



Year in Review 2016

Early Career Group

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The highlights of Early Career Group (ECG) activities for 2016 center around IUCN's World Environmental Law Congress held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in April and the World Conservation Congress held in Honolulu, Hawai'i in September 2016. The ECG has also strengthened ties with the Future Earth Network of Networks, contributed to the "IUCN World Declaration on the Environmental Rule of Law", developed (and implemented) the WCEL Social Media Strategy, and continued to build on activities initiated in the previous reporting period such as the WCEL blog and the book project:

At the IUCN World Conservation Congress held in Hawai'i in September 2016, ECG Co-Chairs, Michelle Lim and Nick Bryner (UCLA) organised the ["Emerging Leaders and the Future of Environmental Law"](#) side event in conjunction with Prof. Denise Antolini, University of Hawai'i and the Supreme Court of Hawai'i. As part of the "Environmental Law Journey" the event brought together an international group of emerging environmental law scholars and practitioners, and was well attended by local and international early career environmental lawyers. It was also supported by a large group of established environmental law experts including Supreme Court justices from Hawai'i and Brazil, and members of WCEL and the IUCN Academy of Environmental law.

The ECG also jointly organised a workshop with the IUCN Environmental Law Centre asking the question: "Is there a place for law in the future of conservation?" The workshop convened an eminent panel of speakers from a range of sectors and disciplines. Panellists comprised: Prof. Nilufer Oral (Chair, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law), Elizabeth Mrema (Director, UNEP Division of Environmental Law and Conventions (DELCC)); Justice Antonio Herman Benjamin; Trevor Sandwith (Director, IUCN Global Protected Areas Programme); Ida Kubiczweski (Australian National University); and Deric Quaille (Manager, Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Shell). [A video](#) was a key output of the workshop.