



International Foundation for the Law of the Sea

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*Ladies and Gentlemen,
dear Friends,*

One rarely sees the Villa snowed in. While Winter still holds his grip on Hamburg, we are pretty busy to prepare for Summer or rather the 2010 Summer Academy, to be precise.

Those of you not regularly monitoring the website of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, might not have noticed that the Tribunal has received its first Delimitation case.

And we received some sad news as well; Louise de La Fayette, member of the 2007 and 2008 faculties, passed away last November.

So here are the news:



Winter in the Park

Delimitation Case at the Tribunal

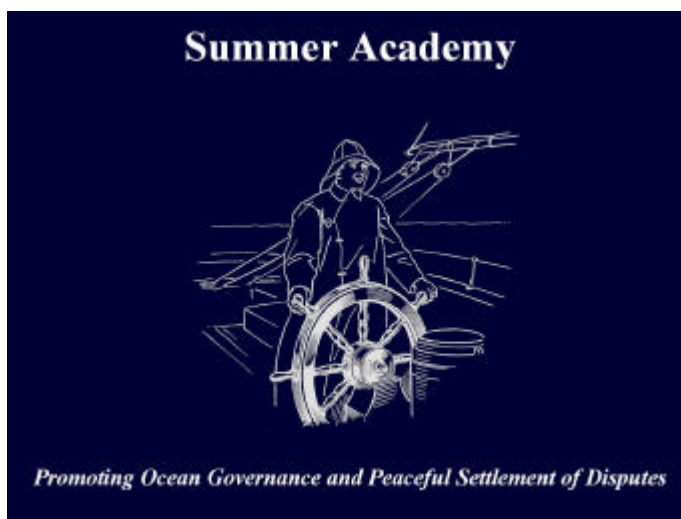
On 14 December 2009, proceedings were instituted before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in the dispute relating to the delimitation of the maritime boundary in the Bay of Bengal between the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Union of Myanmar.

For further information please refer to http://www.itlos.org/start2_en.html.

Summer Academy 2010 launched

Two weeks ago – earlier than in any of the previous years – we went live with the 2010 application process at <https://www.iflos.org/en/summer-academy/application-2010.aspx> and, after quite a few enquiries over the last few months, we are expecting applications from around the Globe again. As of today, the 2010 Schedule is also available at <http://www.iflos.org/en/summer-academy/schedule-2010.aspx> and we will soon start to assemble the 2010 faculty. **So please spread the news** about the fourth edition of this unique experience and direct anybody who might be interested towards our homepage or recommend enquiries at summeracademy@iflos.org.

For even easier information about the Foundation's central enterprise, we have recently put "Summer Academy in a Nutshell" on our website (4 MB zip file) summarizing what to expect. We'd be grateful if you would download this fairly colourful little brochure



Cover "Summer Academy in a Nutshell"

from <http://www.iflos.org/en/summer-academy/overview.aspx> and send it to the people you have in mind as participants of "Number Four". You might also want to have a closer look at it yourself to see how we are doing things these days or refresh a few memories.

We should like to express our sincere thanks to the President, Registrar and staff of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, who once again support the Summer Academy through various activities.

Maritime Talks 2010

Those of you having grown used to see the Foundation's Maritime Talks advertised for early March, please note that our traditional Spring event has been moved to Summer and is expected to be organised in the framework of the Summer Academy.

In Memoriam – Louise de La Fayette

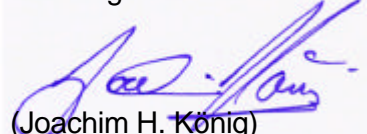
The Foundation sincerely regrets the loss of Louise de La Fayette, who passed away on 27 November, 2009.

Louise Angélique de La Fayette held several degrees from the Universities of Toronto and Cambridge. From 1981-1997, she served as a legal officer in the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, working mainly on the law of the sea and international environmental law. In the mid 1990's, she was responsible for the Arctic.

From 1997-2002, she was an academic at a British university, while also working pro bono on marine issues for IUCN, representing it at international meetings and conferences. From 2002-2006, she was Principal Officer and Head of International Cooperation and Coordination in the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs. Over the last years, she was a Visiting Professor, Maritime Institute, University of Greenwich; International Legal Adviser for the Advisory Committee on Protection of the Sea; Member of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law; and member of the ILA Committee on Legal Aspects of the Outer Continental Shelf. She was the author of many articles on the law of the sea, and served as counsel for Canada in the Gulf of Maine Maritime Boundary Case before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the Canada/ France Maritime Boundary Arbitration, and the Fisheries Jurisdiction Case (Spain v. Canada) also before the ICJ.

Louise was invited to join the faculty of the first Summer Academy in 2007 where she lectured "Marine Environmental Protection - Development and General Principles" and returned for the 2008 session. In 2009, she advised on the Schedule and the general structure of the Summer Academy. She was expected at the 2009 Autumn Symposium on "Conservation of Fish Stocks und Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing" but that was not meant to be. We will always remember Louise as a friend of the Foundation.

Greetings from the Villa and best wishes,



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