ANCORS Aweigh – power-driven, deep draught and making waves!

From humble beginnings
On 1 March 2007 the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS) replaced the Centre for Maritime Policy (CMP). The decision to establish CMP initially resulted from an understanding between the University of Wollongong (UOW) and the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), with both organisations recognising the need for high quality knowledge capabilities to support Australian and regional involvement in expanding maritime policy agendas.

In many respects the creation and development of CMP to ANCORS has mirrored UOW’s emergence from humble beginnings as a small regional university, to a high quality national academic centre of high repute; and the RAN’s evolution as a knowledge-based, regionally prominent Navy. The Centre’s growth is testament to UOW’s innovative spirit; the ability to identify an opportunity, take calculated risks, engage the wider community, and to move productively forward.

Established in 1994 with Commodore (later Professor) Sam Bateman at the helm, CMP became a national and regional intellectual centre for maritime matters. Professor Martin Tsamenyi succeeded as Director in July 1999 and CMP moved into the Faculty of Law. Professor Bateman continues to be involved as a Professorial Fellow. Over more than a decade the Centre has built a strong reputation for research and advisory services. Of particular note also has been the delivery of education and training services to meet Australian and regional requirements.

The relationship between ANCORS, the RAN and the Australian Department of Defence more broadly remains very strong and continues to grow. However, the Centre’s involvement with the wider maritime community and maritime agenda in Australia and beyond has considerably broadened and continues to expand.

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Welcome to the ANCORS Newsletter

By the Editor:
Six months have elapsed since ANCORS was launched on 1 March 2007. This has been a busy and exciting time for the expanding ANCORS team. We feel that it is important that we keep in touch so we have decided to produce a Newsletter to keep you informed and to help us all keep connected.

In this first edition of the Newsletter we have articles written by staff and students. We hope that in subsequent editions we may be able to include news and comment from other persons and groups in the wider ANCORS and maritime community. For example: we would welcome articles and letters from ANCORS/CMP Alumni, ANCORS Advisory Board members, ANCORS Visiting or Honorary Fellows, and ANCORS Associates. We would also welcome letters and comments from our many clients, colleagues and fellow travellers in the maritime world.

Our Newsletter is primarily about and for people. Our inaugural articles encompass a range of interesting items about people. The Master of Maritime Policy Class of 2007 presents an overview of their Class and how they feel about their ANCORS experience and one of the Class members, Jian Wei Li …

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In order to ensure our relevance to real world maritime requirements and to improve our effectiveness and capacity to engage in the delivery of our knowledge services we decided to establish an Advisory Board. Prominent and experienced persons drawn from government, marine industry and the community have joined the extended ANCORS team.

The Board is chaired by Vice Admiral David Shackleton AO, former Chief of Navy. Members include: Hon Virginia Chadwick AO, former Chair and CEO of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority; Mr Lionel Woodward AO, former CEO of the Australian Customs Service; Mr Alistair Graham, Tasmanian Conservation Trust; Mr Glenn Hurry, Managing Director Australian Fisheries Management Authority; Professor George Kailis, Director M.G. Kailis Group; Mr David Parmeter, Managing Director Teekay Shipping (Australia) Pty Ltd; Rear Admiral Russ Crane CSM, RAN, Deputy Chief of Navy; Ms Donna Petrachenko, First Assistant Secretary Marine and Biodiversity Division, Department of Environment and Water Resources; and Professor Lee Astheimer, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research), University of Wollongong.

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to provide strategic advice and support to the Director of ANCORS and the University of Wollongong about the Centre.

ANCORS core academic staff has also been increased and the list of fellows and associates is being reviewed and expanded where warranted. This will enable a broader range of more responsive research, education and advisory services to be offered.

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In taking CMP forward to ANCORS we recognised early on that we needed to celebrate our past achievements and build upon our reputation for academic excellence created since 1994. Our Vision: To be the acknowledged leader in Australia and internationally in research, education and high level advice on oceans governance and maritime security is a lofty one that recognises the vital maritime knowledge niche in the Indian, western Pacific and Southern Oceans that we seek to fill. Our success is about people and performance: engaging the best extended team we can muster and delivering high quality research, education and training services to meet the needs of our many clients.

Our approach is a loosely structured one based around a strategic plan, with a rolling 5 year time horizon, and a research agenda. These core approaches are dynamic and evolving and have been developed in close consultation with clients and staff.

Our research agenda is based around three convergent research programs: oceans law and governance; maritime strategy and security; and marine resources, industry and environment. National and international maritime related policy, legislation, regulation and security issues are encompassed within the research agenda.

Education remains a vital component of the ANCORS contribution. We have a large number of Doctoral candidates conducting research in to a broad range of maritime policy related matters; along with Maritime Studies research masters degree candidates and Master of Maritime Policy degree students. ANCORS Professional Short Courses are extremely popular, with courses heavily subscribed in 2007 and enrolments already being received for courses scheduled for 2008.
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The world has moved on… and so must ANCORS

Global events and developments in recent years have required an increased emphasis on security and natural resource management. World communications have rapidly expanded and pressures on natural resources have increased. Nowhere has this been more profoundly evident than in the maritime sphere where international, national, commercial and non-governmental interests converge. The need for high quality maritime knowledge services in Australia and the region was confirmed by a survey of key clients conducted by UOW in early 2006. Decision makers in public and private sector organisations require authoritative advice on and forward-looking research into increasingly complex maritime matters. While a small number of academic institutes in Europe and North America seek to offer comprehensive, multi-disciplinary maritime academic services, there is a capability gap in the Indian Ocean and western Pacific Rim.

ANCORS is positioning to fill the gap in order to meet this emerging demand, as an Australian national centre of excellence, with a capacity to serve the Region and beyond. Priority is given to the western Pacific, Indian and Southern Ocean areas in order to provide comprehensive maritime knowledge services to regional countries, agencies and clients, while recognising that the nature of the maritime agendas require global along with a regional approaches.

ANCORS STAFF PROFILE:

Robin Warner continues her lifelong journey of devotion to the sea

By Robin Warner

When I was offered the chance to join a group of researchers whose principal interests lay in the oceans policy arena in December 2006, the opportunity had a special allure. I had occasionally been invited to give guest presentations at the Centre for Maritime Policy and was excited to be joining Professor Martin Tsamenyi’s team on a full time basis.

Since my childhood I have always been deeply fascinated by the sea and maritime issues. Perhaps those passions were inspired by growing up on a peninsula surrounded by water in Sydney Harbour and by a strong family association with the sea both professionally and through our involvement in sailing.

Following my undergraduate degrees in Arts and Law at Sydney University, I was eager to apply my legal skills in an environment which had strong connections to the sea. Joining the Royal Australian Navy was far more appealing than chasing corporate clients in a big Sydney law firm. In the early years of my Navy career I developed a keen interest in international law and its role in shaping global and regional affairs. This interest intensified during a two year posting to the International Law Division of the US Navy’s Judge Advocate General Corps in 1991-92. The rapid convergence of law of the sea with international environmental law and the immense importance of both bodies of law for the future of the oceans are the key impressions I retain from those exciting years.

I remained heavily engaged in international law and policy issues throughout the 1990s as Director of International Law for the Australian Defence Force and in other staff positions in Defence Legal Services. Highlights of my career in Defence included negotiations on Indonesia’s archipelagic sea lanes designation, advising on the first Southern Ocean fishing operation and short deployments to Dili during the UNTAET phase of the East Timor operation.

My international policy experience took on a new dimension when I joined the Attorney General’s Department in 2002 as head of the International Crime Branch. In the immediate aftermath of September 11, 2001, strengthening the criminal justice cooperation network between Australia and its regional and global partners was an important factor …

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In June this year ANCORS convened an interagency forum of senior executives from 12 Australian Government departments and agencies with responsibilities for maritime matters to discuss intellectual requirements important to Australia’s future maritime interests. The forum was hosted by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry at their offices in Canberra.

ANCORS presented a concept called *Stewardship of Australia’s Ocean Resources and Security: A Model for Maritime Development and Protection* for discussion. In essence the Stewardship concept asserts that Australia’s national interests are inexorably linked to how we understand, develop, manage, use, care for and protect our marine assets and promote our maritime interests now and in the future. There may be opportunities to further develop strategic, integrated and interagency approaches to convergent maritime agendas.

A key result from the forum, apart from general support for the concept, was an invitation for ANCORS to conduct an analysis of Australian Government maritime policy research and education requirements. The outcomes from this analysis are to be presented for consideration by the Strategic Maritime Management Committee (SMMC), a senior Australian Government committee that coordinates policy advice on national maritime matters. To support this commitment ANCORS is leading the Australian Maritime Policy Related Intellectual Requirements (AMPRIS) scoping study, requiring consultation with 17 Australian Government departments and agencies.

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ANCORS STUDENTS

**Master of Maritime Policy Class of 2007:**

*What are they learning, who are they, and what do they think about their experience at ANCORS?*

ANCORS has again provided a Master of Maritime Policy Degree; a full-time, one-year program by course work. The Class of 2007 commenced in January and is attended by nine maritime officers from the Asia Pacific region: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Tonga. The officers are sponsored under the Defence Scholarship Program. Before the course commenced they completed a preparatory period called the Defence Scholarship Familiarization course at the Defence International Training Centre in Melbourne. In July, a civilian officer from China joined to make a total of ten candidates.

**What are they learning?**

The course is 48 credit points in total and conducted in two semesters. The course is coordinated by Dr Chris Rahman and covers various topics and issues related to maritime affairs. The first semester focused mainly on Law of the Sea, Maritime Security Law and Policy, and Contemporary Maritime Issues in the Asia Pacific Region. Second semester highlights include Maritime Regulation and Enforcement, Comparative Oceans Policy and Management, and International Fisheries Law.

**Who are they?**

A brief description of the Class members’ backgrounds is as follows:

**Captain Puchong Pradittera** from Royal Thai Navy is an Operations officer who has served in the navy for 17 years. Most of his career has been spent at sea and at the operational headquarters, where he has been mainly concerned with security and enforcement.

**Captain Somjade** from Royal Thai Navy is the only lawyer on the course. He has been in the service for more than 25 years and has been involved in the practical aspects of maritime law and policy making. He has provided maritime law advice to numerous symposia and workshops on maritime management and naval planning.

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**Commander Richard Gonzaga** is from the Philippine Navy and has been assigned to various key areas and positions onboard ships and bases. He is a line officer who specializes in human resources, operations, navigation, logistics and conflict management. In the span of his service, he has been involved in many regional symposia, naval exercises and workshops.

**Lieutenant Commander Roy Echeverria** is a Philippines Coastguard Officer. He is very experienced in maritime regulation and fisheries management. His experience has enabled him to contribute much of benefit to operational planning, enforcement operations and inspection in the Region.

**Lieutenant Commander Badarudin Taha** from the Royal Malaysian Navy is a seaman officer who specialized in Navigation and Training Development. He has been in the service for 17 years and served onboard various ships and bases. He was involved in the promulgation of a new training methodology in the RMN known as Competency Based Training and Assessment which was later applied throughout the Malaysian defense force. He was also responsible for young officer leadership and development in the RMN. Prior to coming to this course he attended the Western Pacific Naval Symposium held in Tokyo in October 2006.

**Lieutenant Commander Yusne Mokhtar** from Royal Malaysian Navy is a Navigation officer who has been in the service for 17 years. He has served onboard various ships and at headquarters mainly dealing with operations and planning matters. At the headquarters his involvement has been mainly with policy making and enforcement operations in EEZ, which includes the Malacca Straits.

**Lieutenant Commander Yusliandi Ginting** from the Indonesian Navy is a Logistics officer who has been in the service for nearly 15 years. He spent most of his time onboard various ships and bases. As a logistics officer he has been primarily concerned with logistics capabilities, operational readiness and logistic planning in support of enforcement and operational duties.

**Captain Marine Didiet Hendra Wijaya** from the Indonesian Navy is a Combatant officer and has been in the service for more than 10 years. As a marine he has spent most of his time in operational areas conducting border security and monitoring illegal activities. He has also been involved in operational planning and policy making in battalion headquarters.

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... in combating terrorism and other transnational crime. I was privileged to participate in the further development of that network leading many delegations to multilateral and bilateral negotiations.

Joining ANCORS has enabled me to devote more time to my specific aspiration for the future of the world’s oceans.

My doctoral research focused on the protection of high seas biodiversity and the legal and institutional changes needed to achieve that objective. Intensifying human activities in ocean areas beyond national jurisdiction have resulted in rapid depletion of high seas resources and degradation of the marine environment. To arrest that decline we need more responsible high seas governance underpinned by strong global and regional institutions acting as stewards for the world’s oceans.

The principal aim of my research is to contribute to that endeavour. In the last six months I have been immersed in teaching oceans law and policy, researching oceans issues and writing a book and journal articles on the protection of high seas biodiversity. Getting to know my new colleagues and benefiting from their diverse skills and experiences has been truly delightful. As I descend Mount Ousley on frequent trips to Wollongong from my Canberra base, I am always struck by the amazing blue of the ocean and the lush green of the UOW campus. ANCORS with its unique mix of maritime, professional and scholarly experience is ideally placed to provide in depth analysis of oceans issues for a wide range of clients including government, industry, non governmental organisations and civil society. Its strong reputation as a centre of excellence for law of the sea training and advice on fisheries law and policy provide it with a perfect base to become Australia’s cutting edge research institution on broader oceans law and policy issues.

The expanded ANCORS network of practitioners and scholars has the capacity to become a major contributor to the development of oceans policy at the national, regional and global level.

*Dr Robin Warner is a Senior Research Fellow at ANCORS.*
Surprised, Confused and Relaxed: Meet my new friends

By Jianwei Li*

My colleagues in China can’t wait to hear about my experiences now that I am back at school. My answer to them as to how I feel is “surprised, confused and relaxed!”

When I applied for the course I knew that I would be studying with navy officers. Because of my family background (my father served in the Chinese army for over 20 years), I was looking forward to refreshing my memory of the officers in the services. On the first day of lectures I rushed to the classroom, the earliest to welcome my new friends. One, two, three, …eight. The door was closed and the lecture started. But deep in me I was still waiting. How could my classmates be all men? Or should I be a male? Yes, they were my group, no matter how surprised I felt; eight, boys all with no exception than me, from Southeast Asian countries and Tonga. Oh, how I love our English with our typical country flavors, which makes the class enjoyable. Our navy officers are far from the strictness and seriousness one might imagine in service people. Believe me; they have their humour, when they came to welcome a new-comer. To me they are all called Ginting now, for to confuse me on the first day we met, they mixed up their names. They could be anyone but not their real identity. I wonder whether the boys still know who they are after the past five weeks’ torture, forcing themselves to believe they are the one they are not. Anyway I am confused, but they don’t mind if I call everyone Ginting. We all enjoy the puzzle and have had great laughs over it, a good start for relaxation and further communication.

Communication, I think, might be one of the aims of our course. In the waters beyond the baselines (announced or not) we do come across troubled waters, and sometimes conflicts result. Sitting in the same classroom, facing your smiling friends, what else could we think but to handle the issues by all possible peaceful means? That is my group, the bunch of navy officers plus one, cheerful, friendly and naughty. With them the stressful and boring study life can turn out to be very relaxed.

*Lianwei Li is a Deputy Director at the National Institute for South China Sea Studies, People’s Republic of China and a member of the Master of Maritime Policy Class of 2007.

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Lieutenant Taniela A Tuita from Tongan Navy is an Operations officer who has served in the navy for 16 years. He spent most of his time onboard ship including command of the Pacific Patrol Boat in the operational areas of the Pacific. He has also been very much involved in policy making and the management of Tongan waters.

Jianwei Li is from the National Institute for South China Sea Studies, Peoples Republic of China (PRC). Nicknamed ‘Helen’, she is the only civilian in this course and she holds a position as Deputy Director in the National Institute. She has been very involved in academic conferences and bilateral meetings on with oceans matters and issues. She has attended several workshops regarding maritime management. One of the most significant management issues has been Managing Potential Conflicts in South China Sea.

What do they think about their experience at ANCORS?

In general, the students feel that:

On their first experience in UOW… We are impressed with the management and administration of the university. It is a beautiful garden university with a very conducive environment to study. ANCORS have been very supportive in this course with dedicated staff and lecturers, along with providing a major source of knowledge in maritime affairs.

On the benefits of this course… We are gaining valuable knowledge and experience which will be of great benefit in pursuing our careers. We are enhancing and expanding our knowledge of oceans management and security awareness. The combination of country participants’ backgrounds has inculcated a better understanding of the local nature of maritime issues in the Asia Pacific region.

On our aspirations resulting from this course… We are enhancing our knowledge and confidence in handling maritime and security issues. We hope to improve our maritime domain awareness and develop common concerns over the management of ocean resources, as a common heritage of mankind. We are broadening our networks among course participants and with the Centre in pursuing common goals.

On graduation from the course… To be assigned to planning and policy areas so that we can make a major contribution to maritime management, and to conduct awareness programs in maritime management.

Editor’s Note: This article was prepared by the Masters Class members and represents their perspectives. Thanks to Lt. Commanders Yusne Mokhtar and Badarudin Taha, Royal Malaysian Navy, for working with their classmates to put the article together.
The Australian Naval Institute, in conjunction with ANCORS, is proud to announce the opening of the selection process for the second ‘Maritime Advancement Australia Award’, sponsored by Booz Allen Hamilton Australia with the support of Saab Systems and EDS.

The Award is in the form of a two year grant for research or development in a maritime activity. $22,000 each year will be made available to the winning project. The grant will be awarded to the most promising research or development proposal which will be judged by a committee of experts from the various fields of maritime endeavour, including science, maritime law and policy, defence, commerce, shipbuilding and maritime industry. The intent of the award is that it be available to the widest range of potential researchers and innovators, rather than just one sphere of maritime endeavour. Applications open immediately and will close on 31 October this year. The first award will be announced at the Pacific 2008 Maritime Exposition in January 2008.

The institution of this award indicates the ANI’s and ANCORS’ commitment to the encouragement and promotion of the advancement of knowledge related to the Navy and the maritime profession. The ANI and ANCORS are extremely grateful to Booz Allen Hamilton Australia, to Saab Systems and to EDS for making this award possible, demonstrating their own strong commitment to the advancement of Australia’s maritime activities.

ANCORS announces 2008 Professional Short Courses

ANCORS offers four one-week professional short courses for 2008. The principal lecturers for the courses are drawn from the University of Wollongong. The Centre also draws upon the expertise of its range of specialist Visiting Fellows, as well as a number of other guest lecturers from relevant Commonwealth Government departments and agencies.

Places are limited. Registrations will be accepted in the order in which they are received.

ANCORS is pleased to announce its 2008 professional short course programme, which will comprise the following:

- Maritime Security Law - (24 - 28 March);
- Law of the Sea - (30 June - 4 July);
- Maritime Regulation and Enforcement (7 - 11 July) and
- International Fisheries Law (26 - 30 September).

Administrative Details

The venue of the short courses will be at the University of Wollongong with full details sent to registrants in advance. Each course runs over five consecutive days. The fee for each course is A$2,200.00 (includes 10% GST). Accommodation may be available on campus if sufficient prior notice is provided. Alternatively, accommodation is available at nearby hotels or motels at corporate rates.

For full details, please visit the ANCORS website at: http://ancors.uow.edu.au

ANCORS staff appointed Associate Dean of Law

Congratulations to ANCORS team member Associate Professor Greg Rose on his appointment as Associate Dean (Research) of the Faculty of Law at UOW.
**ANCORS STUDENT PROFILES:**

**Meet some of our students and graduates...**

### CURRENT RESEARCH STUDENTS

**Amelia Emran**

Amelia started her Master of Maritime Studies - Research in 2005 and has just recently submitted her thesis entitled: “The Regulation of Vessel Source Pollution in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.” Amelia is a lawyer by profession and works for the Attorney General’s Chambers of Malaysia as a Federal Counsel with the International Affairs Division. Prior to commencing her Masters, Amelia was part of the “Special Projects” Unit in her Division, which amongst others, deals with Malaysia’s maritime and territorial boundary issues. In this capacity, she has participated in a number of bilateral negotiations and international law meetings as part of the Malaysian delegation, including as a delegate to the Sixth Committee (Legal) Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly in 2004 and 2005.

**Mikhail Kashubsky**

Mikhail, who is originally from Russia, commenced his PhD studies in 2006 with a thesis entitled: “Protecting Australia’s Offshore Oil and Gas Infrastructure: Legal Aspects of the Offshore Security Regime in Australia.” Mikhail is a lawyer who hold Bachelors degrees in Business Administration and Law and a Masters degree in Law. Mikhail became a qualified lawyer in 2003 and while completing his postgraduate qualification, was working part-time in a Canberra-based law firm. He was also tutoring law at the University of Canberra during that time and he continues to do so today. His research interests include offshore oil and gas law, maritime and offshore security law, and marine environment pollution law, on which topics he has also published.

### RECENT GRADUATES

**Dr Mary Ann Palma**

Mary Ann, who is now an ANCORS staff member, finished her PhD in 2007 with a dissertation that analysed the adequacy of the Philippine legal, policy, and institutional framework to address IUU fishing. While doing her PhD, she has been involved with the Centre’s ACIAR-funded project on the Management and Policy Frameworks for IUU Fishing in Indonesian and Philippine Waters. Prior to her PhD studies, Mary Ann has been part of various initiatives contributing to ocean policy formulation for the Philippine government in her work as a Researcher at the University of the Philippines. Mary Ann has participated in several international conferences and has published on fisheries and other marine policy issues. Related to her research work at ANCORS, she is currently engaged in research and government meetings pertaining to the bilateral fisheries relations between the Philippines and Indonesia and the Philippine participation in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission.

**Dr Bruce McLennan**

Bruce received his PhD in 2007 with a thesis on: “Contemporary Maritime Pressures and their Implications for Naval Force Structure Planning.” Bruce is a retired Royal New Zealand Navy officer who has had command experience in the Lake Class Patrol Craft HMNZS Taupo (1981–82) and the Leander Class frigate HMNZS Wellington (1997–99). He has also been the Executive Officer of HMNZ Ships Pukaki, Waikato and Canterbury. In 2000, Bruce joined the RAN Staff College as Directing Staff before being attached between 2001–2003 to the Australian Command and Staff College (ACSC) Project as inaugural Directing Staff. In 2004, Bruce undertook configuration options studies to align and upgrade the New Zealand and Australian ANZAC Ships. He is currently with the Australian Public Service as Chief of Staff, Major Surface Ships Branch within Australian Defence Materiel Organisation. Bruce holds Post-Graduate Diplomas in Strategic Studies and Business Administration (QUT), and Masters degrees in Management Defence Studies (UC) and Maritime Studies (UOW).
TRAFFIC-ANCORS Experts Workshop examines CITES Marine Species Listing

TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade monitoring network, and ANCORS convened a small group of experts on 31 August 2007 to examine issues relating to listing of marine species under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wildlife Fauna and Flora (CITES). The workshop analysed the potential processes and responsibilities for issuing Introduction from the Sea documentation for marine species listed on Appendix II of CITES and considered the practicalities of whether they should be issued by the flag or port State (or both). The workshop identified important port and flag State considerations and efficiencies in process and a report will soon be distributed through the TRAFFIC and ANCORS websites.

TRAFFIC, which stands for “Trade Records Analysis of Flora and Fauna in Commerce,” is a joint programme of WWF and IUCN - The World Conservation Union. The organisation seeks to ensure that trade in wild plants and animals is managed at sustainable levels without damaging the integrity of ecological systems. The workshop participants were Mr Gerry Geen (fisherman/consultant), Professor Martin Tsamenyi (Director ANCORS), Mr Quentin Hanich (ANCORS), Ms Mary Lack (independent consultant), Mr Frank Meere (facilitator/independent consultant), and Mr Glenn Sant (TRAFFIC Global Marine Programme Leader).

United Nations selects ANCORS for Oceans Study Fellowship

ANCORS is one of 10 institutions world-wide chosen for a United Nations program to help developing countries better manage their maritime resources and formulate policies for their oceans. The UN and the Nippon Foundation in Japan has established a Fellowship for advanced education in the field of ocean affairs and the law of the sea.

The Fellowships, established in 2005, seeks to provide opportunities for 10 people each year from developing countries to attend the world’s leading maritime law institutions to develop the necessary skills to assist their countries develop comprehensive ocean policies.

This year, ANCORS hosts I Made Andi Arsana from Indonesia. Andi, who holds a permanent position as a lecturer in the Department of Geodetic and Geomatic Engineering, Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia, is spending six months at ANCORS working on a research project on Indonesia’s submission of its claim to an extended continental shelf, looking at its current status and problems in the context of Article 76 of the LOSC. He will be giving a presentation of his research on 19 September 2007, after which he will then complete the Fellowship by spending three months at the UN headquarters in New York.

ANCORS staff member, Dr Clive Schofield, an international expert on maritime boundary issues, is supervising Andi’s research.

ANCORS Seminar Series

The ANCORS Seminar Series is a forum for faculty, researchers, visiting fellows, and research students to present research proposals, work in progress results, and other lectures on issues of national and international maritime policy, ocean governance, marine resource management, and maritime security.


If you would want to be included in the ANCORS Seminar Series mailing list or would like to make a presentation, or if you require more information, please feel free to contact: Dr Mary Ann Palma, mpalma@uow.edu.au, Tel +61 2 4221 5064, Fax +61 2 4221 5544.
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…presents her own humorous newcomers report; Dr Robin Warner has recently joined the ANCORS team full-time and gives us the benefit of her background and aspirations for the future. We have also included some informative articles about how the Centre is travelling since the re-launch, including the history of ANCORS, and some information about a policy on Fellows, Associates and Alumni recently approved by ANCORS Director, Dr Martin Tsamenyi.

We hope you enjoy this first edition of the ANCORS Newsletter and we welcome your feedback and contributions. We expect that the Newsletter will expand and evolve over time to meet the needs and interests of the wider ANCORS community. I believe that we will all share an exciting journey ahead.

Welcome Aboard!

ANCORS Fellows, Associates and Alumni

In April this year, the Director of ANCORS Professor Martin Tsamenyi approved a new policy that will help involve an expanding network of people who have, or would like to have, a relationship with the Centre. The policy includes appointment of Fellows to the Centre and inviting people wishing to become Associates to join the extended team. The many ANCORS (and CMP) Alumni, comprising people who have undertaken academic degrees and professional courses over the years have also been included. The policy is available on the ANCORS website and is summarised below.

ANCORS Fellows

The Director of ANCORS may nominate individuals to be appointed as Fellows, taking in to account their academic and professional credentials, and their availability and willingness to contribute to the various activities of the Centre. Fellows are appointed by the University and are entitled to certain privileges as academics of the University. The category of an appointment will be determined by the credentials of the proposed Fellow.

The types of Fellow appointment are Salaried, Honorary and Visiting.

ANCORS Associates

The Director ANCORS may invite any person who is or would like to be associated with ANCORS to become an ANCORS Associate. The arrangement is far less formal, in an academic or professional sense, than for Fellows and encompasses a broader range of relationships. Examples of persons who may be invited to become ANCORS Associates include: a. Persons who support ANCORS. Support could be financial, professional, promotional or other in-kind; b. Academics and/or researchers from other Tertiary or Research Institutions, from within Australia or overseas, who share ANCORS interests; c. Professionals and/or academics, from within Australia or overseas, who contribute to ANCORS on an occasional or invited basis to teaching, lecturing, research activities or advisory services; d. Persons from government, non-government or business organisations, from within Australia or overseas, who have a professional interest in ANCORS programs or with whom ANCORS has a business relationship; and e. Persons with interests in maritime affairs.

ANCORS Alumni

The Director ANCORS will invite any person who has completed a course of education or training with ANCORS (including with the former CMP) to become an ANCORS Alumni. Persons who have completed past ANCORS/CMP programmes will be encouraged to join the Alumni. The details of ANCORS Alumni will be kept on a database. They will be kept informed, from time to time, of ANCORS developments and opportunities that may be of interest, and their views or contributions may be sought.

Please contact: Mrs Myree Mitchell on (02) 4233 1774 or myree@uow.edu.au if you are interested in being considered as an ANCORS Fellow, would like to become an Associate, or to be added to the Alumni data base.

Upcoming Events

Dr Robin Warner, ANCORS Senior Research Fellow will participate in the High Seas Governance for the 21st Century Workshop in New York, 17 - 19 October 2007. The Workshop is an initiative of the Specialist Group on High Seas Governance of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law. Assoc. Prof. Lee Cordner AM, ANCORS Principal Research Fellow, has accepted an invitation to be Conference Chair, Speaker and Panelist at Border Security Asia 2007, Singapore 10-11 October 2007.

READERS’ FEEDBACK: We would love to hear from you!

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