Welcome to the ANCORS Newsletter.

This is another exciting and busy year for ANCORS. Indeed, the Centre continues to grow from strength to strength. This is clearly shown by its success in securing prestigious Australian Research Council grants and fellowships, recent staff promotions, the increasing number of industry and government partners, in new and innovative research, collaborative projects, and professional short courses.

Congratulations to all our 2010 ANCORS graduates. We are extremely proud of your accomplishments.

We recently launched the new ANCORS logo. Do visit our newly updated website for the latest news about the Centre.

Enjoy reading!

ANCORS achieved outstanding success in the 2009 and 2010 Australian Research Council (ARC) Grants Rounds. Professor Martin Tsamenyi and Associate Professor Robin Warner (ARC Postdoctoral Fellow) were awarded $322,000 for an ARC Discovery Project titled ‘Harnessing the Oceans to Combat Climate Change: Developing Law and Policy Frameworks for Ocean Energy and Climate Change Mitigation,’ while Professor Clive Schofield was awarded an ARC Future Fellowship and research grant of $804,000 to undertake a 4 year project on ‘The Limits of Maritime Jurisdiction: Overcoming Uncertainties and Safeguarding Australia's Interests.’ Both Fellowships are quite prestigious and only rarely awarded in the law discipline. In 2010, there were only four Future Fellowships awarded Australia-wide in the field of law.

The ARC Discovery Project will analyse international and Australian legal and policy frameworks for ocean energy and ocean-based climate change mitigation activities to identify regulatory gaps and best practice elements as a basis for enhancing international and Australian regulation of these activities. The outcomes of this project are designed to substantially advance the knowledge base in the field delivering a comprehensive and critical analysis of law and policy options available to national decision makers to effectively regulate these emerging activities in an environmentally sustainable manner. As part of the project, Associate Professor Warner presented a paper on “Regulating the Impacts of Climate Change Mitigation Activities on Marine Biodiversity” at the 8th Annual Colloquium of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Academy of Environmental Law in Ghent, Belgium in September 2010. A key outcome of the project will be a book edited by Assoc Prof Warner and Prof Schofield entitled Climate Change and the Oceans Gauging the Legal and Policy Tides in the Asia Pacific with publication expected in 2012.

Prof Schofield’s research will investigate issues related to determining the limits of maritime jurisdiction from an integrated legal and geotechnical perspective. It will focus on two key areas: uncertainties regarding the definition of baselines which provide the starting point for measuring claims to maritime jurisdictional zones and consequent concerns over the location of the outer limits of maritime claims; and, complex oceans governance and maritime security challenges that arise in the context of multiple and often incompatible ocean activities coupled with overlapping or coincident maritime jurisdictional rights. The former issue is especially pertinent in an era of sea level rise while the latter research is particularly relevant to Australia given the 2009 confirmation of Australia’s jurisdiction over 2.56 million square kilometres of extended continental shelf areas located seawards of the 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zone limits measured from relevant baselines. This enormous additional ‘extra’ maritime space carries with it great potential opportunities but also significant governance challenges which the project will explore.
I was approached by ANCORS Director, Martin Tsamenyi, and asked to join the Advisory Board. In response to the obvious question, he replied that he wanted someone from the NGO community to broaden the range of experience, ideas and perspectives to be brought to Board discussions. I was intrigued and beguiled, so I said, ‘yes’.

I came to both the NGO community and oceans issues by sheer serendipity. Having been brought up on a family farm in the south of England and graduated from Oxford in the mid ‘70s with a degree in Agricultural and Forest Sciences, I found myself doing a PhD on the effects of sulphur dioxide pollution on West Coast beech (myrtle) forests in the South Island of New Zealand. Unfortunately, my study sites (rainforests around abandoned and burning coal mines on the West Coast) were zoned for conversion to pine plantations and I fell into the arms of the local conservation group, the Native Forest Action Council, abandoned my PhD studies and started working my way up through the conservation movement from the streets of towns and cities across New Zealand — an old-fashioned apprenticeship sadly denied to most of my younger peers, nowadays.

Being the first employee of Environment and Conservation Organisations of New Zealand allowed me to work on every environmental issue imaginable at a time when such ideas were being taken a lot more seriously than they are today. Following the 1979 ‘oil shock’, the price of gold went through the roof and planeloads of miners from Australia and USA started trying to turf farmland – what’s more, they started taking a peculiar interest in Antarctica which we NZ NGOs decided was just not on. When negotiation of the Antarctic minerals regime broke out, I had the great privilege to be the first ever NGO on a NZ government delegation – which chaired the negotiations for several years. This was a wonderful introduction and training in the practical art of international diplomacy that continues to stand me in very good stead.

In 1985, I was recruited to Australia by Michael Kennedy, now Director of Humane Society International, to join others to persuade the Hawke government not to ratify the Antarctic minerals regime. I continue to work for Michael on a wide range of national and international issues and, through that work, have the dubious distinction of having known every environment minister the Commonwealth has ever had. I continue to work for Michael on albatross conservation (not only in CCAMLR but also domestically in Australia and in other RFMOs, especially CCSBT) and on forests and climate change issues at UNFCCC meetings.

Michael also gave me the job of working with others in and around the IUCN Environmental Law Centre to develop and facilitate the negotiation of what became the Convention on Biological Diversity, which was opened for signature at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992. I then went on to help the Howard government develop and enact its CBD implementing legislation, the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act – and implementation remains a significant work in progress.

Meanwhile, I was headhunted by Tasmanian environmentalists to coordinate their input to a federal Royal Commission of inquiry into World Heritage values of forests in Tasmania and, in 1987, ended up living in Tasmania and became National Director of the Wilderness Society in interesting times when Hawke was PM and Graham Richardson was our environment minister.

It was while living in Tasmania that I first got involved with international oceans issues as part of the NGO team, the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition. In those days, they used to have police on the doors to keep us pesky NGOs away and it took years to get formal observer status – how things have changed! For a fair few years now, I have represented Australian NGOs on the Australian government delegation to CCAMLR Commission meetings.

In 1996, I got involved with fighting poachers of Patagonian toothfish and developing and articulating the concept of ‘IUU’ fishing across the world. With support from both governments and licenced fishers, I set up and ran a project, ISOFISH, aimed at exposing those fishers responsible for the poaching – in their home towns and countries which included persuading Norway to introduce the world’s first fishing vessel ‘blacklist’ and Spain to legislate to make it an offence for Spanish nationals to commit offences elsewhere – not that Madrid has ever had the political will to use the law.

When I started going after Asian fishers, my friends in government suggested a healthier career so I closed the project in 2002 – and, serendipitously, was invited by WWF International to help them set up an oceans governance reform programme – which continues as my main means of employ today. I continue to give advice to WWF International on a wide range of oceans issues, including regimes needed to establish marine protected areas (MPAs), improved management and governance of tuna fisheries, seabed mining, Arctic governance reform, setting up a global register of fishing vessels, negotiating a new anti-IUU fishing port state measures agreement, a new FAO IPOA on bycatch and discards. I also represent WWF International at various intergovernmental meetings, such as the UNGA workshop on biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ), and in various networks and alliances of fellow NGOs.

This, I trust is enough to complement the work of others on the Board.
ANCORS hosts delegates from China’s State Oceanic Administration

On 1 June 2011, delegates from the State Oceanic Administration (SOA) of China visited ANCORS, upon the invitation of ANCORS Director Professor Martin Tsamenyi.

The main purpose of the visit was to “investigate the possibilities of training their senior staff with overseas institutions,” according to Ms Julia Xue, an alumnus of ANCORS and a Professor at the Ocean University of China, who arranged the visit. It was Professor Xue who contacted ANCORS Director Professor Tsamenyi, who was formerly her PhD supervisor, and asked if ANCORS would be willing to host the SOA delegates.

The SOA Chinese delegation was headed by Mr Li Chunxian, Director General of Department of Personnel of SOA; who was joined by his other colleagues from SOA: Mr Zhao Guanglei; Dr Gao Zhongwen; Ms Xu Heyun; Mr Guo Jingpeng, and Dr Song Pingjian. The SOA delegates were warmly received by ANCORS Director Professor Tsamenyi, who was joined by ANCORS staff and students.

ANCORS Director Professor Tsamenyi said that the purpose of the meeting was “to find out related international cooperative projects on education and training on ocean research, management, policy and law; and to explore possible cooperation on training and education of staffs between SOA and related universities in Australia.”

Transboundary Environmental Governance Seminar

On 12 May 2011, academics from across Australia and abroad convened to discuss transboundary environmental law and policy at a seminar organised by ANCORS.

The keynote speaker for the seminar was Professor Timo Koivurova of the University of Lapland, Finland, whose visit to Australia was funded by the University of New South Wales.

The other speakers at the seminar were Dr Cameron Holley (Macquarie University Law School), Ms Emily Crawford (Flinders University Law School), Associate Professor Simon Marsden (Flinders University Law School), Ms Michelle Lim (School of Law, University of New England), Ms Youna Lyons (Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore), Associate Professor Alan Hemmings (Gateway Antarctica Centre for Antarctic Studies and Research, University of Canterbury, New Zealand), Dr Ricardo Roura (Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition and Arctic Centre University of Groningen, Netherlands), Ms Karen Scott (School of Law, University of Canterbury, New Zealand), and Associate Professor Robin Warner (ANCORS).

The seminar reviewed current transboundary environmental law and policy as it applies to Australia, its offshore territories and the surrounding areas beyond national jurisdiction. It also analysed the potential for implementing additional transboundary environmental mechanisms and processes drawing on experience from other regions.

With scholars from Singapore, New Zealand, Finland and Australia travelling to Wollongong for the seminar, Assoc Prof Warner, who organised the seminar with Assoc Prof Marsden from Flinders University Law School, said that it has been a great opportunity to explore challenging ideas.

The papers presented at the seminar will be published in an edited book.
Visiting Principal Fellow

Jack McCaffrie

“... just the chance to be a small part of what is one of the foremost institutions of its kind anywhere is just so immensely satisfying. Long may it all continue.”

ANCORS Participates in ILA Asia-Pacific Regional Conference

The International Law Association (ILA) held its biennial ILA Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China on 29 May – 1 June 2011. The conference theme was “Contemporary International Issues in the Asia Pacific: Opportunities and Challenges.”

ANCORS hosted a meeting on 9 May 2011 with delegates from several of Thailand’s key national security agencies. The 11-man Thai delegation was headed by Mr Tawin Pleansri, Secretary General of Thailand National Security Council. He was joined by his colleagues from the Royal Thai Navy, Maritime Enforcement Coordinating Center, Marine Department, Marine Police Division, Customs Department, Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The members of the Thai delegation were: Mr Anusit Kunakorn; Mrs Kanokthip Rajatanan; Mr Sittinun Manitkul; Mr Varavudhi Thamnabutra; Rear Admiral Jumpol Lumpiganon; Associate Professor Padermsak Jarayabhand; Mr Narong Boonsathenwong; Captain Nipon Sommor, Captain Papon Hanphalboon; Commander Pitsutsak Sreechumpol; and Mr Pongphisoot Busbarat.

The meeting started with a brief presentation by ANCORS Director Professor Tsamenyi about the Centre, where he highlighted the growing regional and international recognition of ANCORS as the only Australian institution of higher learning conducting research, education and training on ocean law and governance, maritime security and the natural marine resources management. He also discussed the vision and mission of ANCORS and the various degrees offered by the Centre. In the course of the meeting, the parties exchanged views and ideas on possible future collaboration opportunities involving the Centre and Thailand in respect of maritime security and national disaster management.

Also present during the meeting were Law Faculty Dean Professor Luke McNamara, ANCORS staff Professor Warwick Gullett and Dr Chris Rahman; along with ANCORS PhD students Kamal-Deen Ali, Pakjuta Khemakorn, and ANCORS masters students from Thailand, Chattep Chanchang and Dulyawat Chaowadee.

ANCORS hosts delegates from Indonesian Navy

On 9 May 2011, ANCORS hosted two delegates from the Indonesian Navy, Colonel Greg Agung DW, Director of Operation and Strategy Research of the Naval Command and Staff College (SESKOAL) and Captain Dedy Roma W. Their visit to Australia was in relation to an invitation from Sea Power Centre Australia.

Colonel Agung mentioned Indonesia’s intention to establish an institution similar to Sea Power Centre Australia. The purpose of their visit was to learn from Australia’s experience on how to run such a center. Colonel Agung said their trip has been very fruitful and he has learned important aspects in relation to how Sea Power Centre Australia is run and managed. While admitting Indonesia’s needs of a similar institution, he noted that funding will be one of the issues to overcome.

During the meeting, ANCORS Senior Research Fellow Dr Chris Rahman gave a presentation about ANCORS, briefly explaining its history and its major accomplishments. Andi Arsana, an Indonesian PhD student at ANCORS also gave an interesting presentation on Indonesia’s maritime boundary delimitation, highlighting the legal and technical aspects of Indonesia’s maritime disputes.

Colonel Agung, at the conclusion of the meeting, thanked ANCORS for hosting the Indonesian Navy delegation and presented a token to the Centre, which was gratefully received by Dr Rahman.
Débora De Freitas  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

I am an oceanographer with expertise in coastal management, marine policy, public participation in natural resources management, and spatial planning. I can trace my passion for coastal and ocean related issues to my hometown Rio Grande, in Southern Brazil, where I was born and lived before I came to Australia in 2005. Rio Grande is a very interesting place. It is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and the Patos Lagoon Estuary, the biggest lagoon system in South America. In this place, natural assets such as saltmarsh, ecological reserves, coastal dune systems, local fish and shrimp species share space with exponential industry and port development, agriculture and tourism activities. The desire to see this region achieve a balanced use of natural resources while promoting economic, human-induced growth was what directed me to oceanography and coastal fields.

I completed my BSc-honours (2000) and Masters-honours (2003) degrees in Oceanography at the Federal University of Rio Grande, Brazil with complementary studies in Marine Policy at the Center for the Study of Marine Policy, Delaware, U.S.A. During this time, I worked as a trainee student in the Coastal Management Laboratory (Brazil), where I developed several academic projects and reports on environmental analysis, planning and management, GIS and remote sensing tools, fisheries ecology, and aquaculture site selection, among others. I was also a researcher collaborator in the Estuaries and Coastal Areas Project: Basis and Tools for a more Sustainable Development (ECOSUD Project Brazil). Between 1995-2000, I also worked with ichthyoplankton distribution and interaction with biophysical processes.

After my masters degree, from 2003-2005, I decided to get practical experience in environmental planning and coastal policy, so I joined the public sector as Supervisor of the Environment Department of the Rio Grande City Council (Southern Brazil) where, among other local activities, I worked as the Program Leader of the Shoreline Integrated Management Federal Program, working with ecological, social and economic aspects of integrated coastal management in Rio Grande, Southern Brazil.

In 2006, I went back to academia to do my doctoral degree. I earned my PhD in Environmental Studies at James Cook University in 2010 focusing on the social and technological dimensions of spatial planning and public participation in natural resources management. During my PhD studies, I had the incredible opportunity to work on one of the world’s largest reef systems, the Great Barrier Reef. The linkages and influences of catchment systems, coastal development and water quality in the Great Barrier Reef lagoon were core aspects of my research, as well as science-policy interface issues. While in Queensland, I also had the opportunity to develop linkages and work with people from a range of organisations such as the Australian Institute of Marine Science, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems, Australian Centre for Tropical Freshwater Research, and the North Queensland Natural Resource Management Agency, among others.

Still in Townsville, from 2008-2010, I have been fortunate enough to have been able to undertake work as a research associate in systematic coastal and marine conservation planning with Professor Bob Pressey in the ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies, based at James Cook University.

On October 2010, I joined ANCORS as a Research Fellow to work primarily with an innovative and exciting project entitled ‘CSIRO Coastal Collaboration Cluster: Enabling Science Uptake in Australia’s Coastal Zone.’ The major aims of the Cluster are: to identify barriers to uptake of science in coastal zone; generate a clearer model of how researchers can engage more effectively with stakeholders and decision makers; thus enable better science uptake; and ultimately improve management outcomes in coastal zone. The Cluster is composed of five themes studied across eight universities: governance, socio-cultural context, knowledge systems, and adaptive learning. The various themes will be integrated by a keystone theme: integration, analysis and synthesis lead by ANCORS under the coordination of Richard Kenchington (Professoral Fellow and Theme Leader) and Debora De Freitas (Postdoctoral Research Fellow). The Integration, Analysis and Synthesis Theme plays an active role in bringing the other themes together, and provides strong leadership, close cooperation and communication, while fostering a genuinely collaborative approach between the Cluster participants and with the relevant CSIRO Flagships teams. The primary and essential aim of the Integration, Analysis and Synthesis Theme is to develop practical, workable strategies for progressing improved integrated management and communication between the many players with diverse needs, expectations and perspectives involved in the coastal zone.

I am also collaborating with projects in oceans and coast governance, fisheries management and climate change adaptation in Australia, Brazil, Africa and the Coral Triangle region, so ANCORS is the right place to be! ANCORS is a really inspiring environment to work in. The outstanding reputation of ANCORS in maritime affairs and oceans governance will certainly contribute towards my professional development and I am looking forward to further contribute with research and applied work in this field.
CSIRO Coastal Collaboration Cluster First Integration Workshop

The first CSIRO Coastal Collaboration Cluster Integration Workshop was held at ANCORS from 22 to 25 February 2011. There were 32 cluster members who participated in the workshop including CSIRO partners, theme leaders, PhD students, postdocs and associated researchers from different research institutions around Australia. The workshop was coordinated and facilitated by Theme Leader Richard Kenchington and Research Fellow Debora De Freitas from ANCORS.

The main objective of the workshop was to bring together Cluster members to share their progress on their respective themes research since the official launch of the Cluster project in April 2010. The workshop also aimed to identify cross-linkages and collaborations between the different Themes and CSIRO.

Some of the activities developed during the workshop included: 1) the development of research collaboration between students, postdocs and associated researchers identifying opportunities, challenges, potential collaborations and joint publications between the Cluster themes and CSIRO partners, 2) discussion about the Cluster communications plan and public face website, and 3) participation in future conferences, workshops collaborations, trainings, outreach.

Royal Thai Navy Officers Visit ANCORS

On 4 April 2010, a delegation from the Royal Thai Navy visited ANCORS to discuss maritime security law issues and to explore possible avenues for future collaboration and cooperation. The head of the delegation was Rear Admiral Tanin Charatulla, Director of the Office of the Judge Advocate General. The other members of the delegation, who are all from the Office of the Judge Advocate General, were Captain Somjade Kongrawd, Director of Military Legislation Division; Commander Sintao Sawangchai, Head of Military Operations Law Section, Military Legislation Division; and Commander Sintao Sawangchai, Head of Military Operations Law Section, Military Legislation Division.

ANCORS Director Professor Martin Tsamenyi warmly welcomed the Thai delegation and gave a brief presentation about the Centre. The Thai delegation gave a presentation on their experience in combating piracy in Somalia. Among other issues discussed included illegal migration, transnational crime prevention and cooperation, and possible academic exchange between the Royal Thai Navy and ANCORS.

Staff Promotions

Congratulations to the following academic staff from ANCORS who were recently promoted:

- Assoc Prof Warwick Gullett – promoted to Professor
- Associate Professor Greg Rose – promoted to Professor
- Associate Professor Clive Schofield – promoted to Professor
- Dr Robin Warner – promoted to Associate Professor

Welcome New Staff & Students

ANCORS welcomes new staff member, Dr Débora De Freitas (please see related feature on page 6) who joined the Centre in 2010 as a postdoctoral research fellow.

We also welcome PhD student Kamal-Deen Ali from Ghana and masters by research student Lorelei Peralta from the Philippines (please see related feature on page 8) who both joined the Centre in 2010. And PhD students Yubing Shi from China and Carole Durussel from Switzerland, who commenced their PhD studies with ANCORS in 2011.
Student Profiles

Anthony Morrison
PhD Candidate

Anthony Morrison commenced his PhD studies with ANCORS in February 2008 under the supervision of Professors Martin Tsamenyi and Greg Rose. In 2011, Anthony successfully completed his PhD thesis, entitled “Shelter from the Storm – The Problem of Places of Refuge for Ships in Distress and Proposals to Remedy the Problem”.

Before coming to ANCORS, Anthony spent over 30 years as a lawyer in private, corporate and public practice. After graduating in Arts and Law from the University of Sydney, he spent a short period as a Legal Officer in the Royal Australian Navy. This was followed by five years in private practice and four years as Legal Counsel and Claims Manager for an insurance company. After taking a year off to undertake postgraduate studies in Shipping Law at University College London, Anthony joined the Maritime Service Board of New South Wales (MSB) as a senior lawyer and remained with the MSB and its various successor bodies for 20 years before coming to ANCORS in 2008. During this period, Anthony undertook various roles including Legal Manager of the MSB, General Counsel and Deputy Secretary of the MSB until its abolition in 1995, acting General Counsel and Deputy Secretary of the Sydney Ports Corporation, Corporate Secretary of the Port Kembla Port Corporation, General Counsel to the Office of Marine Administration and finally General Counsel to the NSW Maritime Authority. In these roles, Anthony performed a broad range of legal roles in property law, planning law, environmental law and shipping law. Anthony built up a particularspecialty in the law relating to marine pollution and acted as prosecutor in a number of oil pollution prosecutions including one that went on appeal to the High Court of Australia. He also provided specialist advice on many aspects of shipping law and policy including drafting and amending NSW oil pollution legislation and representing the NSW Maritime Authority on several interdepartmental and interstate committees concerning implementation of the Ballast Water Convention, the coordination of State and Territory laws on oil pollution and the planning and implementation of the National Maritime Emergency Arrangements. From 1996 to 2006, Anthony represented the NSW Maritime Authority at the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) and during this period was a member of the Legal Committee and Legal Counsellor for the Australia/Oceania region of IAPH.

Anthony obtained a Master of Laws degree with honours from the University of Sydney, specialising in international transport and trade, in 1992 and the Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law from the University of Sydney in 2007. He also undertook the Associateship exams of the Australian Insurance Institute, specialising in marine insurance, and is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators.

Anthony lectured at the University of Technology, Sydney, for three years as a part time lecturer in the undergraduate subjects of transport law, insurance law and commercial transactions and also taught Shipping Law at the Sydney Institute. While at ANCORS, he has also given lectures for the Master of Maritime Security course.

Lorelei Peralta
Masters by Research Candidate

Lorelei Espinas-Peralta, from the Philippines, commenced her Master of Maritime Studies (Research) with ANCORS in July 2010, under an Australian Leadership Awards Scholarship from AusAid. Her thesis, on the “Implications of Extended Continental Shelf Submissions in the South China Sea” identifies and analyses relevant technical, geopolitical and legal issues in order to illustrate and highlight key complexities and compounding conflicts as a result of the continental shelf submissions in the South China Sea. She is supervised by Professor Clive Schofield and Dr Mary Ann Palma.

A civil engineer by education and profession, Lorelei has attended related training courses and workshops from prestigious international educational institutions, such as the Rhodes Academy, where she earned a Diploma on Oceans Law and Policy; the Beijing University of Technology and Harbin University in China where she studied Remote Sensing and Space Technology Applications; the International Ocean Institute, Dalhousie University, Canada where she participated in a course on Ocean Governance; and training on Extended Continental Shelf Delineation, sponsored by Blom ASA, Norway.

Before she left for Australia for her postgraduate studies, Lorelei was the Chief of Staff at the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), the central mapping agency of the Philippines. NAMRIA, an attached agency of the Philippine Department of Environment and Natural Resources, is mandated to provide the public with mapmaking services and to act as the central mapping agency, depository, and distribution facility for natural resources data in the form of maps, charts, texts, and statistics.

Prior to her current designation, she was previously the Chief of Plans and Operations Division at NAMRIA. In this capacity, she was in charge of the plans and programs of the Agency which exposed her extensively to local, regional and international maritime issues and concerns. This exposure gave birth to her passion and motivation to be fully immersed in maritime and ocean affairs.

Lorelei has been actively involved in projects and activities of national significance including the passage of Republic Act No. 9522 defining the archipelagic baselines of the Philippines, and in the extended continental shelf submission of the Philippines.

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On 6-16 June 2011, ANCORS conducted a specially-tailored training course on fisheries management for Indonesian fisheries students. There were thirteen young Indonesian fisheries students who participated in the Indonesian Fisheries Fellowship Course who were selected from the six Indonesian fisheries colleges.

The course is part of the Indonesia-Australia Public Information Campaign on Illegal Fishing, with funding from AustAID, in cooperation with the Australian Government’s Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Indonesia’s Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries.

The lecturers for the course included Dr Mary Ann Palma, Prof Ron West, Prof Alistair McIlgorm, Dr Lowell Bautista, Dr Pia Winberg, Ms Pakjuta Khemakorn and Mr Arief Setyanto. The course included a trip to Sydney for the participants to have a tour of the Sydney Fish Market and the Sydney Aquarium, to see the Botanic Gardens and the Sydney Opera House, and visit the Indonesian Consulate in Sydney.

The participants for the course were Simon Petrus Mandak, Azman Yattaqi Chassanifarr, Nur Ashi Wulandari, Renda Martanu, Andre Nursetya Harsono, Briando Aufar Saputra, Lalu Hizbulloh, Aden Shandy Prima Sari, Elops Samudra Suthan Wiguna, Willy Nofian Muhammad, Wisnu Febryan Widyantoro, Agusian Nina, and Debby Dyanessa Saragih.

An International Workshop on Security & Stability in the Southern Philippines: Implications for Australia and the Region was held on 28-29 September at the University of Wollongong. This workshop discussed various aspects of security in the Southern Philippines, including political, socio-economic, maritime, and human security. The workshop emphasised that an understanding of the intricate cultures, beliefs and values in the Southern Philippines is a prerequisite to finding solutions to its political, religious, and economic struggles. It also highlighted the strategic importance of Southern Philippines for the promotion of international security, specifically with respect to regional terrorism, sea lines of communication, protection of trade and other extra-regional security engagement.

The Workshop was funded by the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA) International Science Linkage Program, University of Wollongong (UOW) University Internationalisation Committee (UIC) International Links Grant Scheme, the Faculty of Law, and the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS). This Workshop was convened jointly by ANCORS and the Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention (CTCP) of UOW and the Philippine Institute for Peace, Violence and Terrorism Research (PIPVTR). It was attended by academics and government officials from the Philippines and Australia. Among the guest speakers are Professor Rommel Banlaoi, Chairman of the Board and Executive Director of the Philippine Institute for Peace, Violence and Terrorism Research; Attorney Rodel Cruz, former Undersecretary of Defence (Philippines) and President of the Asia Pacific Security Forum; Colonel Albert Ignatius Ferro from the Philippine National Police and PIPVTR; Commander Ronnie Gil Gavan from the Philippine Coast Guard; Professor Harry Roque, Professor of Law with the University of the Philippines; Father Eliseo Mercado, a Peace Advocate and Academic from the Institute of Institute of Autonomy and Governance, Notre Dame University; and Dr Jackson Ewing of Bond University and S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies.

This workshop underscores the importance of international collaboration between academic institutions in addressing issues of critical importance. Each organisation present in the Workshop possesses strengths and expertise that can contribute to future development of collaborative research projects.

A book will be published at the end of 2011 as a result of this collaborative activity.
I graduated with a Master of Maritime Policy degree from ANCORS in 2007. I am a legal officer from the Royal Thai Navy (RTN) and currently the Director of Military Legislation Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General. In this capacity, my main responsibilities include providing advise on matters involving military and international law, including the law of the sea, human rights, international maritime security law, and international military operational law. I also lecture on these areas in the Naval War College and the Naval Command and Staff College.

Throughout my career, I have participated in numerous national and international conferences and negotiations, such as the 2nd CSCAP Legal Expert Sub-Group in 2006 the Workshop for ASEAN Member States on Developing an Integrated Approach to Maritime Security through Counter-Terrorism Convention, Criminal and International Law: Legal Perspectives, Capacity Building Conference, in 2009; and the 1st-3rd CSCAP Group on Establishment of Regional Transnational Organised Crime Hubs in the Asia Pacific, in 2010. I also conducted research which studied the feasibility of establishing the Royal Thai Coast Guard which was presented to the Thai National Security Council.

I have also played an important role in forging academic legal cooperation with many foreign institutes such as the US Naval War College in 2010. The results of these negotiations are very fruitful as both the RTN and the US Naval War College have a commitment to share knowledge and exchange legal experts between the two institutions, including the appointment of a research fellow. I recently visited ANCORS in April 2011 to explore cooperation between ANCORS and the Office of the Judge Advocate General. I am I am working on a draft MOU which will include the exchange of legal experts and visits by Thai legal officers to be funded by the RTN to conduct research at ANCORS.

My motivation to study maritime security law at ANCORS came about after meeting Dr Sam Bateman, who was formerly the Director of the Centre for Maritime Policy (now ANCORS) in a Maritime Law and Security Seminar course in Canberra in 2004 and in the 2nd CSCAP Legal Expert Sub Group in 2006. I decided that being only familiar with fundamental international law was not enough. I wanted to gain a level of expertise on maritime law and policy, and I was certain that ANCORS was the perfect place for me to learn such.

I consider myself very fortunate to have been given the opportunity undertake postgraduate studies at ANCORS. The knowledge I obtained from ANCORS has proven to be a beneficial tool for completing my duties efficiently.

All staff at ANCORS were very friendly, warm, easy going, and very knowledgeable. Having a bright smile on his face, Professor Martin Tsamenyi, taught the Class of 2007 international law and fisheries law. His lectures were very practical and useful, and were not just purely about legal theories and unusable conceptual ideas. This style of teaching was evident in the classes of Dr Chris Rahman and Dr Mary Ann Palma.

Dr Robin Warner was a very kind lecturer and was always eager to impart knowledge to us students. I learned a lot from her about Australian perspectives related to the law of the sea. I was particularly impressed at the Centre’s expertise in the areas of international fisheries law and law of the sea.

Of course, how could I forget Dr Clive Schofield, who always had a sense of humor and was always relaxed. He taught us methods of boundary delimitation, and the negotiation exercises we had in his class provided me with much practical insight. I believe that maritime boundary delimitation directly affects my country, and has inspired me to learn more about this area of law. As a result, I have written and released the controversial article, ‘Thailand and Cambodia Maritime Dispute: Peaceful Settlement,’ in 2008.

I feel indebted to ANCORS and all of its Staff from whom I have learned a lot and who have made my experience of studying in Australia very enjoyable. I am confident that I can make use of the knowledge I learned from ANCORS for the RTN and for my country and in creating good understanding and cooperation amongst nations of the Asian Pacific region.
Selected Recent ANCORS Publications


Masters Student Profile

Lorelei Peralta

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Lorelei has also participated in international bilateral and multilateral meetings. She was a member of the Philippine delegation to the Asia-Pacific Conference on Multilateral Cooperation on Space Technology; the Philippines-Vietnam Joint Oceanographic Marine Scientific Research Expedition in the South China Sea (SCS) and the Joint Permanent Working Group on Maritime and Ocean Concerns (JPWG-MOC) on the SCS Extended Continental Shelf (ECS); the Philippines-Indonesia JPWG-MOC Maritime Boundary Delimitation on the Celebes Sea; the United States National Geospatial Intelligence Agency-NAMRIA in drafting the Basic Exchange and Cooperative Agreement; and the US Naval Oceanographic (NAVOCEANO) Command-NAMRIA Hydrographic Survey Working Group.

Lorelei believes that the masters degree she will earn from ANCORS will certainly endow her with comprehensive and coherent knowledge providing her with an informed perspective on the law of the sea and other contemporary maritime issues. She is confident that the wealth of experience she will gain at ANCORS will assist her later on in making sound decisions in her current work which will ultimately benefit her Agency as well as her country.
ANCORS Congratulates 2010 Graduates

The ANCORS team congratulates our many alumni who studied with us and were awarded postgraduate degrees by the University of Wollongong in 2010:

**Doctor of Philosophy**
- Lowell Bautista
  - Thesis: The legal status of the Philippine Treaty Limits and territorial waters claim in international law: national and international legal perspectives

**Master of Maritime Policy**
- Kresno Buntoro
  - Thesis: An analysis of legal issues relating to navigational rights and freedoms through and over Indonesian waters

**Master of Maritime Studies**
- Fraser Vergelius
  - Distinction
- Camille Goodman
- Matthew McCormack

**Graduate Certificate in Maritime Studies**
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- Stuart Baily

**Master of Fisheries Policy**
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- Charles Bourne
- Anthony Bradford
- Matthew Butcher
- Fred Campbell
- Lorinda Carlin
- Morgan Coleman
- Griffyld Eldridge
- Graham Finch
- Lara Nicolette Fowler
- Don Janaka Priyantha
- Geekiyangane
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- Andrew Lincoln
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The Law of the Sea Institute Research Competition 2011

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Under the joint auspices of LOSI and KORDI, this year’s Law of the Sea Institute Conference presents Panel Five: Fresh Perspectives (Panel for early career researchers), a Thesis Competition for early career researchers. The theme for the 2011 Law of the Sea Institute Conference is “The Limits of Maritime Jurisdiction.”

How to participate:
- Eligibility: Early career researchers (within two years of the award of Ph.D. or equivalent qualification) and Postgraduate scholars in the field of the law of the sea, marine policy or a related field.
- Closing Date for Applications: 12 am, 31 August 2011.
- Documents for submission:
  - Paper proposal of around 1,000 words (English), sumé (English), recommendation letter from academic advisor (in English).
- Number of selections: 5 awards
- Manner of selection: Selection will be made by the Conference Organizing Committee.
- Award: Round-trip air fare to Australia, accommodation and expenses incurred during participation of the conference.
- Presentation and Final

Submission: Selected candidates will submit their first draft (around 5,000 words) by October 30. The revised (final) draft will be submitted after the symposium (8,000 to 10,000 words) by 31 January 2012. The final draft will be published along with other symposium papers by major publication company. The presentations will be limited to 20 minutes.

Send your submissions to Professor Seokwoo Lee, Inha University Law School. Applications will be received in electronic format only: leeseokwoo@inha.ac.kr.

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