

Rhodes Attendees – Summer 2006

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Finnur Birgisson is from Iceland. He is First Secretary in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Iceland where his main area of responsibility has been legal and institutional matters concerning Iceland's trade policy. He has a law degree.

Arianna Broggiato is from Italy. She now works as a researcher in law in the European Academy in Bolzano and hopes to switch to a research center specializing in law of the sea. She has a degree in Political Science and an LL.M. in Environmental Law.

Mohsen Daneshmand is from Iran. He is a diplomat at the embassy of Iran in Athens and is in charge of political and international affairs. He has an M.A. in Political Science.

Alexandra Edgar is from New Zealand. She is the Senior International Advisor at the New Zealand Ministry of Fisheries. She is working on her Master's degree in Resource Studies.

Jasper Erekosima is from Nigeria. He is a lawyer who wishes to expand his knowledge of the law of the sea. He holds a BL and LLB.

Edwin Estrada is from the Philippines. He is a foreign affairs research specialist. His areas of specialization include issues on the South China Sea dispute and UNCLOS. His B.A. in Political Science is from the University of the Philippines.

Paulo Ezequiel is from Mozambique. He is Senior Legal Adviser at the Instituto Nacional do Mar e Fronteiras of Mozambique (National Institute of Sea and Borders) and Assistant Lecturer at the Universidade Técnica de Moçambique. His law degree is from Eduardo Mondlane University.

Judith Fischer is from The Netherlands. She is a PhD student researching in the area of the law of the sea. She holds an LL.M. degree from the University of Amsterdam Law School.

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Tatjana Hema is from Albania. She is a program officer with the United Nations Environment Programme, Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan. She is responsible for following the development of the legal framework of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. Her doctorate in Science is from the University of Tirana.

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Elisio Jamine is from Mozambique. He is a Research and Documentation Officer in the National Institute of Maritime and Borders Affairs (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Mozambique). He is working with the Center for Oceans Law and Policy, University of Virginia School of Law on research on the law of the sea (United Nations—Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programme).

Baris Kalkavan is from Turkey. He is First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey. He has been posted twice to the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Aviation, and specialized particularly on Aviation matters. His B.A. is in International Relations.

Elise Karlsen is from Norway. She holds a law degree and is a research fellow at the Faculty of Law, University of Tromsø. She has lectured for the past two years at the Faculty of Law in Tromsø on the law of the sea and environmental law.

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Bruno Noriega is from Peru. He is a diplomat in the division of Maritime Sovereignty, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He holds a Master in International Relations degree from the Peruvian Diplomatic Academy.

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Marco Nielebock is from Germany. He is a jurist and scientific assistant. He is especially interested in environmental impacts of fisheries on the North Sea, including LOSC and its regulations regarding fisheries. In his doctoral thesis he is analyzing European fisheries law.

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