

2019 Mid-Year Report

Ethics Specialist Group

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I. Activity Updates

During the reporting period, several ongoing Ethic Specialist Group (ESG) projects were further advanced. These included Climate Ethics (coordinated by Prue Taylor and Don Brown), Earth Democracy (coordinated by Klaus Bosselmann, Peter Burdon and Ron Engel), The Future of Conservation (coordinated by Kathryn Gwiazdon), and Ecological Law and Governance (coordinated by Klaus Bosselmann and Kathryn Gwiazdon). Collaborators in all these projects presented on several international conferences, and published articles and book chapters. Two projects that started in 2018 concern the Global Pact for the Environment (coordinated by Paulo Maghalaes and Klaus Bosselmann) and the Earth Trusteeship Initiative (coordinated by Klaus Bosselmann and Prue Taylor).

Highlights included:

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the Ecological Law and Governance Association (ELGA) was established in October 2017 and promoted throughout 2018. ELGA-workshops were held at the 2018 IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium in Glasgow, the 2018 Global Ecological Integrity Group conference in Salerno, Italy, and several other international conferences. ESG has a firmly established leadership role in promoting the shift from environmental

Other activities of ESG members during the reporting period included conference presentations, reports, and publications in the areas of global ethics, Earth jurisprudence, global environmental law, climate change, ecological integrity, trophy hunting, and the Global Pact for the Environment, among others.

II. Member Engagement

Current membership consists of 30 individuals who are also members of WCEL and further 15 -members (other institutions).