

APCEL News
Advisory and Executive Committees

Highlights: August – December 2010

I. APCEL's activities

**APCEL/MFA Workshop on Urban and Industrial Environmental Management:
The Singapore Model, 8 -14 December 2010**

This is the 11th APCEL/MFA workshop on *Urban and Industrial Environmental Management: The Singapore Model*, was held from 8 to 14 December 2010 at the Faculty of Law. E Prof KL Koh was the Course Director and served as a resource person, together with others including members of APCEL, NUS academia from other faculties, the private and government sectors. Resource Persons were E Prof K.L. Koh, Assoc Prof LH. Lye, Deputy Director, APCEL; Asst Prof Asanga Gunawansa, School of Design & Environment and Associate Member, APCEL, NUS; Dr Adhityan Appan, Technical Adviser, LBW Consultants, Singapore; Mr Edwin Khew, CEO & Managing Director, IUT Global Pte Ltd; Asst Prof Kua Harn Wei, Department of Building; Dr Malone-Lee Lai Choo, Director, Centre for Sustainable Asian Cities, School of Design & Environment, NUS; Mr Richard C. Reidinger, Regional Director - Business Development, AECOM Environment in Asia; Mr Simon John Longman, Director/Streetscape, NParks; Assoc Prof Victor Savage, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, NUS and Mr Yong Wei Hin, Asst Director, Water Reclamation Department, Public Utilities Board (PUB).

There were 25 participants from 12 countries, namely: Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei, China, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Russia Federation, South Africa, Thailand and Uganda.

The topics covered were wide ranging demonstrating Singapore's efforts in environment and development – brown, green and blue issues that have progressively turned Singapore into a success story in sustainable development. The Workshop considered the many challenges that Singapore faces, including the impact of climate change and adaptation. The role of Singapore in the regional and global context was also considered.

For workshop programme, please see <http://law.nus.edu.sg/apcel/workshops/UIEM2010.html>

Please see attached “closing remarks” from the participants.

II. APCEL members' activities

(a) Participation at conferences / publications

APCEL members have presented papers at international and regional conferences, workshops, etc in Ghent, Munich, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Rome. Topics presented include biodiversity, climate change, pollution, food security and environmental education.

- E Prof KL Koh and Assoc Prof Lye attended the 8th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium at the University of Ghent, Belgium, 14-16 September 2010. Prof Koh presented a paper (co-authored with Mayla A. Ibanez, Mindanao State University (Philippines), entitled *A Challenge for ASEAN Cooperation: Linking Biodiversity and Climate Change*. A/P Lye presented a paper "*Biodiversity and Climate Change: Challenges for Cities and Perspective from Singapore*".
- E Prof Koh KL and Assoc Prof Lye LH were invited to the Law Faculty, Second University of Naples, as guests of Prof Domenico Amirante They presented papers on environmental law in the Asia-Pacific region, in ASEAN and Singapore.

APCEL members have published articles on various areas of the environment such as biodiversity, climate change, eco-cities and environmental governance. Please see Faculty website under individual names.

(b) Environmental Law Courses

1. Environmental Law – MEM Course, NUS

Environmental Law – this is a compulsory course in the multi-disciplinary M. Sc. (Environmental Management) [MEM] Programme, hosted by the NUS School of Design and Environment and coordinated by Assoc Prof LH Lye (see www.sde.nus.edu.sg/mem). The programme's Management Committee is chaired by APCEL's Deputy Director, Assoc Prof L H Lye. Prof Lye is course coordinator and the following APCEL members co-taught the course, E Prof KL Koh, Assoc Prof LH Lye, Assoc Prof Robert Beckman, Prof Alan Tan KJ, Assoc Prof LT Lim, and Asst Prof Asanga Gunawansa (APCEL associate member).

2. Environmental Law Course UniSIM Master of Environmental Science Programme (ESC), 20 November to 5 December 2010

E Prof KL Koh was invited by UniSIM to conduct a course as part of their Master of Environmental Science Programme (ESC). Asst Prof Asanga Gunawansa and Lovleen Bhullar (APCEL associate members) also delivered some lectures.

(c) Consultancy

E Prof KL Koh is ADB (Asian Development Bank) consultant on “Enhancing Effective Regulation of Water Infrastructure and Utility Services”.

E Prof KL Koh was Advisor to the delegation of ECO@COP on matters pertaining to ASEAN and climate/ environmental issues (2010); and also its Consultant on the “ASEAN Youth Climate Statement at COP 16” 2010, Cancun..

APCEL/LKYSPP Course on Water Governance and Management in Asia: Law, Policy and Infrastructure Financing of Water Supply

The members of the Planning Committee are KL Koh & Lye Lin Heng (co-chairs) and Asanga Gunawansa. Work on this project is continuing. The course will be launched in 2011/2012.

(d) Miscellaneous

Inputs by E Prof K.L Koh & Assoc Prof LH Lye on RC Beckman, Dennis Chong & Le Berre Lemaire-Lyons, Youna: *A Guide for ICM Legal and Policy Implementation Based on Comparative Analysis on National ICM Implementation, Policies and Laws: A Review of Singapore Laws Relating to the Different Uses of the Coastal and Marine Environment*

III. Lovleen Bhullar: Appointed Associate Member of APCEL

Lovleen Bhullar was appointed for a term of two years as associate member of the Executive Committee of APCEL from 15 July 2010. She was an adjunct research fellow with APCEL from January- May 2010. She is currently a Research Associate at the LKYSPP- Institute of Water Policy,