April, 1997 in Wiesbaden, Germany. All manuscripts and proceedings of the discussions were published in *EPL* 27/4.

2 The Second International Symposium for the Laureates of the Elizabeth Haub Prizes took place in Murnau, Germany from 20–22 September 2006, with all papers and discussion proceedings published in *EPL* 37/2–3.