



Asia - Pacific Centre *for* Environmental Law

**Fourth Annual Report
1 August 1999 – 31 July 2000**

ASIA-PACIFIC CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (APCEL) FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

This report covers the activities of APCEL from 1 August 1999 to 31 July 2000.

1. Organisation

The Asia – Pacific Centre for Environmental Law was established on 15 February 1996 by the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (NUS), at the initiative of the Faculty and the World Conservation Union-Commission on Environmental Law (IUCN–CEL), and in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Among the objectives of APCEL are:

- To serve as a regional training centre for the teaching of environmental law;
- To organise conferences, seminars and other programmes on environmental issues;
- To establish and develop a collection of materials on environmental law and policy, and maintain an electronic database; and
- To cooperate and collaborate with law schools, institutes, centres and such other organisations to further its objectives.

An **Executive Committee** serves APCEL. The members are:

Professor KL Koh, Director
Associate Professor RC Beckman, Deputy Director
Associate Professor Lye Lin Heng, Deputy Director (on sabbatical leave from 9 Aug 1999 – 8 May 2000)

Associate Professor LR Penna
Simon SC Tay
Alan Tan Khee Jin (on study leave)
Victor Ramraj
Brady S Coleman
Burton Ong

Its **Advisory Committee** members are:

His Excellency, Professor Tommy TB Koh, Co-chair
Dr Parvez Hassan (Pakistan), Co-chair

Professor Ben Boer, Australia
Mr Edwin TF Khew, Singapore
Professor Alexandre Kiss, France
Dr Bindu N Lohani, Asian Development Bank
Ms Mere Pulea, Fiji
Professor Nicholas A Robinson, USA

Mr Kasem Snidvongs, Thailand
Mr Sun Lin, China
Mr Tan Gee Paw, Singapore
Ambassador Amado S Tolentino, Philippines
Dr Wolfgang E Burhenne, Germany

Ex-officio: Associate Professor Chin Tet Yung

In the year under review, APCEL continued to make great strides in capacity building in environmental law and management in the Asia – Pacific region. It organised a number of seminars with local and international organisations including the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the World Bank Institute and the Ministry of the Environment (see below and Appendix).

APCEL members have also actively participated and presented papers in international conferences and have served as resource persons in numerous workshops and seminars, not only in the Asia – Pacific region but also beyond (see Appendix).

Some of these activities, in the Appendix to this report, are highlighted below.

2. Training Courses

A. Training Courses organized by APCEL jointly with other organizations

- **Government of Singapore/ APCEL/ World Bank Institute
Seminar on Pollution Management and Urban Air Quality in Asia
15 – 19 November 1999, Singapore**

At the invitation of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs, APCEL jointly organised with WBI the above seminar. The co-directors of the Seminar on Pollution Management and Urban Air Quality in Asia were KL Koh (APCEL) and A Bianchi (WBI). Participants included senior officials from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. Over a dozen resource persons – including KL Koh and LH Lye (APCEL) – participated in the seminar, delivered papers, and also guided the discussions in the plenary as well as breakout sessions. In formal evaluations, the participants rated the seminar as highly successful and informative.

- **Government of Singapore/ APCEL/ World Bank Institute
Seminar on Sustainable Coastal Tourism
17 – 21 January 2000, Singapore**

Also at the invitation of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs, APCEL jointly organised with WBI the above seminar. The co-directors of the Seminar on Sustainable Coastal Tourism Management were RC Beckman (APCEL) and Jose Furtado (WBI). More than two dozen participants were involved, including senior officials from various Asian and South Pacific countries, eg., China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vanuatu, and Vietnam. A team of expert resource persons – including RC Beckman and B Coleman (APCEL) – participated in the seminars, delivered papers, and also guided the discussions in the plenary as well as breakout sessions. In formal evaluations, the participants rated the seminar as highly successful and informative.

- **World Bank Institute/ United Nations Environment Program/ United States Environment Protection Agency/ the Hans Seidel Foundation/ The Government of the Netherlands/ International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement: Seminar on Regional Cooperation for Strengthening Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in Asia 19 – 22 June 2000, Bangkok**

KL Koh (APCEL) assisted in the drafting of the syllabus and organisation of the seminar. She also served as a resource person in the breakout sessions. At the request of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs, she prepared a report on the seminar for the Ministry.

- **Environmental Law Course for Senior ENV Officials**
 - **6 - 7 August 1999**
 - **3 - 4 March 2000**

APCEL continued to conduct regular Environmental Law courses for senior officials in the Ministry of the Environment. In the reporting period the following APCEL members presented the lectures: KL Koh, RC Beckman, LH Lye, LR Penna, V Ramraj, B Coleman and B Ong. RC Beckman coordinates the course.

B. Training Courses Organised by Other Institutions

RC Beckman lectured and also served as a resource person in a number of training courses including the MIMA course on safety of navigation and prevention of pollution from ships. B Coleman gave a series of lectures (funded by ADB) on the legal framework relating to climate change to senior officials in the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia, during two-day training courses in each country. KL Koh served as a resource person in courses on biodiversity organised by UNITAR (and other international organisations). LH Lye lectured on various aspects of Environmental Law in courses including those organised by (RIET) for senior officials from ASEAN, and also taught a course organised by the Construction Industry Development Board.

3. Conferences, Forums, etc

During the reporting period, APCEL members have presented dozens of papers and participated in numerous international conferences, workshops and seminars (see Appendix). The topics range from marine pollution, forest fires in Indonesia, air pollution in Singapore, to conservation of sea turtles and the role of judges in the development of environmental law, among many others.

Many of the papers presented at these conferences have been either published or accepted for publication. In addition, some of the APCEL papers or presentations have been favourably cited in local, regional and/ or international media.

4. Miscellaneous

The reputation of APCEL as an environmental law centre of excellence in the Asia - Pacific region has continued to grow in strength. Governmental organisations and ministries, academic institutions and think tanks, NGO's, and funding organisations, both regionally and internationally, have approached APCEL for advice on environmental matters.

APCEL continues to work very closely with international organisations particularly the IUCN, UNEP, UNITAR, MIMA, ADB, WBI and also the Singapore Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

It is to be noted that IUCN has recently received observer status in the United Nations and its working partnership with APCEL will bring value added. It has been working very closely with APCEL: for example, it is in the process of establishing an IUCN Academy of Environmental Law - The Working Group comprises LH Lye (Chair of Working Group), N Robinson (Chair, IUCN-CEL); B Boer (Deputy Chair, IUCN-CEL); KL Koh (IUCN-CEL Vice Chair for East Asia). KL Koh is also working closely with the Environmental Law Unit of the IUCN Regional Office in Pakistan to draft an Environmental Law Programme for the Asia - Pacific Region.

5. Members

Alan KJ Tan is still away on study leave. However, he remains in close touch and has kept APCEL informed on relevant matters.

LH Lye was on sabbatical leave from 9 August 99 to 8 May 00. In August/ September 99, she was a Parson's Fellow at the University of Sydney's Law Faculty, where she taught Environmental Law to graduate students in the LLM and the MSD (Masters in Sustainable Development) programmes. While at the University of Sydney, Lye also taught aspects of Environmental Law to some 20 Indonesian judges and 4 government officials from the Indonesian Environmental Enforcement Agency, BAPEDAL. This was a special capacity-building programme on Environmental Law, financed by AusAid. Lye gave a staff seminar entitled "The Indonesian Forest Fires and Environmental Law".

Lye visited the University of Adelaide's Law School, and met with Profs Rob Fowler and Adrian Bradbrook, to discuss the proposed IUCN Academy of Environmental Law and the role of APCEL.

In September/ October 99, Lye attended the Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum in Singapore and Bangkok. While in Thailand, Lye used the opportunity to gather materials on Thai Environmental Law for the APCEL project.

In April/ May 2000, Lye visited Pace University School of Law as a Guest of Prof N Robinson. Lye and Prof Robinson worked out the programme for their internet course on Comparative Environmental Law for the academic year 2000/ 2001, and also discussed the setting up of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, as well as collaboration between Pace and NUS Law Schools in terms of student and staff exchange programmes. Pace offered to facilitate NUS students seeking to do the New York Bar. She then visited the Yale School of Forestry and the Environment, as the guest of Prof Marian Chertow. Discussions were had with Profs Daniel Esty, Chertow and other Yale professors on the proposed NUS Masters in Environmental Management programme. Lye also did research at the World Bank and collected materials for APCEL's library.

6. Work in Progress

APCEL is continuing its work on its research project on *A Study of the Environmental Laws in the ASEAN Countries* (coordinated by RC Beckman).

7. Visitors

APCEL had some 18 visitors during the reporting period. Among them were US Ambassador Mark G Hambly and his team. Ambassador Hambly is the leader of the 100+ US delegation of experts (including leading economists, scientists, international lawyers, etc.) involved in negotiations concerning the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Ambassador Hambly discussed with APCEL members his views of the likelihood of the Kyoto Protocol becoming ratified, and of his team's critical bilateral negotiations with key developing country parties, eg., China, India and Brazil.

8. Appendix

For more details of the activities of APCEL, see Appendix, attached.

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APPENDIX

Activity	Participants/ Resource Persons	Date	Venue/ Organisers
1. Environmental Law Course for Senior Officers in ENV	Prof Koh Kheng Lian A/P Beckman, Robert A/P Lye Lin Heng A/P LR Penna	6-7 August 1999	Ministry of the Environment, Singapore
2. Advised Vietnamese authorities on regulation on export of scientific specimens of Vietnam	Mr Coleman, Brady & Mr Ong, Burton	November- December 1999	Email exchanges from Singapore
3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ World Bank/ APCEL Seminar on Sustainable Coastal Tourism Management in Asia Participants: 27 government officials from 9 countries in the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A/P Beckman was the co-director and co-chair of the Seminar and he also served as a resource person at the seminar. • Brady Coleman delivered a lecture on national and international legal and institutional issues of coastal tourism management, and participated and commented in the Seminar for the first two days 	A/P Beckman, Robert & Mr Coleman, Brady	17-21 January 2000	Allson Hotel, Singapore
4. Commentator on Paper at SILS/Mindef Third International Law Seminar	A/P Beckman, Robert	28 August 1999	Regent Hotel, Singapore
5. MPA International Oil Pollution Conference '99	A/P Beckman, Robert	1-2 Sept 1999	Orchard Hotel, Singapore
6. MPA/IMO Regional Consultative Workshop on Recovery of Oil Spill Clean-Up Costs and Pollution Damage Claims	A/P Beckman, Robert	3 Sept 1999	Orchard Parade Hotel, Singapore
7. Lectures on Legal Issues relating to the Safety of Navigation and Prevention of Pollution from Ships in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore at MIMA Law of the Sea Training Course	A/P Beckman, Robert	14 Sept 1999	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

8. South China Sea Informal Working Group – First Meeting of the Group of Experts on Environmental Legislation in the South China Sea	A/P Beckman, Robert	21-24 Sept 1999	Shanghai, China
9. South China Sea Informal Working Group – Fourth Meeting of the Technical Working Group of Experts on Legal Matters	A/P Beckman, Robert	26-28 Sept 1999	Ko Samui, Thailand
10. IPS/IMO International Conference on the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. Participants: Invited international experts on ocean law and policy from governments, international organisations and academic institutions Role: Rapporteur-General	A/P Beckman, Robert	14-15 October 1999	Regent Hotel, Singapore
11. Tenth Workshop on Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea. Participants: Government officials and private persons from China, Taiwan and the ASEAN countries Role: Resource Person	A/P Beckman, Robert	5-8 December 1999	Bogor, Indonesia
12. Environmental Law Course for Senior Environment Officers Ministry of the Environment, Singapore Role: Presented lectures on international environmental law, transboundary pollution and marine pollution	A/P Beckman, Robert	3-4 March 2000	ENV, Singapore
13. Environmental Law Course for Senior Officers in ENV “Access to Genetic Resources”	Mr Burton Ong	4 March 2000	ENV Building APCEL
14. The First ASEAN Environmental Forum - Presentation: “Environmental Damage Assessment & Compensation: Legal & Policy Issues for ASEAN”	Mr Coleman, Brady	20-24 Sept 1999	Hanoi, Vietnam
15. UNEP/ADB Conference on Climate Change Presentation: “8 Reasons to be Pessimistic and Optimistic about the Future of the Climate Regime”	Mr Coleman, Brady	12-14 October 1999	Bangkok, Thailand, UN Headquarters
16. Environmental Law Course for Senior ENV Officers Ministry of the Environment, Singapore Presentation: “Integrated Coastal Management”	Mr Coleman, Brady	3 March 2000	ENV, Singapore
17. 2 nd World Congress on Environment Management • Delivered paper on “Environment Damage Assessment and Compensation: Some theoretical	Mr Coleman, Brady	2-3 June 2000	Intercontinental Hotel Delhi India

issues”			World Environment Foundation
<p>18. Asian Development Bank/ United Nations Environment Program/ Hans Seidel Foundation:</p> <p>United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol: Asian Regional Workshops in Preparation for Conference of the Parties 6 in the Hague, November 2000</p> <p>During full two day workshops in each country, delivered Papers to senior government officials, NGO’s, media representatives, academics and industry groups on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “History of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change” • “Key Provisions of the Kyoto Protocol” • “Legal Issues Arising Under the Buenos Aires Plan of Action” 	Mr Coleman, Brady	Begin 25 July 2000	<p>Asian Development Bank/ United Nations Environment Program/ Hans Seidel Foundation</p> <p>Manila, Philippines</p> <p>Bangkok, Thailand</p> <p>Hanoi, Vietnam</p> <p>Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</p>
19. Attended 1 st Meeting of Green Plan Review on Resource Conservation and Waste Minimization	Prof Koh Kheng Lian	Aug 1999	ENV, Singapore
<p>20. UNITAR/KIWC Training Workshop for the Asia-Pacific Region on the Integrated Conservation and Development and Planning: “The Role of Multilateral Agreements Related to Biological Diversity”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: “Application of Ecosystem Management in South-East Asia” • Chaired two Breakout Sessions • Served as Resource Person for Plenary Sessions 	Prof Koh Kheng Lian	28-Aug – 2 Sept 1999	Kushiro, Japan
<p>21. The First ASEAN Environment Forum</p> <p>- Presentation: “Ecosystem Management Approach to Biodiversity Conversation; The Role of ASEAN”</p>	Prof Koh Kheng Lian	20-24 Sept 1999	Hanoi, Vietnam
<p>22. IUCN-CEL-ELC – Research Institute of Environmental Law (Wuhan University): First Meeting: – “Promotion of Environmental Law in China” (PELC Blue Print)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted in drafting the PELC Blue Print (represented IUCN/ELC/CEL and APCEL) 	Prof Koh Kheng Lian	15 October 1999	Wuhan, China

23. Regional Cooperation in the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: “The Work of IUCN-CEL/ELC and ASEAN on Sea Turtles (represented IUCN-CEL/ELC and APCEL)” 	Prof Koh Kheng Lian	19-22 October 1999	Perth, Australia
24. IUCN Global Biodiversity Forum – South & Southeast Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: “Developing and Implementing National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (BSAPs – Art 6 CBD): the Singapore Experience” 	Prof Koh Kheng Lian	25 October 1999	Sri Lanka
25. Attended the IUCN Biodiversity Advisory Group Meeting (member of BAG)	Prof Koh Kheng Lian	27 October 1999	Kandalama, Sri Lanka
26. MFA/WBI Seminar on Pollution Management and Urban Air Quality in Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Director of Seminar (jointly organised and planned the programme) • Chaired a few sessions • Presentation: “The Role of ASEAN in Urban and Industrial Environmental Management” 	Prof Koh Kheng Lian	15-19 November 1999	Allson Hotel, Singapore
27. Conference: Understanding the Earth System: Compartment, Processes and Interactions	Prof Koh Kheng Lian	24-26 November 1999	Bonn
28. 2 nd Southeast Asia Regional Forum of IUCN WCPA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: “Current Legal Framework for Cooperation in Protected Area Management Across International Borders: the ASEAN Experience” • Facilitator of Workshop 5: “Role of International Agreements in Supporting Protected Area Management” (prepared and presented report on the work of the Workshop) 	Prof Koh Kheng Lian	6-11 December 1999	Pakse, Lao P.D.R.
29. Meeting with A/P Donna Craig, Faculty of Law, Sydney University & member of IUCN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of Manuscript for Publication: IUCN/APCEL/UNEP “Training the Trainers” Teaching Materials for the 1997 and 1998 Courses 	Prof Koh Kheng Lian	9-14 February 2000	Sydney
30. Course for Senior Officials of the Ministry of the Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: ASEAN and the Environment 	Prof Koh Kheng Lian	4 March 2000	ENV, Singapore
31. UNITAR: United Nations Institute for Training and	Prof Koh Kheng Lian	20 -22 March	Chiang Mai,

<p>Research: Training Workshop on Application of Multilateral Agreements Relating to Biological Diversity, 20-25 March 2000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “The Role of International Environmental Law” - “Ecosystem Management Approach to Biodiversity Conservation: The Role of ASEAN” • Panel Discussion 		2000	Thailand
<p>32. IUCN Regional Conservation Forum 2000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Singapore Report – Priorities in Conservation 1998-2000” - “Report on IUCN Commission on Environmental Law – East Asia” • Interview and Panel Discussion • Meetings on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion of the IUCN Environmental Law Programme for Southeast Asia - IUCN Asia Regional Directorate 	Prof Koh Kheng Lian	23-26 March 2000	New Delhi, India
<p>33. IUCN-Commission on Environmental Law Steering Committee Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of Report on East Asia • Working Group on Regionalisation-Discussion of IUCN Regionalisation Programme • Panelist: Working Group of IUCN-CEL 	Prof. Koh Kheng Lian	16-19 April 2000	Bonn, Germany
<p>34. IPS OPEN Forum on Developments in Civil Society in Singapore</p>	Prof. Koh Kheng Lian	8 May 2000	NUS Guild House
<p>35. LAWASIA (The Association for Asia and the Pacific Environmental Law Conference) Presentation: “The Role Of Judges In Environmental Law Education In The Asia-Pacific Region”</p>	Prof. Koh Kheng Lian	14-20 May 2000	Darwin, Australia
<p>36. At request of Gerard Cunningham of UNEP Nairobi, submitted opinion on the Applicability of the Aarhus Convention in Asia: background paper for Conference on Promoting the Application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration</p>	Prof. Koh Kheng Lian	20 May 2000	Rome
<p>37. WBI/UNEP/USEPA/INECE/ The Hans Seidel Foundation: The Government of the Netherlands: Regional Cooperation for Strengthening Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-organiser with WBI (Planning programme, networking with other co-organisers and selecting 	Prof. Koh Kheng Lian	19-22 June 2000	Bangkok, Thailand

resources persons etc.) - Resource person in Breakout Sessions			
38. A LEAD International Workshop. Bellagio Study and Conference Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participant: Reflections on International Institutions for Environment and Development Served in Working Group III: Actions by Experts Communities (scientists, lawyers, economists, engineers) 	Prof. Koh Kheng Lian	10-14 July 2000	Milan
39. CEERA/NLSIU International Consultative Conference in Strengthening Environmental Capacity Building	Prof. Koh Kheng Lian	22-23 July 2000	New Delhi
40. Parsons Fellow at University of Sydney Law School I. Taught various courses in comparative Environmental Law programme to graduate students II. Taught Environmental Law to 24 Indonesian Judges and BAPEDAL OFFICERS who are visiting the University of Sydney for 6 weeks, as part of a programme on Environmental Law financed by AusAid III. Presented Staff Seminar on the Indonesian Forest Fires	A/P Lye Lin Heng	9 August – 5 Sept 1999	University of Sydney Law School
41. Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum “Business and Community Action for Sustainability– Leadership for the New Millennium”	A/P Lye Lin Heng	16 Sept 1999	Grand Hyatt Hotel, Singapore
42. Attended Meetings of Green Plan Review Committee on Resource Conservation and Waste Minimization	A/P Lye Lin Heng	Sept 1999 - Jan 2000	Ministry of the Environment Singapore
43. Attended Meetings of Green Plan Review Committee on Environmental Education	A/P Lye Lin Heng	Sept 1999 – Jan 2000	Ministry of the Environment Singapore
44. Conducted Seminar on “Environmental Law and ISO 14000” - Regional Institute for Environmental Technology (RIET)	A/P Lye Lin Heng	20 Sept 1999	Allson Hotel, Singapore
45. Worldwide Fund for Nature – NGO workshop on the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and its implementation in developing countries	A/P Lye Lin Heng	11-13 October 1999	WWF office, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

46. EARA Environmental Auditors Course, RIET – Conducted Course on Environmental Law	A/P Lye Lin Heng	26 October 1999	Allson Hotel, Singapore
47. Sustainability Workshop to Address Management Approaches and Tools for Action, Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum	A/P Lye Lin Heng	27 October 1999	Bangkok, Thailand
48. “ISO 14000, Nature Conservation and the HDB” – special seminar to mark end of Clean and Green Week, by HDB Board member, A/P Lye Lin Heng	A/P Lye Lin Heng	6 November 1999	HDB Head Office, Singapore
49. MFA/WBI Seminar on Pollution Management and Urban Air Quality in Asia – “The Role of ASEAN in Urban and Industrial Environmental Management” – Presentation on Environmental Management in Singapore	A/P Lye Lin Heng	15-19 November 1999	Allson Hotel, Singapore
50. Presentation of Masters in Environmental Management (MEM) Programme to University Curriculum Committee	A/P Lye Lin Heng	1 December 1999	NUS Administration Building
51. Chaired APCEL/ CLE Seminar ~ Legal Issues for Corporations in Environmental Management by Professor Douglas Fisher	A/P Lye Lin Heng	22 December 1999	Seminar Rm 1 Faculty of Law
52. Taught Environmental Law to participants of Environmental Management Course	A/P Lye Lin Heng	18-21 January 2000	NUS Faculty of Engineering, Professional Activities Centre
53. Conducted Seminar on Singapore’s Environmental Law and Management – ADB/RIET Environmental Law course for senior environmental officers from ASEAN	A/P Lye Lin Heng	19 January 2000	Allson Hotel
54. RIET/EARA ISO 14000 Course for Environmental Auditors – Conducted Course on Environmental Law	A/P Lye Lin Heng	28 January 2000	PSB Annex, Singapore
55. Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) Course on ISO 14000 and the Construction Industry (for HDB personnel) - Conducted Course on Environmental Law	A/P Lye Lin Heng	2 February 2000	HDB Training Centre

56. Presentation of Masters in Environmental Management (MEM) Programme to Office of Research and Graduate Studies, NUS	A/P Lye Lin Heng	2 March 2000	NUS
57. APCEL course on Environmental Law for Division I officers, ENV - Presentation on Nature Conservation Laws	A/P Lye Lin Heng	3-4 March 2000	Centre for Environmental Training, ENV
58. Symposium of Environmental Research in Singapore (SERIS) - Presentation on APCEL	A/P Lye Lin Heng	11 March 2000	Faculty of Architecture, Building & Real Estate, NUS
59. Conducted RIET/EARA Course on Environmental Law and ISO 14000	A/P Lye Lin Heng	23 March 2000	PSB Building, Singapore
60. Cambridge University - Met Professor Malcolm Grant, (Head, Department of Land Economy), discussed APCEL and the proposed IUCN Academy of Environmental Law and possible collaboration	A/P Lye Lin Heng	April 2000	Cambridge University, UK
61. Pace University - Gave a talk to graduate students about APCEL and Environmental Law in Singapore and the ASEAN region - Discussion with Professor N. Robinson on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN Academy of Environmental Law and APCEL's Role • Joint Comparative Environmental Law Course with Pace • NUS – Pace Student/ Staff exchanges, facilitating NUS students to do New York Bar at Pace 	A/P Lye Lin Heng	April – May 2000	Pace University
62. Columbia University - Met the Deans and Former Dean Professor Lance Liebman - Initiated student exchange programmes	A/P Lye Lin Heng	April – May 2000	Columbia University
63. Yale University, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies - Met with leading professors in environmental law and environmental programmes, (eg. Profs Dan Esty, Marian Chertow), informed them about APCEL and the proposed MEM programme,	A/P Lye Lin Heng	April – May 2000	Yale University

exchanged publications and discussed possible collaboration on MEM programme			
64. Washington DC - Met with Profs Edith Browne-Weiss and Durwood Zaelke, re-established links, exchanged publications etc. - Was guest of Dr. David Freestone, World Bank - Research in World Bank, obtained books from World Bank for APCEL.	A/P Lye Lin Heng	April – May 2000	Washington DC
65. Presented paper “Policy and Legal Responses to Air Pollution” LAWASIA Conference ‘Environmental Law Issues in the Asia-Pacific Region’	A/P Lye Lin Heng	18-20 May 2000	Darwin Australia
66. RIET/ EARA programme - Conducted full-day course on Singapore's Environmental, Health and Safety Laws.	A/P Lye Lin Heng	13 July 2000	Allson Hotel
67. Environmental Law Course for Senior ENV Officers Ministry of the Environment, Singapore Presentation: “Human Rights, Armed Conflicts and Environment”	A/P Penna, L R	3 March 2000	ENV, Singapore
68. Environmental Law Course for Senior Officers, Ministry of the Environment, Singapore Presentation: “Penal Provisions and Enforcement”	Dr Ramraj, Victor V.	4 March 2000	ENV, Singapore
69. Seminar jointly organised with CLE Committee – “Environmental Aspects of Sychrotron Radiation” by Dr Yang Ping, held at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore	Dr Ramraj, Victor V.	8 March 2000	Seminar Rm 1, Faculty of Law
70. Seminar organised by the Institute of Commonwealth Studies and the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies: “Forest Fires in Indonesia: State Responsibility and International Liability”	Mr Tan Khee Jin, Alan	11 December 1999	London