

# EDITORIAL

*This issue is very late. I personally must apologise and ask for your forgiveness, as there have been too many items pending, not only the special issue on the Murnau Symposium which you have received, but also many urgent items which needed resolution. One of the most important of which was the preparation for the first meeting of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Environmental Assembly, which I must participate not only for the reason that I have been participating in UNEP since its inception, but also for the reason that there are points on the agenda for which I must provide guidance. Particularly, I want to highlight that there is no provision for international environmental crimes. Previously, an initiative of Professor Tomuschat of the International Law Commission to address this issue failed. Since that effort, calls for such a provision among the international community have increased – especially in the last year – in connection with the killing of elephants and rhinoceroses and the illegal trade in their tusks and horns. (See, e.g., p. 277).*

*After much delay regarding this issue, I am thankful to my assistants Nadia Edwards and Seth Kagan for lending a helping hand in seeing this issue come to fruition. I promise we will not let you wait for such important news again.*

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*- Wolfgang Bush -*