

## Dr. IWONA RUMMEL-BULSKA

### 1. Education

- ❖ Master of Law and Administration (University of Warsaw, Poland);
- ❖ Judge Exams in criminal and civil law (High Court –Poland);
- ❖ Completed Doctoral Studies; - Ph.D. in International Relations and International Law (Warsaw, Poland);
- ❖ International Law Seminar at the UN International Law Commission( UN , Geneva , Switzerland);
- ❖ UN Proficiency Exams in English, French and Russian (mother tongue: Polish).

### Awards:

- by USA Environmental Protection Agency - 2002 The Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award " In recognition of exceptional contribution to global environmental protection" for Leadership in the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol;
- by the UNEP - 2007 : Montreal Protocol Outstanding Service Award - For exceptional and leading role in development and negotiations of the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer at the occasion of XXth Anniversary of the signature of the Montreal Protocol;
- by IUCN Commission on Environmental Law, 2007, designed as Honorary Member of Commission of Environmental Law of IUCN;
- by Board of Trustees of the Centre of International Environmental Law, 2008, award on UNEPs Environmental Law Branch ( I.Rummel-Bulska , Head of Branch) for its outstanding work in developing and implementing international environmental law.

### 2. Professional Experience

Dr. Iwona Rummel-Bulska has over 30 years of professional experience in the field of law and international relations including, in particular: international and environmental law, law of international organizations, contract law; negotiations, international relations and international environmental policy.

She joined UNEP in 1982.

Her professional career included the following positions and functions:

- **1970-1982** : Researcher and Associate Professor in the Department of International Law and International Organizations of the Polish Institute of International Affairs/Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Warsaw, Poland
- **1982-2000** : United Nations Environment Program (UNEP, 1982-2000) first as Program Legal Officer (1982-1986) and from 1986 till 1991 the Chief of Environmental Law and Institutions Unit responsible for development, negotiations and implementation of international legal conventions, agreements and other international and national regulations

and instruments in the field of environment; serving as the Executive Secretary of several international negotiating bodies established to develop environmental treaties which included the Vienna Convention on the Protection of the Ozone Layer (1982-1985), its Montreal Protocol (1985-1987), and its London and Copenhagen Amendments (1988-1992), the Climate Convention (1988-1990), the Biodiversity Convention (1997-1992), the Basel Convention on Hazardous Wastes and its Amendment (1985-1999); As the Head of Environmental Law and Institutions program in UNEP responsible, among others, for the development of the Guidelines on Trade in Chemicals, on Environmental Impact Assessment, on Prevention of Pollution from Land Based Sources, on Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous Wastes. She was also responsible for development of legal and institutional aspects of national environmental policy; enforcement of environmental law, inter-agencies relations, capacity building, development of country files and programmes in the field of environmental law and institutional structure; Dr. Rummel-Bulska was responsible for implementation of the Ozone Convention and its Montreal Protocol (1985-1991);

- **From 1991 to 1999** she was the Executive Secretary of the Basel Convention on Hazardous Wastes what included responsibility for preparation of several collaborative environmental policy programs with various institutions, including industry and private sector in many countries as well as international organizations.
  
- **From 1999 to 2001**, in her capacity as Chief of UNEP Unit on Compliance and Enforcement of Environmental Law, was responsible for heading negotiations and meetings leading to adoption of Guidelines on Compliance with and Enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements. She also prepared programs and studies on compliance with environmental law and policy and on settlement of environmental disputes in particular in relation to the system of enforcement of the World Trade Organization, as well as on the issue of liability and compensation for environmental damages.  
She organized and taught at special training courses organized for lawyers and managers dealing with the issues of environmental law and capacity building as well as giving courses in the field of environmental law at various Universities, in particular yearly courses for American University, Geneva University, Polytechnic of Lausanne, Warsaw University, Huang University and others. From 2001 till to 2006 she was seconded to WMO as Senior Legal Adviser. Since January 2006 to date, Dr. Rummel-Bulska is the Principal Legal Officer and Chief of the Environmental Law Branch, Division of Environmental Law and Conventions of UNEP.

- ***From 2001 till 2005*** : Senior Legal Adviser of the World Meteorological Organisation advising on legal and institutional matters related to the work of the Organization, its procedures and rules, including contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding and any other legal commitments to which WMO is to become a party; advising also on matters related to international environmental policy and environmental governance, on inter-agency cooperation, on substantive and procedural aspects of international conferences and on other legal and institutional matters related to the international organizations. Responsible for drafting and interpreting contracts, agreements and other legal instruments; involved in development and up-dating of national legislation related to meteorology, hydrology and related environmental issues including preparation of country profiles and analysis of existing and proposed institutional structures. Acting as a focal point for the UN and for other international organizations in particular of the UN system- cooperating with Governments as well as with the UN bodies and Agencies including IMO, WIPO, IAEA, WTO, IUCN, World Bank, UN Regional Commissions, EC. She was responsible for handling legal disputes of the Organization and representing WMO at judicial procedures both at national and international levels.
  
- ***From January 2006-2008***: Principal Legal Officer and Chief of the Environmental Law Branch of UNEP (till April 07) and up to 2008: Chief Lawyer and UNEP Legal Counsel- Responsible for providing policy guidance into international legal and institutional frameworks by empowering a broad range of stakeholders to participate effectively in the development and implementation of environmental law at international and national levels. Responsible for development and implementation of programme on environmental law (Montevideo Programme) of UNEP; responsible for development of guidelines for liability for damages caused to environment and guidelines and principles on access to Justice in environmental matters, access to information, and to decision making processes related to environmental matters and use of natural resources and public participation; provides legal advice on all legal matters of the Organization.

### **3. Teaching experience**

Organizing and teaching at training courses organized for lawyers and managers dealing with the issues of environmental law and capacity building as well as giving courses in the field of environmental law at various Universities: i.e. yearly courses for special programmes for American Universities in Nairobi (1985-1991); Teaching international and environmental law and policy Warsaw University (1969-1982) at Polytechnic of Lausanne (1995-1998), , Wuhan

University (1991), Geneva University(1993-1995). Teaching at Environmental Diplomacy-Post-Graduate Certificate of Advance Studies (2006, 2007 and 2008), Vienna Academy on Environment and Security (2007)and several other courses like i.e. yearly Global Training Course in Environmental Law organized by UNEP in Nairobi (1995- 2007), University of Joensuu/UNEP International Environmental law-making and Diplomacy ( Joensuu, 2007 ) and Pietermaritzburg (2008), etc. Senior Lecturer at the School of Law, University of Nairobi (Environmental law, Law of the Sea, Shared natural resources law) Leading and lecturing at Training sessions in environmental law and Conventions for Judges, Magistrates and other legal stakeholders at regional's, superregionals and global levels Africa, Asia, Latin and Central America and Europe (2006-2007).

#### **4. Publications**

Author and/or co-author of a large number of books, articles and papers on international matters in particular in the field of international negotiations, international and environmental law and institutions, among others:

- The negotiating process leading to the Convention on Biological Diversity ; (co-author) in the book International Environmental Law-making and Diplomacy Review, Joensuu, Finland 2007
- The Montreal Protocol – 20 years ed. by Cameron May Ltd , 2007: “The Story of the Ozone Layer” 2007 (co-author).
- Kluwer Law International the Monograph: World Meteorological Organization, December 2004;
- Kluwer Law International Law of Marine Env. Protection, September 2003;
- MIT Massachusetts Institute of Environmental Technology Diplomacy (co-Author), June 1998;
  
- Economica – CERICL'Effectivite du Droit (co-Author), March 1998
- UNEP Environmental Policy, April 1995
- Hazardous Wastes, December 1993;
- Grotius Multilateral Environmental Treaties, October 1991;
- UNEP Environmental Protection In Developing Countries, September 1991;
- UNEP Environmental Law May 1991;
- Clarendon Press- Oxford Yearbook of Environmental Law, November 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995;
- UNEP Basel Convention, October 1990;
- Nomos Bilateral Environmental Velagsgesellschaft, Cooperation, June 1980
- Ossolineum, Poland, Liability for Transfrontier Damages, October 1979;
- Polish Academy of Sciences, Non-navigational use of international waterways; 1978 (book)

And a large number of papers and articles (available at request).

