



IOI organises a Workshop and a themed Children's Artwork Exhibition in Thailand and Indonesia to coincide with the World Ocean Conference in May 2009

Workshop on Ocean Governance and Sustainable Development *Nonthaburi, Thailand, 6-7th May 2009*

The International Ocean Institute organized a Meeting on Ocean Governance and Sustainable Development targeting regional NGOs in Nonthaburi, Thailand from 6th to 7th May just prior to the World Ocean Conference scheduled in Manado, Indonesia from the 11th to 15th May 2009.



The Workshop was organized around three themes:

Theme 1 - ***Ocean Governance Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction, Maritime Transport, Maritime Security, Offshore Oil and Gas Operations and Deep Seabed Mining;***

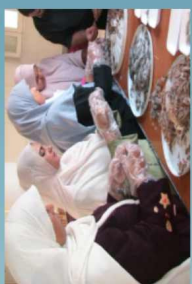
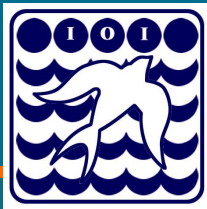
Theme 2 - ***Fisheries, Biodiversity, Environment and Poverty Eradication and Capacity Building;*** and

Theme 3 - ***Tourism and Coastal Disasters, Climate Risks and Alternative Energies.***

The Workshop opened with an inaugural address from the President of IOI, Dr

Awni Behnam, a copy of which is annexed to this IOInforma. The chairman of the workshop was HE Dr Smith Dharmasaroja, Honorary Advisor of IOI Thailand and Chairman of the Committee of Natural Disaster Warning System Administration. Twenty four participants representing NGOs, IGOs, academic institutions, public organizations, government institutions and private partners attended the meeting. Apart from presentations by officials from the International Ocean Institute (IOI), contributions were made by representatives of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center; the Southeast Asian Programme in Ocean Law Policy and Management (SEAPOL); the Pacific Disaster Center (PDC); the Coastal Development Center (CDC); the Fondation de Malte; the Coastal Habitats and Resources Management (CHARM), Department of Fisheries; and the Department of Marine Science, Chulalongkorn University (Thailand); the Institute of Diplomacy and International Study, Rangsit University (Thailand); Burapha University (Thailand); the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC); the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ); the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT); the Administration for Designated Areas for Sustainable Tourism (DASTA); SirCom GMBH; the Meteorological Department; Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, and Technology Development Partners, Inc.

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A Declaration was prepared during the Workshop and endorsed by the participants present. This was subsequently presented by Dr. Werner Ekau, Chairman of the IOI Committee of Directors, to the attendees of the Global Ocean Policy Day of the World Ocean Conference 2009 in Manado, Indonesia. A copy of the declaration is attached as an annex to this edition.

Right: the Workshop participants.

Children's Artwork Exhibition

Shown during the World Ocean Conference, 11- 15 May 2009, Manado, Indonesia

IOI's collection of Artworks produced by school age children on the topic of the oceans, the marine environment and inhabitants was once again exhibited with great success as an informal side event at the World Ocean Conference in Manado, Indonesia. Participants at the conference were entranced by the artistry and creativity demonstrated by the young artists whose art was collected following a competition launched by the global network of IOI Operational Centres.



The exhibition must have served to some as a sobering reminder of our obligations to ensure that a healthy and productive ocean and its ecosystems be preserved and protected for use and enjoyment by future generations.



The exhibition was also recorded on the Conference website and may be viewed on <http://www.iisd.ca/oceans/woc2009/> (14th May reportage).

Above and Left: Images of the Children's Artwork Exhibition by IOI. Pictures courtesy of Dr Virapat, Executive Director, IOI.

