



# International Bio Law Interest Group

## ESIL INTEREST GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL BIO LAW

Report on the activities of the ESIL Interest Group on International Bio Law  
(September 2016-November 2017)

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## 1. Introduction

The ESIL IG on International Bio Law was founded in 2012, under the initiative of one of the most active members of the group (Prof. Daniel García San José, from the University of Seville, Spain). The first meeting of the IG was developed in Valencia (September 2012), the city where the General Conference took place in that occasion. After that first meeting, a “customary rule” of the IG is to have a meeting per year –one together with the General Conference every two years, and another one in one city designed by the MC Committee of the Group. Following this practice, several meetings have taken place since 2012 (in Valencia, Seville, Vienna, Valencia, Riga and Málaga).

Since its creation, the IG has developed the aforementioned meetings and, after the event, the results have been published, by monographs or academic journals containing the contributions of the participants. Some examples of these publications are the following: *Bioderecho, Seguridad y Medioambiente/Biolaw, Security and Environment*, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2015; *Bioderecho internacional y europeo. Desafíos actuales*, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2014.

A positive aspect of the evolution of the IG on International Bio Law is referred to the members of the group. Now there are more than 100 participants, a proof of the interest on questions related to this field.

## 2. Activities of the IG on International Bio Law

From September 2016 to the month of November 2017, the IG on International Bio Law has had two meetings, as follows:

- ❖ The 7th September 2016 in Riga (Latvia) Bio Law Interest Group organized an International Workshop entitled “International Biolaw in Times of Crisis: Progress and Challenges”. It took place from 11.00 am to 18.00 pm. Two different panels (the first one about the international approach and the second related to the European perspective) with eleven contributions was the result of this meeting. During these sessions, topics such as bioterrorism, “securitization” of health and pandemics, climate change and disaster prevention, water management, biopolitics, surrogacy and epigenetics were analysed by IG members. The meeting was closed with a conference by the judge of the ECHR, Mr. Paulo Pinto de Albuquerque dealing with “The relation of the ECHR with Science”.



Some members of the IG after the meeting (Riga, Latvia). On the right, the founder of the IG, prof. Daniel García San Jose

- ❖ The 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (from 11.00 a.m. to 18.00 p.m.) a Workshop dealing with International Bio Law and Interactions with Environmental, Human Rights and Health Law took place at the University of Málaga (Spain). The call for papers was launched during the first semester and 19 contributions have selected, covering the three aspects aforementioned. Three different panels provided an excellent way to analyse different topics, being closed by a conference held by Mr. Miguel García García-Revilla, dealing with “Negotiating Complex and Sensitive Issues in Complex Fora: the Case of the Preparatory Committee established by UNGA Resolution 69/292 on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction”.

The results of this Workshop will be published before the end of this year 2017 in the Journal IUS ET SCIENTIA, a Journal on Bio Law questions that you can visit on this website: <http://institucional.us.es/iusetscientia/index.php/ies/index>.

Some photographs of this event may be reproduced in the next pages of this Report.



A photograph of some participants in the Workshop of Málaga (2017)



Beginning of the Málaga Workshop. From left to right, the moderators of the Panels, José Manuel Sánchez Patrón (Univ. of Valencia), Stefania Negri (Salerno Univ.), Daniel García San José (Univ. of Seville) and Justo Corti Varela (Univ. San Pablo CEU), introduced by María Isabel Torres (Univ. of Málaga), in the middle



First panel. Interactions with Environmental Law. From right to left: Simona Fanni (Univ. of Cagliari), Justo Corti Varela (moderator, Univ. San Pablo CEU), Edoardo Rossi (Univ. of Urbino), and Andrés Bautista Hernández (Univ. of Málaga-Paris Nanterre)



Second panel. Interactions with Human Rights Law. Some participants, from right to left: Xiaoou Zheng (Univ. of Edimburgh), Adriana di Stefano & Ludovica Poli (Catania and Turin), José Manuel Sánchez Patrón (moderator), Maria-Louiza Deftou (Athens PIL) and Rumiana Yotova (Cambridge Univ.)

### **3. Future activities**

Following the “customary rule” of the IG, the next meeting will be in Manchester, in the pre-conference session that will take place the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, before the General Conference. The topic selected for this occasion by the Coordinating Committee will be “International Bio Law and Universality: the Role of International Organizations and International Courts on this field”. The call for papers will be launched before the end of November 2017.

### **4. Website**

In accordance with paragraphs 9 and 10 of the ESIL Interest Groups Policy Guidance, each Interest Group is required to set up a website which includes information about the group’s activities, the names of the members of the Coordinating Committee members (including their contact details), the Group’s past and future activities and information about how to become an ESIL member. The website of the Interest Group is <https://alojamientosv.us.es/esiligbiolaw/>, together with the general information provided at <http://www.esil-sedi.eu/node/1098>.

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