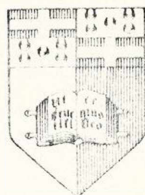
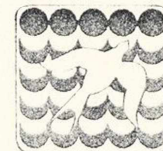


# International Ocean Institute



Old University  
Msida - Malta (TEL. 36450)



Pacem in Maribus

September 23, 1980.

H.E. Ambassador Shridath S. Ramphal  
Commonwealth Secretariat  
Marlborough House, Pall Mall  
London SW1, England

Dear Ambassador Ramphal:

First of all I should like to extend to you our most cordial invitation to participate in Pacem in Maribus X, to which we are attaching particular importance, first of all, because it is No. 10 and takes place in as solemn a setting as the Hofburg in Vienna under the auspices of the Government of Austria, and, secondly, because we think the subject is relevant and novel, and we could make a constructive contribution in this field.

At the same time I am enclosing some up-to-date information on the IOI, with a particular purpose and intention: For some years now our governing bodies have expressed the desire to have you with us on the Board of Trustees. If you permit, this question will come up at our forthcoming Board meeting in Vienna. If nominated, would you accept to join our Board of Trustees? As you see from the enclosure, you would find yourself in rather good company. Board membership does not imply any more work than you might wish to put into it: There is one annual meeting (often we do not have a quorum of Trustees, and then matters are expedited by mail); we might ask for your advice occasionally, and we might ask you occasionally to lend your moral support to our drive for scholarships or grants. Anything else is left to your own initiative.

We would be honored and grateful if you would accept.

It would be most helpful if you could let me have your answer before Pacem in Maribus. Since there are mail strikes looming here in Canada, I would be grateful if you could write to me both in Canada and in Malta.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
Chairman, Planning Council  
Department of Political Science  
Dalhousie University  
Halifax, N.S. B3H 4H6

Permanent address:

Canada.

# Threshold Award

Sir James Dunn Science Building  
Dalhousie University  
Halifax  
Nova Scotia B3H 3J5  
Canada

Director: Ravi Ravindra  
Telephone (902) 424-2194

September 24, 1979

Ms. Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
Institute for Policy Studies  
Dalhousie University,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Ms. Borgese:

Thank you for your letter of September 11 giving some details of the International Ocean Institute.

I read the material with the utmost interest. It seems to me that there is a great deal of scope for mutual cooperation between the Threshold Foundation and the Ocean Institute, particularly in the area of whale preservation and research. As you know, of course, that I am competent neither in the area of work of the Ocean Institute nor of the whaling wing of the Threshold Foundation. I am sending the entire material you sent me to Mr. James George of the Threshold Foundation for his consideration. I am enclosing a copy of this letter also to him along with my strong recommendation that a very serious consideration be given to possible cooperation between the two organizations.

I am retaining a copy of your letter to me, but not of the rest of the material. I shall be in touch with you when either one of us hears further in this regard from the Threshold Foundation in London. I should add, however, that the funds of the Foundation are small and are likely already committed for the next year. However, we can both hope.

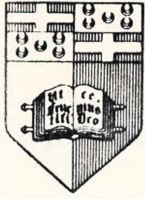
With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Ravi Ravindra

# International Ocean Institute



Old University  
Msida - Malta

(TEL. 36450)



Pacem in Maribus

September 11, 1979.

Professor Ravi Ravindra  
Department of Physics  
D a l h o u s i e

Dear Ravi:

Thanks for the offprints, which I have read with the greatest interest. We'll have to talk about it when we meet next.

Today I want to give you the information I promised about the International Ocean Institute.

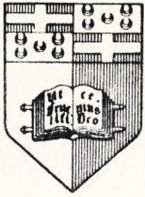
Its history is briefly outlined in the enclosed folders and publications. You will note that our Board of Trustees and our Planning Council include a number of really first-rate people.

We are a very small Institute, but we have a lot of connections all over the world and for our size and our budget I think we have done a great deal of work. Our purpose is to look at the problems of the oceans in an integrated way, to pioneer in seeking new approaches and new solutions -- and a number of concepts and ideas first elaborated by our Institute have later penetrated inter-governmental thinking and action; and we like to think of the ocean affairs as a Great Laboratory in which to hammer out the principles of a New International Economic Order for a more peaceful and cooperative world.

Our activities comprise research: at present we are completing our project on Marine Resources, Ocean Management and International Development Strategy; and we are starting a new project on multi-purpose surveillance and monitoring in economic zones, especially of developing countries, and the possibilities of regional cooperation in this new and complex field; training: and I am enclosing the project outline for our first training course (April 14 - July 4, 1980) in subjects related to seabed mining; we are preparing a second course (autumn 1980) for training in subjects relating to EEZ management; publications: You have our OCEAN YEARBOOK, Vol. I; Vol. II is completed and will be published early next Spring; Vol. III is in preparation; we also are publishing a series of occasional papers (the book by Arvid Pardo which I gave you belongs to this series) and proceedings; communications: We are holding a regular series of international conferences, Pacem in Maribus I - X; plus regional seminars to sensitize public opinion to the great importance of the issues involved in ocean management.

We have observer status at the International Whaling Commission and at a number of other UN agencies and institutions, including the Law of the Sea Conference, which we have followed with great attention.

# International Ocean Institute



Old University  
Msida - Malta

(TEL. 36450)

- 2 -



Pacem in Maribus

Professor Ravi Ravindra

September 11, 1979.

The Law of the Sea Treaty, when it will be signed, however will only be the beginning of what one might call the marine revolution: which will have to be followed up with a multitude of regional, functional, and institutional initiatives. We hope that our Institute may continue to stimulate such activities.

As I mentioned to you, the IOI is being financed from a variety of sources: Some Foundations (Ford Foundation, General Service Foundation, Commonwealth Foundation, Agnelli Foundation, etc.); some Governments (Sweden, Netherlands, Mexico, Cyprus, Algeria, Jamaica), and some individuals ("Friends of the International Ocean Institute" in the USA and in Canada). Also, I have been donating the rather substantial royalties of my books (The Drama of the Oceans), Seafarm (next year), Ocean Mining (the year after).

We continue to seek funds for all our projects: We need more for the Yearbook (about \$30,000 a year); we need more for research; we need more for communications (Conferences and Seminars); we are also ready to undertake new projects that might be suggested to us if financing can be provided. I personally am enormously interested in communication among marine mammals: all the research that has been done on dolphins, and I would like to work out something that would make it illegal to use these animals for military purposes. This suggestion of mine has already gone forward to the Governing Council of UNEP, but it could be the subject of a rather interesting interdisciplinary research project, with a lot of implications. Not this year, but maybe next year.

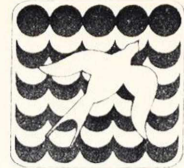
We would like to apply to the Threshold Foundation for support and I would be grateful to have your advice as to how this could best be done.

Thanking you for your interest,

Yours cordially,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
Chairman, Planning Council.

Please reply to:  
P. O. Box 4716  
Santa Barbara, California 93103 U.S.A.



Pacem in Maribus

November 22, 1978.

Mr. Jean Ripert  
Under-Secretary-General for  
International Economic & Social Affairs  
United Nations  
New York, N.Y. 10017.

Dear Mr. Ripert:

Since writing to you last two developments have taken place which encourage me to write to you again:

1. On your suggestion, I had a talk with Mr. Mani in your office. He expressed great interest in our project on Marine Resources, Ocean Management, and International Development Strategy for the 80s and Beyond. He thought the means could be found for a modest U.N. contribution to our project, provided we would agree with Dr. Jean Pierre Levy on a sub-project of manageable size and cost.

I thereupon had a lengthy session with Dr. Levy and his staff, and we completely agreed on the parameters of such a sub-project. Dr. Levy was particularly interested (a) in some quantitative studies on the actual and potential contribution of marine resources and ocean management to the GNP, employment, food, of developing countries; and (b) in establishing conceptual links between ocean management and other components of development strategy, such as trade patterns, employment, etc. Dr. Levy said he would have a proposal for a contract with the IOI ready early in October. I have not yet received this proposal, but when I talked to him a few days ago, he said, it was still under consideration. We would be particularly happy to have the kind of contract proposed by Dr. Levy, not only -- not even mainly -- because of the small financial contribution but because such a contract would ensure that our work would be taken into consideration by the planners of the International Development Strategy for the 80s and Beyond.

2. In the meantime I have taken up my appointment as a Killam Senior Fellow at Dalhousie University and, taking advantage of this occasion, I have initiated a research project, which constitutes another part of our comprehensive study on Marine

International Ocean Institute  
The University of Malta • Msida, Malta

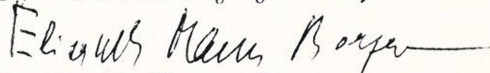
Resources, Ocean Management and International Development Strategy for the 80s and Beyond: and that is a project on the impact of seabed mining on African countries and the interest of African countries in an International Seabed Authority under various sets of assumptions. I have three graduates working on the research, and five faculty members associated as advisors. We may come up with some kind of computer model, from the point of view of African developing countries, and we hope this will be a useful contribution to development strategy.

Our first workshop on seabed mining training will take place in Malta on December 6-9. Besides the initial SIDA support, we have now assured large-scale CIDA support for this project. We are working toward a fully developed three-months interdisciplinary course beginning September, 1979, as well as on the preparation of a manual, a register, etc.

I thought I should bring these developments to your attention.

Thanking you for your interest,

Very sincerely yours,



Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
Chairman, Planning Council.

Present address:

Department of Political Science  
Dalhousie University  
Halifax, N.S., Canada.