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8th February 2012, a date to commemorate and to celebrate.

The 8th February of 2012 was an important commemoration for the IOI, the 8th February marked the tenth anniversary of the passing away of Prof Elisabeth Mann Borgese, the founder of IOI and the year 2012 marked IOI's 40 years of dedication to ocean matters and contribution towards capacity development and ocean governance since its foundation in 1972. The two events were celebrated in Malta by the IOI HQ and invited guests amongst which were representatives from the University of Malta, the Shanghai Maritime University and the ZMT, Bremen, host institute of IOI-Germany.

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*40th Anniversary of the Establishment of the
International Ocean Institute
1972-2012*

8th February 2012

*Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding,
Establishment of the Elisabeth Mann Borgese and Arvid Pardo
Learning and Exhibition Centre at the University of Malta*

*Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding,
IOI Operational Centre hosted by the Leibniz Centre for Tropical
Marine Ecology (ZMT), Germany*




**40th Anniversary Celebrations of the
Establishment of the
International Ocean Institute
Malta - 8th February 2012**

On the 8th February 2012, IOI formally launched its most ambitious project to date, the establishment of the Elisabeth Mann Borgese and Arvid Pardo Ocean Governance Learning and Exhibition Centre in Malta. The centre – dedicated to the life and accomplishments of the IOI Founder and to the Maltese diplomat and scholar who worked closely with her on what was to become UNCLOS – will promote and pursue long-term investment in training and capacity building for the development of human resources in ocean governance in developed, developing and transition countries. As part of this, a Master Degree Programme in Ocean Governance is also being prepared in cooperation with the University of Malta and other strategic partner universities.



Above: From L-R IOI President, Dr Awni Behnam, Prof S Busuttill, Prof Jin Yongxing, Prof Dr Hildegard Westphal, Prof Juanito Camilleri, Ms Margaret Wood, Dr Iouri Oliounine and Dr Chersdak Virapat.



A key event in the Anniversary celebrations was therefore the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding on the establishment of the Elisabeth Mann Borgese and Arvid Pardo Learning and Exhibition Centre with the University of Malta as well as the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding on the IOI Operational Centre hosted by the Leibniz Centre For Tropical Marine Ecology (ZMT), Germany.

Prior to the signing of the memoranda, a number of addresses were presented amongst which were those of the IOI President, Dr Awni Behnam (excerpt below); Prof S Busuttill, Host Country Representative on the IOI Governing Board; Prof Dr Hildegard Westphal, Director, the Leibniz-Zentrum für Marine Tropenökologie (ZMT), Bremen, Germany; Prof Jin Yongxing, Vice President, Shanghai Maritime University and Prof Juanito Camilleri, Rector of the University of Malta. IOI HQ received congratulatory messages for the occasion from organisations worldwide – some excerpts are carried in this edition of the IOInforma. The message from Dr. Wendy Watson-Wright, Assistant Director-General of UNESCO and Executive Secretary of IOC was presented by Dr Iouri Oliouline. The event was moderated by Ms. Margaret J. Wood, Course Director, IOI Training Programme on Regional Ocean Governance for the Western Pacific.

“IOI will continue to do justice by all means possible to Elisabeth’s vision and passion and her love of the ocean wherein she saw a model for equity, justice and peace in service of our humanity. IOI is at the very centre of that mission, to assist in particular developing countries and countries in transition to better manage their ocean resources and services and live with the ocean and from the ocean in a sustainable relationship. Thus IOI remains committed to a vision of a globally integrated and fair international ocean policy and governance anchored in the principle of UNCLOS and the emerging imperatives of the Blue Economy - namely the integrated economic, social and environmental aspects of coastal and ocean services.”

Awni Behnam; President, International Ocean Institute

Below left: Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Malta and

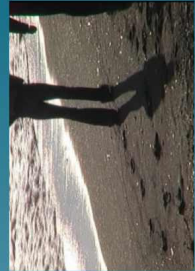
Below right: Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Leibniz Centre For Tropical Marine Ecology (ZMT), Germany.



A small selection of excerpts from the many messages received:


“The thinking and vision of Professor Elisabeth Mann Borgese have inspired the work of UNCTAD for the past 40 years..... UNCTAD wishes to express its gratitude to Elisabeth Mann Borgese for the legacy she left, both within our organisation and to the world, in making the oceans the source of a new philosophy that we today strive for and call sustainable development.”

Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); Geneva.



“The launching of an Integrated Maritime Policy for the European Union during my term as Commissioner owed much to the legacy left by Elizabeth Mann Borgese and Arvid Pardo. Their vision and their ideas and notions served as a constant inspiration in my work on maritime affairs.”

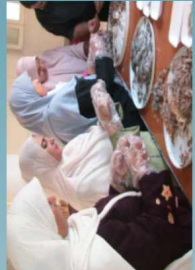
Joseph Borg, former European Commissioner for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs with the European Union; Malta



“Congratulations to the IOI on its unwavering dedication to furthering Elisabeth’s and Arvid’s towering legacies and contributions to international ocean governance.”


At the Ocean Yearbook, we look forward to continuing our relationship with the IOI to advance scholarly contributions in the law of the sea and ocean governance, and to further the IOI ocean governance mission to which Elisabeth and Arvid dedicated significant time, passion, and intellectual energy. May the next forty years be just as productive!”

Aldo Chircop, Scott Coffen-Smout and Moira McConnell, Editors, Ocean Yearbook; Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University; Canada



“The accomplishments of Professor Mann Borgese as an author, in education, at the Club of Rome, and in making UNCLOS a reality, are well known. In looking back on these contributions, what is striking is that, to this day, they all continue to catalyze change toward the ideals she championed.”

Hiroshi Terashima, Executive Director
Ocean Policy Research Foundation - Tokyo, Japan



“The Chinese people will never forget the 8th February 2002 on which we lost our respected Professor Elisabeth Mann Borgese, “the Mother of the Oceans”, and the sincere friend of China. Today, we commemorate the tenth anniversary of the passing away of Professor Elisabeth Mann Borgese and mark the 40th anniversary of IOI to cherish the memory of (the) late Professor Borgese and her great contribution made to the ocean matters of the world.(her) contribution to the birth of UNCLOS will be immortal.”

Zhang Zhanhai, Director-General, Department of International Cooperation,
The State Oceanic Administration of the People’s Republic of China, PR China.

“I congratulate the IOI on the establishment of the Elisabeth Mann Borgese and Arvid Pardo Ocean Governance Learning and Exhibition Centre to promote capacity development by means of the Master Degree Programme in Ocean Governance. I believe that this important initiative is another step the right direction and will pave the way for the benefit of future generations.”

Plodprasop Suraswadi,
Minister of Science and Technology, Thailand

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PROGRAMME

MEMORIAL CEREMONY FOR THE 10th ANNIVERSARY OF PROF. ELISABETH MANN BORGESSE
With the Participation of the Collegium Musicum and Chamber Orchestra
UNIVERSITY CHAPEL, MSIDA, MALTA
15.30 – 16.15 hrs

Prelude (on entering the University Chapel):
Wine of Peace – Ch. Camilleri
Ave Maria (Solo and Chorus) – Fr. Cassarini
Gloria in Excelsis (Gloria) – A. Vireddi

Opening Prayer led by Fr. Michael Bugeja

Pacem in Maribus – Ch. Camilleri

THE MOTHER OF THE OCEANS
The legacy of the Founder of the IOI, Dr. Awni Behnam,
President, International Ocean Institute (IOI)

Agnus Dei (Mass for Peace) – R. Jenkins

Reading: Psalm 107: Professor Salvino Busuttil,
Representative of Maltese on the IOI Governing Board

Reading: Stilling the Storm-Mark 4, 35-40:
Professor Alain Piquemal, IOI Governing Board

And the Mother did Weep (Sabat Mater) – R. Jenkins

TOWARDS PEACE IN THE OCEAN
Reading: Poem by Jacques Piccard *In Pacem in Maribus*:
Dr. Werner Ekau, Chair of Directors IOI Governing Board

Agnus Dei (Comunion Mass) – W.A. Mozart

MEMORIAL CEREMONY

FOR
THE 10th ANNIVERSARY
OF
PROF. ELISABETH MANN BORGESSE
24.04.1918 – 08.02.2002



UNIVERSITY CHAPEL ST. THOMAS MOORE
MSIDA, MALTA

Wednesday 8th February, 2012
15.30 – 16.15 hrs



Top: Memorial Ceremony Brochure
Above left: Prof A Piquemal,
Right: Memorial Ceremony

Memorial Ceremony
Prof. Elisabeth Mann Borgese,
24.04.1918 – 08.02.2002

The Elisabeth Mann Borgese Memorial Ceremony was held at the St Thomas Moore Chapel of the University of Malta to an intimate gathering of friends of IOI and persons who had known and cherished Elisabeth in her lifetime and admired her work. Chosen readings were given by Fr Michael Bugeja SJ, University Chaplain, Dr Awni Behnam, Professor Salvino Busuttil, Professor Alain Piquemal and Dr Werner Ekau – members of the IOI Governing Board. The readings were accompanied by a selection of choral and orchestral works by the *Collegium Musicum* and the Chamber Orchestra directed by Dr Mro Dion Buhagiar.



Establishment of the Egyptian Chapter of the IOI Alumni

Egyptian Chapter: thanks to the enthusiasm and activity of a number of IOI alumni from Egypt who have attended the IOI Ocean Governance Courses in Malta and Canada over the years, we are happy to announce the setting up of a core group of professionals who have agreed to activate the "Egyptian" chapter of the IOI alumni, which has now reached a critical mass. The first meeting of the Egypt Alumni Chapter has already been held with a programme of work and many suggestions being proposed for further follow-up. The IOI welcomes this initiative and looks forward to further close collaboration for the benefit of the seas and the coastal margins.

Other follow-ups: IOI HQ plans to work further with the alumni of the IOI courses in various countries to update the alumni information currently held and to also work with the alumni themselves to provide support and follow up courses where these are feasible with the help of local support institutions in each country. IOI welcomes any support from alumni of IOI courses who are willing to act as in-country representatives or contact points with the alumni in that country/region. **If you are an alumnus of IOI and interested in collaborating more closely with IOI on this initiative, please contact Antonella Vassallo at ioihq@ioihq.org.mt/antonella.vassallo@ioihq.org.mt, we look forward to hearing from you.**