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Dear Elisabeth:

Your letter of January 5, 1997 took a long time to reach me. However, it has been on my desk the last two weeks. I was glad to hear that your family is being enlarged, and, judging from your activities you must be feeling well.

It is good news that your programmes have been meeting with success, and that they have spread to 9 countries beyond Canada. When I last met you (and this has been long ago) you have been pessimistic on the LoS entering into force by the adequate number of ratification. When it happened, and indeed on November 16, 1994 I have been at IUCN in Gland, Switzerland. I asked for the floor and tried to explain to some of the environmental educators the importance of the event. However, they were typically continental and did not have the grasp of the importance of the event.

Dr. Budislav Vukas, our foremost expert on the Law of the Sea, and participant at a number of UNCLOS meetings, has been named to the High Court of the LoS in Hamburg. In this sense Croatia has at least one well positioned representative in the hierarchy of the LoS. I have been less than satisfied with the low knowledge level on both the rights and the obligations originating from the LoS which Croatia has to fulfill. The erosion of expertise is one of the unfortunate results of the perturbations in the political events following the demise of Yugoslavia.

As to my membership of GESAMP, I have been terminated after serving 14 years in this body. I have been distressed that the membership declined from 23 regular members to only 13, and that some of the people have difficulties in standing up and being counted in some of the small or bigger scientific controversies. FAO with its difficulties in financing has decided to concentrate only on fisheries and to leave marine matters for the present time. As you know the financial situation of the whole UN system is precarious. Unless some unexpected changes do inject some new blood into the

system, many of the old scientific efforts will vanish. Indeed, pollution has been recognized as only one aspect of the ocean and coastal areas management. The IUCN has entered the coastal zone management exercise, but again it had no proper feeling that a competent scientist has to manage the sector. Danny Elder, the American, and his successor Graeme Kelleher have both left. Magnus Ngoile is now in charge, a competent man, but without the clout and the ability to regulate matters.

I have been engaged in the last 6 years much with IUCN. Foremost in the Commission on education and communication, reflecting my professional orientation. The last 6 years have been strong in the Commission on environmental strategies and planning, led by Ted Trzyna, of Sacramento California. But his two terms have expired, he could not stand for reelection. The new chairman, Tariq Banouri of Pakistan had not made any open move since we elected him in Montreal in October. In this commission the environmental ethics subgroup is the most important activity carrier through Ron Engel and Stephen Rockefeller from the Theological seminary in Chicago. As always, their activities, which I highly regard and support, have not met with general acceptance. It escapes my comprehension what are the reproaches, what are the objections. These people are far from being religious fundamentalists, rather environmentally oriented social scientists. We will see.

I have been elected last month to the Croatian Academy of Sciences, not much in international terms, but an outward sign that the academicians of our small academy do value environmental and particularly marine protection activities. As you can guess, except for the honor there are no benefits, but rather many obligations. The academies here have never been anything, not even close to the former Soviet one. They do expect me to continue with my activities. That is what I am doing, irrespectively of their wishes.

Of course that I would be glad to hear from you on whether we can revive our connections in the marine field. If you have some ideas, or needs, you know how to reach me. If you plan to come to Slovenia, just give me a notice and I could come to Ljubljana to see you briefly.

Keep in touch.

Cordially,

Velimir

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Message 58:

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January 5, 1997

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Dear Velimir,

I was so happy to hear from you, first through your e-mail letter, and then through your Christmas card. I tried to send you an e-mail answer, but somehow it did not get through, and then I could not find your address here at home, and I have been travelling an awful lot.

Life goes on, in spite of all the horrors

We had an excellent Croatian, Igor Vio from Rijeka, as a participant in last summer's training programme, and I often was thinking about you. He is in international law.

From this you see that the training programmes are still going on; as a matter of fact, they are going strong, and we now have operational centres in 9 countries (Malta, Canada, India, Fiji, Japan, China, Senegal, South Africa, Costa Rica), all doing training programmes and a lot of other activities. We have become quite big!

We should associate you again with our work. I know that you are still with GESAMP, and environmental impact assessment is one of the things we ought to be teaching!

Here at Dalhousie, Dr. Jagota of India has been directing the programme for the last 12 years, but we need more people to work with us. So let us keep in touch.

Personally, I should not complain either. I am a great-grandmother, with two great-grandchildren, and the whole clan, spread out over 5 countries, is doing well. I still have 5 dogs and love them, and Sambro Head still is very beautiful.

So I wish you all the very best for 1997 and hope that this year will bring us

together. As a matter of fact, I come to Slovenia usually once a year, and shall let you know if and when it is going to happen this year.

Much love,

Elvira

Date: Thu, 7 Nov 1996 10:29:56 +0100 (MET)  
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> Dear Elisabeth:  
> At the IUCN World Conservation Congress two weeks ago in Montreal I met Evelyne Meltzer, and she gave me some news on you including this E-mail address.

> I am happy to hear that you are well and that you are active as always. I have been to Gland, Switzerland in a workshop on environmental education and communication on November 16, 1994, when the LOS entered into force. In between I have had in my hands the German magazine (Brigitte?) which carried an article on you and your activities. Some news on you I obtained from Mike Bewers of the Bedford Institute of Oceanography who has been a member of GESAMP at the same time as myself. But the availability of your E-mail address prompted me to send you my regards and give some signs that I am still alive and active.

> In Montreal Stephen Olsen from the University of Rhode Island, another friend from the GESAMP conducted a workshop on the Coastal and marine areas management. It were two days of some useful discussions. In addition, the demise of the FAO from the Mediterranean programme, and the decreased activities of UNEP (funding!) seem to be compensated with the entrance of IUCN into the coastal management activities related to biodiversity conservation in the Mediterranean. em is that they are pressing for a new Mediterranean - Spanish, actually Andalusian - center to coordinate the activities, neglecting the UNEP's center in Athens, and its adjacent regional activity centers in Split (Croatia) and Tunis. This development for all its positive features is also witnessing the lack of institutional memory in such activities.

> The most important news on the developments with regards to the international maritime court in Hamburg is that my colleague of many years, Dr. Budislav Vukas, professor of international law at the Univ. of Zagreb has been appointed to the bench at that court. That at least makes a case for some connections of Croatia to the LOS. Otherwise, with all the calamities we had in the last few years, the environmental concern of the authorities has left much to be desired. In particular the exploitation of the Adriatic coast for turistic purposes goes far beyond a rational and conservation use. The ongoing idea is that tourism is the only real money maker in this

transition economy. Any activities in the sense of the preservation of natural resources are severely handicapped, leaving us not much room for conservation efforts.

> On a personal note we are more or less well. My son is an assistant professor of clarinet at the music academy of the University of Zagreb, and has a fairly well established concert career. It brought him to England and Wales two weeks ago in a chamber music ensemble. My wife is retired, but in addition to taking care of the family she has much time for cultural activities.

> All my best wishes.

> Cordially,

> Velimir

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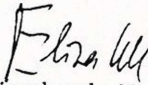
Dear Velimir:

Thanks for your letter of September 7.

Of course I share your preoccupation. That there is at present a new wave of awareness of environmental problems is not much of a consolation. We had such a wave in the early seventies -- and what has it done? People appear to be enjoying moving from one "crisis" to another -- from "environment" to "energy" to "hunger" and back to "environment" again, without ever doing much about it.

Yes, we need a radical change in operational strategies. We'll keep pushing.

Much love,

  
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September 7, 1988

Dear Elisabeth:

The first I have to do on return from Halifax and the PIM meeting, is to express my thanks to you for inviting me to this interesting and challenging meeting.

I left the meeting with the impression that the protection of the marine environment from pollution is still not considered critical, nor is it perceived as an integral part of ocean management and development policies, particularly for the third world countries. The export of toxic industrial waste to some African countries should be taken as a serious signal of some grave misunderstanding of international free trade policies. And even more important, the legal framework of the CLOS, of the Regional Seas conventions, of the London Dumping Convention is just the bare basis of little value unless corroborated by internationally accepted operational strategies for the prevention of marine pollution. Even the much praised Helsinki Convention has failed to improve radically the state of the Baltic Sea although its implementation involves invariably highly developed and mostly rich riparian states. I am also worried by the paper pushing attitudes of the Mediterranean bureaucrats, who are more concerned not to overstep their realm, than to fulfill their obligations to protect the cradle sea of European civilizations. Again my suggestion is a radical change in operational strategies for the 1990s and beyond.

All my best. Regards to everybody in your office.

Cordially,

Velimir Pravdic

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March 24, 1986

Dear Elisabeth:

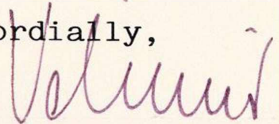
Your note with the invitation to the birthday party (15x7=105!) was quite a pleasant surprise. Thank you.

On the side of ICOD, I heard the news last week in London from Dr. M. Bowers of BIO. It is great! But it comes as no big surprise for me, since Evelyne has indicated that your work is appreciated. Indeed, they must have been feeling that you have been effectively implementing what they should have done long ago. It was either bureaucratic jumbling or professional jealousy what caused the problems I witnessed last year. I can only wish you good winds ahead!

I have had no news from Vodušek. Hopefully, the course will materialise as planned this spring. Just to mention, I will be in California the last two weeks of April. Hopefully, I am not needed elsewhere at the same time.

All my best wishes.

Cordially,

  
Velimir Pravdić

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Fox Vanderbilt is in the South Pacific for the next two months. Please get in touch with me for any questions. Best wishes regards

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September 4, 1985

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Dear Elisabeth:

The Course over and back at my work, I have the feeling of being richer for a unique experience. I wish to express my thanks to you for many, many things.

I have finished my report and left it with Fox. It is quite comprehensive and represents my frank and open assessment of the proceedings of B-85. Any coach would tell you, that you never change a winning team. That applies certainly to your courses. However, considering financial limitations and the psychological strains in the student body in the final weeks, I have given it some thoughts. The present curriculum, with some degree of coordination between the lecturers and avoidance of overlaps, could easily be accomodated into 8 weeks with <sup>no</sup> loss in either scope or in-depth coverage. It would still allow for flexibility in schedules and lecturers' accomodation due to last minute obstacles.

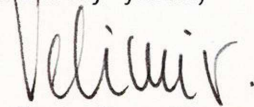
I have had another talk with Evelyne Meltzer. My feeling is that you have high marks with ICOD and her personally. The main problem is, that bureaucrats have to follow some established patterns in granting support, and need the assurance of an institutional colateral for their grantees. Once again, they as a crown company, do understand the profound role you and your operation play in disseminating the Canadian experience in science, technology and its democratic institutions to the developing world.

What I would like to convey is that with some give and take, the future of these courses could be viewed upon with much optimism. If you feel that you need any specific or general advice, like in elaborating my suggestions, I would be glad to oblige. You have definitely made a true believer out of me, as far as your cause is concerned.

I hope to meet you in Ljubljana in the next few months. I will be in contact with Dr. Vodušek and share with him all the experience that can effectively contribute to the success of C-85.

With my sincere thanks and all the best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
Velimir Pravdić

# TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF MARINE RESOURCES

CENTRE FOR FOREIGN POLICY STUDIES  
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February 9, 1985

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Dear Velimir:

Thank you so much for your letter of January 24. I am glad everything seems to be getting together.

1. It will be fine if you arrive in Halifax on or about June 10. We shall send you a prepaid ticket Zagreb-London-Halifax and return.

2. The week June 24-29 is going to be devoted to the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea. So I think we can manage without you -- even though I would have liked you to deal with the provisions on science, the environment, and technology transfer. We'll ask Yankov to do that..

3. You certainly need a visa for Canada, and it has to be consistent with your appointment here. We have to inform Immigration that you are the Programme Director, for 10 weeks. But this should not cause any difficulties. It never has, in the past. Only, everything has to be done in good time.

4. I am enclosing the draft syllabus: which is basically the same as last year. But I did make some adjustments and, I think, improvements. I have you and Jean-Pierre Levy down for the same performance as in Trinidad, since that was so successful. And, in my previous draft, I had you down for what is now Yankov's. Perhaps you can suggest another lecture and fit it in. Or even two! You are such an excellent teacher, and we certainly want our participants to get the most of it!

5. Unfortunately, in Canada, we pay in Canadian dollars. And, yes, there is a tax: 15 percent. That is quite unavoidable. I should add, however, that Ambassador Tommy Koh and Dr. Jagota have been quite comfortable with this salary. And Dr. Okidi even bought himself a new Volvo!

Your apartment is free: and you also get your luncheons, during the week. So you really can take most of it home.

Will it be possible for your wife to join you?

I'll make sure that you'll get an advance upon arrival, so as to make your stay comfortable.

I think that answers all your points.

Now I would be very grateful if you could go through this draft syllabus as soon as possible, and send me your suggestions for changes, so that I can make the arrangements with the lecturers. One has to do that early, too.

It is going to be a very very good programme, and it will be great to have you here.

All the very best,

Yours as ever,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese

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*Prof. dr Vladimir Ibler*

Zagreb, April 28, 1985

Mrs.

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Dear Elisabeth,

thank you very much for your letter of April 9 and for the revised draft syllabus. I shall arrive at Ljubljana on September 23 and spend the whole of the following morning with the participants of the Course lecturing on the foreseen topics.

I can only hope that there will be no overlapping of my stay in Ljubljana and the meeting of the ILA/EEZ group which its chairman professor Goldie seems to plan for this fall and which I would like to attend as a member of the Committee. Anyhow, I accepted your invitation and if the two dates overlap, Ljubljana has the priority.

I am sorry that your stay in Zagreb was extremely short. Expecting a pleasant afternoon in your company, I hope we shall be able to make up for what we missed.

With best wishes and greetings

Yours



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Dear Elisabeth:

Your letter of February 9, 1985 arrived just the day before yesterday, and no answer could have been sent out earlier.

Thank you for the agreement as specified. I am glad to accept the work and will do my best with much enthusiasm.

The issuance of the Canadian visa will require a letter from you, or even better from the University. The forms I obtained here specifically ask for the purpose of my visit. I am holding a one-year multiple entry US visa, and this should facilitate a Canadian multiple entry visa for my scheduled travel to and from the USA in June, as discussed in your letter.

### The Programme

It is good. You have, once again, collected an impressive roster of speakers. I sincerely hope that they will keep their schedules, and appear as expected. If so, I have little to add but just keep my fingers crossed. You will have to help me in understanding the alternatives, the fall-back options. If cancellations are made known at least a few weeks in advance, phones and paid travel will help. I am trying to understand how far you usually go in such cases. I will prepare for that option a one day discussion session on the problems of interfacing science and management decisions. The point would be to clarify the scope of scientific findings, its rationale and limitations. It would be easy to put this into the framework of the Convention of the Law of the Sea, into the framework of technology transfer, and into options available for the less developed countries.



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January 20, 1982

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Dear Mrs. Borgese:

My long overdue letter is here. Regretfully I have to decline your kind offer of the position with IOI.

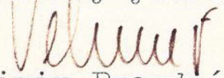
I have been pondering the question for quite a time, and carefully weighted the pros and cons. My Institute would not let me be absent for the prolonged periods required by the IOI job. Thus it was either - or. At present I did not think I could easily afford quitting here and accepting the, essentially, temporary appointment.

The Maltese conditions will, I presume, remain more or less the same. Perhaps, the best for IOI would be to move. If you still consider Yugoslavia, you can count on my full support and actual cooperation. At least one of the obstacles from my point of view would be eliminated. I feel that the needed political support would be obtained.

The first hand experience with the course in Aachen was unique. The IOI endeavors will become even more important in the years to come. What is needed is an awareness of consequences of the LOS and of the new economic order which, I firmly believe, will have to be inaugurated. Needless to say, that I believe also that the hard sciences part of the course needs more blood, and much more linkage with the legal frame and with the problems associated with the choice of appropriate technologies.

I wish you much success and support in your future endeavors, and firmly believe that life will bring us together again.

Cordially yours,

  
Velimir Pravdić