

RESEARCH STAY REPORT

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I have recently concluded my research stay at the Center for Oceans Law and Policy (COLP) in Charlottesville, Virginia. COLP is a long-established law of the sea research center that sits at the University of Virginia School of Law. Both Professor John N. Moore, COLP Director, and Professor Myron H. Nordquist, COLP Associate Director, are well regarded in law of the sea circles and were supportive of my research, particularly by including me in COLP's annual conference which was held in Malmö, Sweden (43rd Annual Conference of the Center for Oceans Law & Policy, 14-17 May 2019). My research benefitted greatly from participating in their conference.

In addition, COLP has excellent facilities and frequently hosts Visiting Scholars. The Law School Library's ocean law resources and archives are excellent and were of great importance to my research.

Outside of my activities at COLP, being in the United States gave me the opportunity to participate in the ongoing BBNJ negotiations, which are the subject of my PhD. In addition, I was also able to take advantage of the opportunity to attend the ICP meetings at the United Nations on Ocean Science, a topic that is closely tied to my research. Lastly, my association with the Wilson Center and the Polar Institute in Washington, DC afforded me the opportunity to participate in two Arctic conferences, where I was able to learn more about the issues and challenges facing the North American Arctic.

- Second Session of the Intergovernmental Conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond national jurisdiction (UN Headquarters, New York, 25 March – 5 April 2019).
- Third Session of the Intergovernmental Conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond national jurisdiction (UN Headquarters, New York, 19-30 August 2019).
- United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, Twentieth Meeting: "Ocean Science and the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development" (UN Headquarters, New York, 10 to 14 June 2019).
- 8th Symposium on the Impacts of an Ice-Diminishing Arctic on Naval and Maritime Operations, (17-18 July 2019).

- Arctic Futures 2050 (Washington DC, 3-5 September 2019).

With respect to outreach, I had the opportunity to present my research in the following venues:

- “Ocean Governance in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction”, Presentation to the International Law Society at the University of Richmond School of Law (Richmond, Virginia: 25 April 2019).
- “The Role of Science at the United Nations High Seas Treaty Negotiations (BBNJ)”, Presentation at the University of Virginia Department of Environmental Sciences as part of the EVSC 4002 Undergraduate Seminar Series, (Charlottesville, Virginia: 3 September 2019).
- “How Recent Developments in Scientific Cooperation in the Arctic May Inform the BBNJ Treaty”, Presentation at the 6th International Symposium on the Law of the Sea, (Tokyo, Japan: 31 October 2019).

Although both Professor Moore and Professor Nordquist are in the process of retiring, I was able to forge other professional relationships at COLP and at the University of Virginia. Ms Judy Ellis is an experienced editor, having edited all of COLP’s publications for the last ten years. At my suggestion, she is now assisting Iva Parlov with the editing of her thesis. I was also able to work with Dr Stephen Macko, who serves as a Professor at the Department of Environmental Sciences at the University of Virginia. He is well regarded in climate change science and is interested in collaborating with me on an interdisciplinary article.

Overall, I can say without reservation that I had a successful and productive research stay. Not only was I able to reach my research stay objectives, but I was able to take full advantage of the professional opportunities that were available in Virginia, Washington DC and New York. I am exceedingly grateful to the Faculty for giving me this opportunity to advance my research.