



EDITORIAL

Now that the XV World Water Congress of the International Water Resources Association (IWRA), which took place in Edinburgh from 25 to 29 May 2015, is behind us, the time is ripe for some stock-taking. As you may have heard, and as all of you who were at the Congress no doubt can vouch, AIDA did quite well. Early on, the Association had struck a partnership with IWRA, and had undertaken to share with IWRA scientific responsibility for the legal track of the Congress programme. Not only have members of the AIDA Executive Council contributed to articulating and structuring along thematic clusters the legal track of the Congress programme and the selected abstracts; a scientific committee of AIDA members was appointed to sift through all legally-flavoured abstracts and to select those that merited presentation at the Congress; and AIDA members have served as moderators and presenters in the Congress Parallel Sessions given over to water law, and as panelists in several Special Sessions. You will find the details in this issue of AQUAFORUM, under the *News of the Association and Its Members* feature. In this context, I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the donation made by the law firm of Best, Best & Krieger of Riverside, California, which has helped offset some of the costs to AIDA of participating in the IWRA Congress

By all accounts, the scientific contribution made by AIDA has been a great success, and has been much appreciated by IWRA. Exposure at the Congress has also attracted a number of applications for membership from prospective new AIDA members. This success bodes well for the future, with the XVI IWRA World Water Congress convened in Mexico, in 2017, looming large as yet another opportunity for AIDA to renew and strengthen its partnership with IWRA, and to grow in visibility and recognition as the lead NGO of primarily – but not exclusively - water lawyers in the world.

Unrelated to the above, you should know that the Executive Council has decided to increase the membership dues from the current level of Euro 30 – where dues have stood since the switch to the Euro, in 2001 - to Euro 50 (fifty) per year, effective 1 January 2016.

Stefano Burchi
Chairman of the Executive Council

1. NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND OF ITS MEMBERS

XV IWRA World Water Congress (Edinburgh, UK, 25-29 May 2015) - The XV World Water Congress of the International Water Resources Association (IWRA) was convened in Edinburgh, with the support and sponsorship of the Scottish Government. Some 800 registered participants took part in the Congress, including a robust contingent of some forty-odd AIDA members. A number of Parallel thematic Sessions, and a number of Special Sessions, running in parallel each day featured in the Congress programme, alongside concurrent morning plenary sessions. A total of eight Parallel Sessions were given over to water law, and a number of Special Sessions had a water law content and were participated in by AIDA members as panellists.

Under the leadership of AIDA, the eight water law Parallel Sessions were gathered around a number of themes, i.e. (in the order in which they were featured in the Congress programme and schedule):

- Law and governance for managing water resources under conditions of climate change, drought and scarcity
- Transboundary water resources and international law
- Law and governance for managing groundwater resources
- Legal and regulatory approaches to water resources management on the national level
- Dams, hydropower and law
- Water law in a regional context: Europe and the Mediterranean
- The economics of water law
- Water governance, law and human rights.

Papers which had been selected for presentation, also under the leadership of AIDA, were grouped accordingly. A total of 35 papers were presented at the water law Parallel Sessions, a majority of which by AIDA members in attendance. Seven of the eight scheduled water law Parallel Sessions, which included a wide spectrum of disciplines and participants, were moderated by AIDA members. .

One Special Session was convened by an AIDA member in attendance, while others featured AIDA members among the panellists.

By all accounts, water law fared very well at the Congress, thanks largely to AIDA and the active role its members played not only at the Congress, but also in the preparations for it.

AIDA also held a meeting of its members in attendance at the Congress, where the chairman of the Executive Council reported on the activities of the association, and members volunteered ideas and suggestions to increase the visibility of the association and the benefits accruing from membership in it. In particular, the idea of enriching the AIDA website with a blog to facilitate the exchange of ideas on water law issues was mooted.

2. MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

- The French Foundation for Strategic Research (Fondation pour la recherche stratégique - FRS) and the High Council on Training and Strategic Research (Conseil Supérieur de la Formation et de la Recherche Stratégique - CSFRS) organized a *seminar on the topic 'The new water boundaries : groundwater resources, climate and security' (Les nouvelles frontières de l'eau : eaux souterraines, climat et sécurité)* in Paris on 18 March, 2014. The seminar focused on the presentation of a study carried out by FRS with the support of CSFRS, by the title 'Les aquifères transfrontaliers : caractérisation des tensions et coopérations' (Transboundary Aquifers : Tensions and Cooperation Efforts). More information may be retrieved at <http://www.frstrategie.org/barreFRS/evenements/2014/2014-03-18>

- The *Fifth Annual International Law and Transboundary Freshwaters Workshop* was organized jointly by the UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science of the University of Dundee, UK, and the Global Water Partnership at the University of Dundee on 9-13 June, 2014. Its purpose was to explore the content, contribution and benefit of international law within the context of existing and potential challenges faced by transboundary basins (rivers, lakes and aquifers) throughout the world. A key focus was on exploring not only the content of the law, but also the range of challenges faced in its implementation. The Workshop benefitted from the collective knowledge and expertise of world-renowned speakers having a 'real world' focus. The workshop targeted those concerned with the world's international watercourses, especially water resources experts, lawyers and non-lawyers, practitioners - including civil servants, policy makers, regulators and water suppliers - as well as academics wishing to gain fresh insights into how international law can contribute to addressing existing and future challenges over the world's transboundary freshwater resources. For further information, visit <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/water/professionaldevelopment/workshop/>

- The *Seminar "How the two Global Water Conventions support transboundary water cooperation"* was jointly convened by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Dundee Centre for Water Law, Policy & Science, at Stockholm, Sweden, on 31 August 2014, during the **World Water Week**. Other partners included the Finnish Water Forum, the Government of Hungary, the Government of the Netherlands, Green Cross International, IUCN, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development of France, the Ministry of Water and Forestry of Cote d'Ivoire, SIWI, the UNEP-DHI Centre for Water and Environment, UNESCO and the WWF. The Seminar focused on the 1997 UN Watercourses Convention, which is now in force, and on the 1992 UNECE Water Convention, which is opened for worldwide accession. Both conventions support countries in creating adequate basin governance structures, preventing conflicts and addressing challenges such as balancing multiple water uses or climate change adaptation. AIDA member Alistair Rieu Clarke attended and contributed to the discussions.

- The *Seminar 'Tackling trade-offs between water and energy across sectors and scales'*, which also took place at Stockholm as a side event of the **World Water Week** on 31 August, 2014, was convened by the Swiss Water Partnership jointly with CSD Engineers, GIWEH, Group E, Cewas, iDE, SoPAS, the Ministry of Water Resources of Iraq, WRG 2030, EAWAG/SANDEC, Skat Consulting, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Platform for International Water Law, University of Geneva (UNIGE). It highlighted the main challenges in achieving water, energy and food security and explored solutions (demand side, supply side and shared benefits) across sectors and scales to foster synergies and minimize trade-offs. The Platform for International Water Law, which was established at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva (www.unige.ch/droit/eau) and includes AIDA members Drs. Christina Leb and Mara Tignino, dealt with the legal aspects regarding water infrastructure generating energy and water supplies on shared water resources. International water law instruments dealing with this topic include the Convention and Statute on the Regime of the Navigable Waterways of International Concern of 1921 and the Convention relating to the Development of the Hydraulic Power Affecting More Than One State of 1923, both adopted under the aegis of the League of Nations. The UN Watercourses Convention also contains provisions on this topic. Among other, it provides that states should enter into consultations to ensure the protection of water installations and other related works when natural disasters may endanger their safe operation. Professor Makane Mbengue then focused on the case of infrastructure in the Senegal River Basin, of which Senegal, Mali and Mauritania jointly retain the ownership. The legal framework is thus based on three principles: indivisibility, joint ownership and solidarity, which strengthen the concept of shared benefits on international watercourses and endorse the perspective of an existing community of rights and interests.

- A *Seminar* by the title '*Fifty years of the Water Law of 1964 : an Assessment and Prospects*' took place at the Jean Monnet Faculty of the 'Université de Paris-Sud' (Southern Paris University), on 4 December 2014. The Seminar was organized by the 'Université de Paris-Sud' in cooperation with the 'Université du littoral Côte d'Opale', the French Society for Environmental Law, the Institute for Public Law Studies of the 'Université de Paris-Sud', the Laboratory 'Territoires Villes Environnement et Sociétés' and the Association of Lawyers of the Masters in Environmental Law of the 'Université de Paris-Sud.' AIDA

members J. Sironneau and B. Drobenko featured as key speakers at the Seminar. For further information, visit <https://rech.jm.u-psud.fr/colloque/colloque.php?evt=65>

- The Conference '*The Columbia River Basin: Learning from our Past to Shape our Future*' was co-organized by the Columbia Basin Trust and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council on 21-23 October, 2014. Conference topics included: ecosystem management, science and policy issues, water governance (including the Columbia River Treaty), energy, climate change, interests and issues of First Nations and Tribes, and regional art and culture. The conference brought together leaders and community members to discuss the future of the entire Columbia River Basin. For further information, visit <http://columbiabasin-2014conference.org/>

- On 22 May 2015, back to back with the World Water Congress taking place in Edinburgh the following week, the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance (SCELG), Glasgow, organized a guest lecture on "Transboundary Aquifers: An Interdisciplinary Conversation". AIDA member Gabriel Eckstein, Professor at Texas A&M University, Director of the International Water Law Project and Former Advisor to the UN International Law Commission on the Law of Transboundary Aquifers, acted as keynote speaker. The lecture was followed by a roundtable including Dr Salman M A Salman, International Water Resources Association, Dr Naho Mirumachi, Lecturer, Department of Geography, King's College London and Prof. Robert Kalin Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Strathclyde. The SCELG Guest Lecture was supported by the Scottish Government and Strathclyde Law School. To retrieve more details on the event, visit <http://www.strath.ac.uk/scelg/guestlectures/>

- A Workshop on "Climate Change and Groundwater – Law and Policy Perspectives" was convened by the University of London - School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), at SOAS, on 29 and 30 May, back-to-back to the IWRA World Water Congress. The programme featured a robust complement of legal papers, spanning the spectrum from transboundary to domestic law governing groundwater. A contingent of AIDA members consisting of Ms. R.M. Stephan, Ms. K. Mechlem, Messrs. G. Eckstein, O. McIntyre, A. Allan, Executive Council member Ms. A. D'Andrea and Executive Council chair S. Burchi, delivered presentations.

3. DEVELOPMENTS AND PROGRAMMES CONCERNING WATER LAW

- **IGAD (Intergovernmental Authority on Development)** – On 21 January, 2015, the ministers responsible for water affairs of the IGAD member states (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda) met in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 21 January 2015 to endorse the Water Resources Policy for the IGAD region. The Policy is now in the process of being formally adopted by the IGAD Council of Ministers, and will provide a basis for a regional water resources protocol, which was crafted along the lines of the SADC Protocol (2000) and is currently being discussed. For further information, visit IGAD's website at www.igad.int

- **Iullemeden and Taoudeni/Tanezrouft Aquifer Systems** – On 28 March, 2014, Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Nigeria signed an agreement through which they commit themselves to cooperate in the equitable development, utilization, conservation, protection and management of the Iullemeden and Taoudeni/Tanezrouft Aquifer Systems, and establish a joint institutional mechanism to facilitate the attainment of this goal.

- **Nile River Basin** – On 23 March, 2015, in Khartoum (Sudan), Egypt, Ethiopia and the Sudan signed a Declaration of Principles on the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), on the Blue Nile. The Declaration reiterates the three countries' commitment to the principle of equitable and reasonable utilization and to the respect of the duty not to cause significant harm while using the basin's waters. The countries undertake to cooperate and to implement the recommendations of the International Panel of Experts. Furthermore, they undertake to agree on guidelines and rules on the filling and operation of the dam. The English translation of the text may be found at <http://hornaffairs.com/en/2015/03/25/egypt-ethiopia-sudan-agreement-on-declaration-of-principles-full-text/>.

- The **UN Watercourses Convention** came into force on **17 August 2014**, following ratification by Vietnam - the 35th contracting party. For more details, visit <http://www.internationalwaterlaw.org>.

4. TRAINING AND RESEARCH CONCERNING WATER LAW

- A *training course on Regulation of Public Services: National and Local Perspectives*, was organized jointly by the [Turin School of Local Regulation](#) and the [Florence School of Regulation](#) at the [Center for Advanced Academic Studies](#), Dubrovnik, Croatia, 9-13 March 2015. The course focused on the economic regulation of public services. It reviewed the characteristics of centralized and local allocation of regulatory tasks in relation to the nature of the service, policy objectives (consumer protection, equity, environmental targets, efficiency, etc.), the historical and cultural background, the relationship between different actors and stakeholders, the influence, when relevant, of international institutions such as international organizations and financial institutions. The existence of multi-level systems of regulation was also analyzed as an emerging trend. The aim of the course was to provide participants with a broad view over the objectives of regulation and to enable them to evaluate, on a case-by-case basis, the most suitable instruments and the best level of intervention for a sound regulation: national, local or multi-level. Lectures were accompanied by specific case studies and interactive working groups. The course was addressed to representatives and officials of national and local regulatory authorities, central public administrations, regional and local governments, NGOs and consultancies engaged in the design and implementation of regulatory reforms, researchers and staff of international organizations.

- The Centre for Water Law, Policy & Science of the University of Dundee, Scotland, under the auspices of UNESCO, organized a course by the title *'The Science of Integrated Water Resources Management for Law and Policy Experts - Enhanced Skills Workshop'* on 23-26 June 2015: This course aimed to provide participants with critical insights into the science that underpins integrated water resources management (IWRM), through an exploration of key hydrological, ecological and hydrogeological processes, methodologies and the current state of the art. A further theme was to explore how the accessibility of water-related scientific data and information can be enhanced within policy/decision-making processes. This intensive course was targeted for water experts with a law and/or policy background, and for those who would benefit from a refresher course in the scientific state-of-the-art pertaining to IWRM. Detailed information on the course, as well as information on registration, may be retrieved at <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/water/events/details/the-science-of-integrated-water-resources-management-for-law-and-policy-experts.php>

- The *International Law Programme* of the *United Nations Institute for Training and Research* (UNITAR) offers high standard training courses that respond to the needs and priorities of professionals in UN Members States, international governmental or non-governmental organizations, academia and other entities in the public and private sector. It is about to launch an *online course on International Water Law* which starts on 1 July 2015. This course was jointly developed by UNITAR and the University of Geneva's Platform for International Water Law, in partnership with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. The overall goal is to enable participants to create, interpret and implement effective legal frameworks for transboundary waters. Details on this course may be retrieved at <https://www.unitar.org/event/water-law>.

- A *Training Course on International Water Law* will be organized jointly by the Global Water Partnership (GWP), the University of Dundee (UK), the Centre on Water Law and Policy of Makerere University (Kampala, Uganda), the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the African Network for Basin Organizations (ANBO) in Kampala, Uganda, on 3-5 August, 2015. The experiences and lessons learnt will be used as a basis to develop a 5-year-long (2016-2020) training programme on International Water Law, with the aim to improve transboundary water management in Africa. Full details and instructions on how to apply are available at <http://www.gwp.org/fr/gwp-in-action/News-and-Activities/Training-in-International-Water-Law-in-Africa/>

5. PUBLICATIONS AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO AIDA MEMBERS

- *El Derecho Internacional del Agua: los Acuíferos Transfronterizos* (International water law: transboundary aquifers), by Laura Movilla Pateiro, J. M. Bosch Editor, 2014. This book provides an overview of the international legal rules governing the management of shared water resources, ranging from traditional water law to more recent trends, i.e., the application of international environmental law, economic law and human right law. Particular attention is paid to the emerging legal regime of transboundary aquifers, keeping in mind that state sovereignty issues need to be taken into consideration while designing legal frameworks for cooperation. The book, in Spanish, may be ordered online at <http://libreriabosch.com/Shop/Product/Details/28519-el-derecho-internacional-del-agua-los-acuiferos-transfronterizos?e=1>

- *Introduction au droit de l'eau* (an introduction to water law), by B. Drobenko, Ed. Johanet, Paris, 2014. This book is intended for all those involved in water resources management, including professionals, technicians, students and trainers. It acquaints them with the main elements of French water law, viewed within the European and international context, and enables them to acquire an in-depth knowledge of specific aspects. The book covers the evolution of water law and deals with the main water management tools, including resource planning, contracts, water supply and sanitation, financing of water management, enforcement and dispute resolution. The book may be purchased online at <http://www.editions-johanet.net/ouvrage/?id=65>

- *Water and the Law: Towards Sustainability*, edited by Michael Kidd, Loretta Feris, Tumai Murombo and Alejandro Iza; IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Series, Edward Elgar Publishers, 2014. This book examines the critical relationship between law and the management of water resources in the context of ensuring environmental sustainability. It highlights the central importance of integrated water resources management and cooperation in achieving sustainability. Capturing the complexities and challenges of protecting water as a resource on the one hand and utilizing it as a service on the other, this book will prove a valuable resource for researchers and students of both water law and environmental/human rights law. To order the book, go to www.e-elgar.com

- *Le statut juridique de l'eau à l'épreuve des exigences environnementales* (The legal status of water in relation to environmental requirements), by Julia Gudefin, published by Editions Johanet, Paris, 2015, reviews different legal regimes of water resources and the manner in which they relate to resource protection and environmental requirements. The dynamic evolution of these requirements calls for changes in the approaches to water resources management and, in turn, has an influence on the legal status of water. The book may be ordered online at <http://www.editions-johanet.net/ouvrage/?id=67>

- *The UNECE Water Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes: Its Contribution to International Water Cooperation*, edited by Attila Tanzi (University of Bologna), Owen McIntyre (University College Cork, National University of Ireland), Alexandros Kolliopoulos (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece), Alistair Rieu-Clarke (University of Dundee), Rémy Kinna (Oxfam Australia), Brill & Nijhoff, May 2015. This book provides invaluable insights into the contribution of the Convention towards transboundary water cooperation via its legal provisions, accompanying institutional arrangements and subsidiary policy mechanisms. Its first part is devoted to the development and evolution of the Convention, while Part 2 deals with agreements other than the Water Convention and with their relationship. Part 3 focuses on the Convention's regulatory framework, and is followed by a discussion of general principles (Part 4), while Part 5 deals with the tools needed to prevent and mitigate transboundary impacts. Part 6 covers data collection and information sharing, Part 7 focuses on the Water Convention and the evolution of procedural rules and Part 8 with compliance, responsibility, liability, dispute prevention and settlement. Part 9 covers selected issues, such as the right to water, flood management, transboundary aquifers, climate change and dam management. Part 10 is devoted to the manner in which the Convention is viewed in regions outside the ECE region, and Part 11 to the role of international financial institutions. The book, which may be ordered online at <http://www.brill.com/products/book/unece-convention-protection-and-use-transboundary-watercourses-and-international-lakes>

[international-lakes](#), is intended for scholars as well as practitioners in the field of international water law.

- ***Promoting Transboundary Water Security in the Aral Sea Basin through International Law***, by AIDA member Dinara Ziganshina, published by Brill/Nijhoff, 2015. Water security threats arising from inadequate access to water for sustaining ecosystems, livelihoods, human well-being and socio-economic development has gained increasing attention over the past decades all over the world, but especially in international river basins shared by two or more states. In the Aral Sea basin, shared by Afghanistan and five post-Soviet republics of Central Asia – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan - water security issues are extremely pressing due to heavy reliance on, and competition over, shared waters. *Promoting Transboundary Water Security in the Aral Sea Basin through International Law* addresses the current gap in the literature by moving beyond the static identification of treaties and norms to examine how these treaties and norms can work for water security in practice. In its thorough and incisive scholarship, the book serves as a contribution toward peaceful and sustainable regulation of transboundary watercourses and their ecosystems in the Aral Sea basin. More information on this book may be retrieved at [promoting-transboundary-water-security-aral-sea-basin-through-international-law](#).

- ***Brill Research Perspectives, International Water Law*** is a new journal and reference publication that combines the verification of peer review of journals, the high usage of reference works, and the pedagogy of textbooks. The Journal will be published in four issues per year, each of which comprises only a uniquely focused, single monograph providing a comprehensive survey of and critical analysis and commentary on the state of scholarship for a given topic and including an executive summary and a comprehensive bibliography. The Journal is intended for international water law professors, researchers, graduate and undergraduate students, and practitioners. Members of the editorial board include Dr Salman Salman (Editor-in-Chief), Professor Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, Professor Gabriel Eckstein, Professor Makane Mbengue, Dr. Lilian del Castillo-Laborde, Dr. Alistair Rieu-Clarke, and Dr. Kishor Uprety, all of which have kindly agreed to be Associate Editors. For further information: <http://www.brill.com/products/brill-research-perspectives/forthcoming-series-brill-research-perspectives>

- ***The Human Right to Water - Significance, Legal Status and Implications for Water Allocation***, by Inga T. Winkler, Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2012 (hardback), 2014 (paperback). The United Nations General Assembly and the Human Rights Council recognised the human right to water in 2010. This formal recognition has put the issue high on the international agenda, but by itself leaves many questions unanswered. This book seeks to address this gap and to clarify the legal status and meaning of the right to water through a detailed analysis of its legal foundations, legal nature, normative content and corresponding state obligations. The human right to water has wide-ranging implications for the distribution of water. Examining these implications requires putting the right to water into the broader context of different water uses and analysing the linkages and competition with other human rights that depend on water for their realisation. Water allocation is a highly political issue reflecting societal power relations, with current priorities often benefitting the well-off and powerful. Human rights, in contrast, require prioritising the most basic needs of all people. The human right to water has the potential to address these underlying structural causes of the lack of access to water rooted in inequalities and poverty by empowering people to hold the State accountable to live up to its human rights obligations and to demand that their basic needs are met with priority. This book may be ordered online at <http://www.hartpub.co.uk/BookDetails.aspx?ISBN=9781849462839>.

- ***Transferable Groundwater Rights, Integrating Hydrogeology, Law and Economics***, by AIDA member A. N. Charalambous, Routledge, UK, 2013. This book discusses transferable groundwater rights in their broader context. It starts with a detailed description of the physical aspects of groundwater, followed by a discussion of legal and economic aspects. Water transfers and the international experiences in transferable groundwater rights are dealt with in detail in two subsequent chapters. A model is presented to guide those involved in water resources management and planning in their decision process to introduce transferable groundwater rights and water rights trading. The author concludes that transferable groundwater rights potentially offer a better alternative to land-based water rights systems. However, he casts serious doubt on whether groundwater rights trading on its own can achieve water resources sustainability, environmental protection and social equity. Government intervention seems to be almost always needed to assist the water

rights market and take responsibility for any of its adverse consequences. The book may be ordered online, at <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415507240/>

- *L'eau entre réglementation et marché (Water Between Regulation and Markets)*, edited by Max Falque, Editions Johanet, Paris, 2014. Water management tools include, on the one hand, the regulation of water abstractions and wastewater discharges and, on the other, pricing mechanisms. With a view to triggering a debate on the long-term management of water resources, this book explores the trading of water permits as a means to ensure an equitable access to water resources, as well as the protection of these resources against pollution. The book may be ordered online, at <http://www.editions-johanet.net/ouvrage/?id=62>

- The International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC) published the cooperation report '*Factors Enabling Transboundary Aquifer Cooperation: A Global Analysis*'. The purpose of this report is to link theory and observations about real occurrences of transboundary aquifer cooperation and answer the question: what factors enable and facilitate cooperation over transboundary aquifers? To this aim, the report outlines current theories about why international water cooperation occurs and subsequently matches these theories with the identified factors that lead to cooperative events. IGRAC operates under the auspices of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and UNESCO (as UNESCO Institute - Category II). The report may be downloaded from <http://www.youblisher.com/p/1032121-Factors-Enabling-Transboundary-Aquifer-Cooperation-A-Global-Analysis/>

6. FUTURE EVENTS

- Organized by the Centre for Water Law, Policy & Science of the University of Dundee, the **6th Annual International Water Law and Transboundary Freshwater Workshop** will take place at Dundee, Scotland, on 29th June – 2nd July 2015. The purpose of this workshop will be to explore the content, contribution and benefit of international law within the context of existing and potential challenges faced by transboundary basins (rivers, lakes and aquifers) throughout the world. A key focus will be on exploring not only the content of the law, but also implementation challenges. The workshop will benefit from the collective knowledge and expertise of world-renowned speakers all of whom have a 'real world' focus. For further information, and to register, go to <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/water/events/details/6th-annual-international-law-and-transboundary-freshwater-training-workshop.php>

- The Centre for Water Law, Policy & Science of the University of Dundee is holding a one-day symposium relating to *New Directions in International Water Law* at Dundee, Scotland, on 3 July, 2015. The symposium will bring together specialists in the field with a view to sharing cutting edge research and advancing novel research agendas. The best papers from the symposium will be published in a special open-access collection. For additional information or to book your place, visit <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/water/events/>.

- A **workshop on 'International Water Law: Issues of Implementation'** will be jointly organized by the Platform for International Water Law, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva, and the Geneva Water Hub at the University of Geneva on 10 July, 2015. The following subjects will be discussed: *The Entry into Force of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses: Its Significance*, by Prof. Maurice Kamto, University Yaoundé II; *The Resort to Judicial Means and their Contribution to the Development of International Water Law*, by Prof. Lucius Caflisch, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies; *Diplomacy, Responsibility and Accountability in Transboundary Water Disputes*, by Prof. Attila Tanzi, University of Bologna; *Freshwater and Energy Issues in the Context of International Dispute Settlement*, Danae Azaria, Lecturer, University College of London; *International Water Law Guiding State Practice in Riparian Cooperation*, by AIDA member Dr Christina Leb, Senior Water Resources Specialist, World Bank. The workshop will be co-chaired by AIDA member Dr Mara Tignino, Platform Coordinator, and Prof. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, University of Geneva. For more information, go to www.unige.ch/droit/eau.

7. COMMUNICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND E-MAIL

Please communicate any change of address and e-mail address to the Association and, possibly, provide us with information on what is happening in your part of the world in the field of water law and administration. *AquaForum* should continue to be a product of the Association as a whole.

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8. PAYMENT OF ASSOCIATION DUES

To pay the annual Association dues, which from 1 January 2016 will amount to 50 EURO or the equivalent in US\$, follow the instructions provided on the Association's website, at <http://www.aida-waterlaw.org/payments.php>. To ensure better record keeping by the Secretariat, please inform the Chairman of the Executive Council of payments made, by e-mailing to stefano.burchi@gmail.com.