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### Sponsor the CCIL Annual Conference

The theme of this year's Annual Conference is "**Combustion: Energy, Resources and Environmental Issues Igniting International Law**" to be held on November 13-15 at Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada in Ottawa.

Each year, the Annual Conference relies heavily on sponsors for its success. It is a gathering of CCIL Members over three days to discuss issues relating to a central international law theme. The Conference features leading experts

Dear (Contact First Name),

Welcome to the CCIL Spring 2014 newsletter. We are excited to bring you several updates, announcements and articles of interest in the area of international law.

Bienvenue au Bulletin du CCDI d'hiver 2014. Nous sommes heureux de vous présenter plusieurs mises à jour, des annonces et des articles d'intérêt concernant le domaine du droit international.

### PRESIDENT'S YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear CCIL Members/Chers membres du CCDI,

Last year the CCIL has, with your help, continued its mission to promote discussion and understanding of international law across Canada. J'aimerais partager avec vous quelques éléments clés de nos activités de 2013, afin de vous encourager de nous aider à faire en sorte que cette année est encore meilleure.

In the area of scholarships, the CCIL's Humphries Fellowship continues to provide support for international law studies as it has done for many years, and is now joined by the recently created Leslie Green Veteran's Scholarship. Nous espérons que les récipiendaires du Boursier Humphrey, Emily Richard and Benjamin Perryman, gagneront et partageront une compréhension plus profonde de droit international en vertu de leurs études et travail académique. And we hope that the first recipient of the Leslie Green award, Devon Scheffer, will be joined by others in the years to come (fundraising efforts to increase the fund available for that award are ongoing).

In 2013 we also managed to expand our activities to include speakers in Ottawa, workshops in Toronto and Kingston, and support for international law elements of conferences in Toronto and Windsor. We hope this year to continue to engage in such activities, hopefully more broadly across the country. I would encourage you to contact the CCIL if there is an international law-related activity that you think the CCIL should put on or assist with. Nous voulons savoir s'il y a une valeur supplémentaire que la CCIL peut ajouter à un événement, ou si il y a un intérêt (pour quelque chose liée au droit international) sans avoir une organisation à satisfaire. Though bear in mind that we rely on volunteers to help organize activities, so if you propose an activity, we will ask you to help us in contributing to it!

You may also have noticed that our website and social media presence last year was increasingly active, with more organizations asking us to put up information related to international law that might be of interest to our members or friends. We welcome further ideas and submissions.

To end on our largest activity in terms of energy and participation, our 2013 Annual Conference. This year's conference looked at actors and actions in international law across a realm of disciplines, attracting almost 400 people across Canada and the world. Among the many other prominent and learned speakers was what is probably a record 3 high jurists speaking (two former

from academia, government, the private sector, international organizations and non-governmental organizations. Approximately 350-400 international law practitioners attend the Annual Conference.

If you would like to get involved and/or sponsor the Conference, please feel free to review our [sponsorship package](#) and/or contact us at [manager@ccdi-ccdi.ca](mailto:manager@ccdi-ccdi.ca)

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[Blogue de la Clinique de droit international pénal et humanitaire](#)

Le Blogue de la Clinique de droit international pénal et humanitaire (CDIPH) est un espace de communication quasi-simultanée entre experts et étudiants utile à la réflexion, à la vulgarisation et à l'avancement du droit. Il ouvre une porte sur le monde à ceux et celles qui souhaitent s'exprimer, brièvement ou longuement, sur le sujet de leur choix. Entre média d'information et source doctrinale, il est par ailleurs le seul blogue francophone dédié au droit international pénal et humanitaire présentement actif dans le cyberspace. Lisez et commentez nos blogues, et, si le cœur y est, soumettez-nous vos billets !

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judges of the International Court of Justice and a sitting judge of the Supreme Court of Canada). Et je note que le nombre de conférenciers présentant en français est beaucoup plus les derniers quelques années que dans le passé. This year's conference included a full three days of events, which seemed relatively popular, and a broad variety of panels (some suggestions being that there were too many). If you have views on the Annual Conference, it is not too late to fill out our survey (en français à <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WQX2XVS> and in English at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F82FK8C>).

We will be using that survey information to help plan our next Annual Conference, now confirmed for **November 13-15** with a theme of energy and natural resources.

I look forward to the exciting CCIL activities that we will see this year, with your help!

*Robert Brookfield,*  
CCIL President

## 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

\*\*French below\*\*

The CCIL is pleased to announce that the 2014 Annual Conference will be titled "*Combustion: Energy, Resources and Environmental Issues Igniting International Law*" and will focus on the very relevant and current issues of energy and natural resources. The Conference will take place from **November 13 to the 15** in Ottawa, Canada. Please keep an eye out for updates on what is shaping up to be a dynamic conference. A general call for papers will be sent out shortly.

The CCIL has also begun seeking sponsorship for the Annual Conference. We hope you will consider sponsoring our event. Sponsorship comes with a number of excellent benefits including linking your support to a plenary, keynote, or lunch session, allowing you to participate as a panel moderator or speaker, providing free conference registrations, and marketing your logo on our website and in newsletters.

The CCIL would be pleased to speak to you if you are interested in sponsoring. Please reach out to our President, Robert Brookfield at ([rbrookfield@hotmail.com](mailto:rbrookfield@hotmail.com)), or the Sponsorship Committee Co-Chairs, Adrienne Jarabek Marion ([ajarabek@hotmail.com](mailto:ajarabek@hotmail.com)) and Andrew Lanouette ([alanouette@cassidylevy.com](mailto:alanouette@cassidylevy.com)) for more information on how you can help make this year's conference as great a success as 2013!

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Le Conseil canadien de droit international est heureux d'annoncer sa 43<sup>e</sup> conférence annuelle - *Énergie, ressources naturelles et environnement...combustion du droit international* qui aura lieu à Ottawa du **13 au 15 novembre 2014**.

En même temps que la population mondiale augmente, les besoins en énergie et en ressources naturelles, et les enjeux qui y sont liés, s'accroissent. L'énergie et les ressources naturelles ouvrent des opportunités en terme de développement économique, d'investissements étrangers et de transfert de technologie. D'un autre côté, elles alimentent également les conflits armés et questionnent les droits des peuples autochtones.

Le droit international joue un rôle grandissant dans le monde des transactions en matière d'énergie et d'extraction des ressources - depuis des traités d'arbitrage en investissement jusqu'à des codes de conduite volontaires pour les industries extractives en passant par la Convention cadre des Nations Unies sur les changements climatiques; il est également incontournable en matière de protection des personnes.

La conférence annuelle de cette année examinera les questions de droit international liées à l'énergie, l'environnement et les ressources naturelles. Elle invite à participer les praticiens du droit international, des étudiants et des universitaires. Un appel à communications, en lien avec le commerce international, les droits humains, les entreprises ou encore les aspects humanitaires de ce thème sera diffusé sous peu.

## 2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

*Annie Lespérance and Raphaëlle Lapierre-Houssian,  
2013 Conference Co-Chairs*

The 42nd edition of the CCIL's Annual Conference has now come to an end. On November 14-16 2013, private practitioners, government lawyers, academics, and students from Canada and around the world met in Ottawa to discuss the Conference's theme "Contemporary Actors and their Actions: A New Look at the Formation of International Law".

In particular, we were privileged to hear the remarks of Judge Schwebel, arbitrator and former President of the International Court of Justice; the Honourable Mr. Justice Louis LeBel, Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada; Judge Al-Khasawneh, former Prime Minister of Jordan and former Judge of the International Court of Justice; Ms. Marie-José Nadeau, chair of the World Energy Council; Mr. Raymond Bachand, former Minister of Finance and former Minister of Economic Development of Innovation and Export Trade of Quebec; and Professor David Cole of Georgetown Law.

With a consistent attendance rate of approximately 400 from over a dozen countries, the CCIL's Annual Conference remains Canada's international law event.

We thank all participants and look forward to seeing you at the 2014 edition of the CCIL Annual Conference.

## THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS OF OUR 2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The CCIL would like to extend its thanks and recognize the following sponsors and their invaluable support for the 2013 Annual Conference:



**PUBLIC SECTOR AWARD CALL LETTER / PRIX DU CCDI  
POUR UN AVOCAT DU SECTEUR PUBLIC: APPEL DE  
MISE EN CANDIDATURE**

We are seeking your suggestions for worthy candidates to be considered for the newly created Public Sector Award.

This award recognizes significant contribution or service in the field of public international law by a public sector lawyer. The recipient will have significantly enhanced the understanding of and respect for public international law in the public sector.

Please refer to the following link where you will find more information on this award and details regarding the nomination process: <http://ccil-ccdi.squarespace.com/public-sector-lawyer-award/>

Please send in your nominations by June 30<sup>th</sup> to [ccil-ccdi@intertaskconferences.com](mailto:ccil-ccdi@intertaskconferences.com)

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Nous aimerions obtenir vos suggestions de candidats potentiels pour le Prix pour un avocat du secteur public qui vient d'être créé.

Ce prix reconnaît les services ou la contribution considérable d'un avocat du secteur public dans le domaine du droit international public. Le récipiendaire devra avoir accru de façon significative la compréhension et le respect du droit international public au sein du secteur public.

Veuillez vous référer au lien suivant pour de plus amples renseignements au sujet de ce prix, et pour les détails concernant le processus de mise en candidature : <http://ccil-ccdi.squarespace.com/prix-avocat-secteur-public/>

Prière d'envoyer vos mises en candidature d'ici au 30 juin à [ccil-ccdi@intertaskconferences.com](mailto:ccil-ccdi@intertaskconferences.com).

**READ MEDAL NOMINEES / MEDAILLE READ:  
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We are seeking your suggestions for worthy candidates to be considered for the John E. Read Medal to be awarded at our Annual Conference this year.

As you may know the Read Medal is a singular honour awarded by the CCIL to those who have made an extraordinary contribution to international law.

Please refer to the following link where you will find the previous recipients and the descriptions of their contributions: <http://www.ccil-ccdi.ca/ccil-john-e-read-medal/>

Please send in your suggestions by April 30<sup>th</sup> to: [ccil-ccdi@intertaskconferences.com](mailto:ccil-ccdi@intertaskconferences.com).

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Nous aimerions obtenir vos suggestions de candidats potentiels pour la médaille John E. Read qui sera décernée au congrès annuel de cette année.

Comme vous le savez peut-être, la médaille Read est un insigne honneur conféré par le CCDI à ceux qui ont apporté une contribution extraordinaire au droit international.

Veuillez vous référer au lien suivant pour une liste des récipiendaires et une description de leur contribution : <http://ccil-ccdi.squarespace.com/read-ccdi/>

## ARTICLES

For this edition of the CCIL newsletter, we are pleased to present Rapporteur Reports from our 2013 Annual Conference. We hope this will give you insight on the engaging panel and session topics at our conferences

### **Droit International et développement: la justice en transition en Syrie - Séance d'ouverture**

*Rapporteur: Aboubacar Dakuyo*

En tant que président de la conférence, M. Andrian Di Giovanni a introduit les conférenciers dans le cadre d'un rappel des éléments problématiques constituant le conflit syrien. Il a souligné que ce conflit qui dure depuis trois ans, a connu tout dernièrement, son moment crucial, qui a particulièrement retenu l'attention de la communauté internationale. Il s'agit, dit-il, de l'utilisation des armes chimiques. Selon lui, compte tenu de l'incapacité du Conseil de sécurité d'adopter des sanctions multilatérales contre la Syrie, certains États (principalement, les États-Unis, la France et la Grande Bretagne) ont voulu entreprendre des actions militaires unilatérales contre le régime syrien pour le punir de l'utilisation des armes chimiques. Toutefois, pour légitimer une telle intervention militaire en vertu de la responsabilité de protéger (R2P), certains de ces États ont retiré l'approbation de leurs Assemblées nationales. C'est à cet égard qu'Andrian Giovanni introduit la question principale de la conférence en ces termes: Comment résoudre les violations massives des droits de la personne en Syrie?

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### **International and Domestic Law on Corruption of Foreign Officials: Implementation of the OECD and UN Convention and Beyond**

*Rapporteur: Ani Mamikon*

This roundtable began with Milos Barutciski making some general comments about the origins of the issue of corruption of foreign public officials and the development of international treaties to address the matter. The panelists provided varying perspectives on the subject. Marcus Davies, having been intricately involved in the negotiations and development of the rules surrounding the issue of corruption, provided an interesting insight into how and why the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC), the Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act (CFPOA), and the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) were established.

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### **The Role of the Provinces in International Trade Negotiations**

*Rapporteur: Peter Salerno*

Debra Steger gave welcoming remarks and outlined themes to be covered in the panel discussion. Foremost was the changing nature of trade negotiations and its impact on provincial jurisdiction. Panelists presented different perspectives on how the federal and provincial governments coordinate international trade, which increasingly entails trade and economic agreements that delve into areas of provincial jurisdiction. In light of such changes, the panel sought to determine the proper role of the



provinces during negotiations, implementation, compliance and dispute settlement of international trade agreements.

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### **New Approaches to International law - Perspectives of Developing Countries**

*Rapporteur: Emily Alderson*

Professor Mirzaei-Yengejeh started the panel by pointing out that the title of the panel was chosen by the CCIL. It implies that the perspectives of developing countries are "new" and somehow separate from developed country perspectives, yet the countries of the "developing" world have long history of rich and varied thinking on international law.

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### **Who Cares: The Formation of International Law Related to Decent Work for Domestic Workers**

*Rapporteur: Adela Maciejewski-Scheer*

In her insightful presentation, Professor Adelle Blackett traced an ongoing shift in the dynamics of law-making at the International Labour Organization (ILO) towards the inclusion of previously unheard actors, domestic workers.

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## **IN MEMORIAM - PROFESSOR PIERRE LALIVE**

Nous annonçons avec tristesse le décès du Professeur Pierre Lalive, a friend of the CCIL who was the keynote speaker at our 2011 conference banquet.

Voir <http://www.lalive.ch/fr/news/index.php?idnews=915&show=news> (en français) or <http://www.lalive.ch/en/news/index.php?idnews=915&show=news> (English).

## **INTERNATIONAL LAW EVENTS OF INTEREST**

### **Manfred Lachs International Conference on Global Space governance**

**29 May 2014 to 31 May 2014**

**McGill University**

This conference explores the legal and sociopolitical obstacles to "good global space governance". Topics examined vary from human space migration to the legal challenges pertaining to establishing environmental protections in light of further space exploration. Registration by May 15 is required.

For registration and more details, please visit here:

<http://www.mcgill.ca/iasl/manfred-lachs-conference-2014>

### **14th Annual WTO Conference**

**Wednesday 14 May 2014 09:00 to  
Thursday 15 May 2014 17:00**

**BMA House, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9JP**

This event is organised by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law in association with the Institute of International

Economic Law at Georgetown Law, and the Society of International Economic Law.

For registration and more details, please visit here:  
<http://www.biicl.org/events/view/-/id/811/>

## 2014 ILA 76th Biennial Conference and 108th ASIL Annual Meeting

7 to 11 April, 2014

Washington DC, USA

For the first time in its history, ASIL is partnering with the American Branch of the International Law Association (ILA) to combine each organization's major conference for 2014 into a single, joint event. This unprecedented ASIL Annual Meeting and ILA Biennial Conference will take place April 7-12, 2014, in Washington, DC, and will represent a unique and historic gathering of the international law community.

For registration and more details, please visit here: [www.ila2014.org](http://www.ila2014.org)



If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Board of Director Editors, Andrew Lanouette and Adrienne Jarabek, at [manager@ccil-ccdi.ca](mailto:manager@ccil-ccdi.ca).

Si vous avez des questions ou des commentaires, n'hésitez pas de contacter les rédacteurs du Conseil du CCDI, Andrew Lanouette et Adrienne Jarabek, à [manager@ccil-ccdi.ca](mailto:manager@ccil-ccdi.ca).

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