



International Bio Law Interest Group

ESIL INTEREST GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL BIO LAW

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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, Málaga, Manchester, Göttingen and Athens).

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 Internacional y Universalización: El papel de las Organizaciones y los Tribunales Internacionales/ International Biolaw and Universality: the Role of International Organizations and International Courts, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2020 (forthcoming); Bioderecho Internacional: Derechos Humanos, Salud Pública y Medioambiente/International Biolaw: Human Rights, Public Security and Environment, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2018; Bioderecho, Seguridad y Medioambiente/Biolaw, Security and Environment, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2015; Bioderecho internacional y europeo. Desafíos actuales, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2014.

2. Activities of the IG on International Bio Law during this period

- 1) An IG event, co-organised with the Interest Group on International Environmental Law, research Forum, took place in Göttingen, the 3rd April 2019: “Sound Science-Based Regulation in the Post-Truth Era: Domestic and International Rule of Law Under Fire”, with the following content:
 - 1) Welcome to the participants by Paolo Davide Farah and Justo Corti Varela.
 - 2) First panel on “Precautionary Principle and Post-Truth”.
 - 3) Second panel on “Evidence and Facts”.
 - 4) Third panel on “Decision Making”.
 - 5) Forth panel on “Democracy and Ethical Aspects”.
 - 6) Fith panel on “New Sectors and the Future”.

The final programme is published on the website of the IG: <https://esil-sedi.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Programme-of-the-ESIL-IG-Joint-Event-Gottingen-v-13.pdf>.

The proposals submitted to this event will be published (on an impact journal and a collective book). The coordinators of the event are working on it nowadays.

- 2) A Pre-conference IG session took place in Athens the 12th September 2019, entitled “International Biolaw: New Perspectives”, with two panels. The main aspects of the discussion was the role played by International Organizations (universal and/or regional) and International Courts, and their interaction with municipal law, developing Biolaw rules. The final programme of this event is on the website: <https://esil-sedi.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/PROGRAMA-DEFINITIVOATENAS.pdf>.



Session of the IG Pre-conference session (Athens, 12th September 2019)

3. Future activities

Trying to enhance the cooperation between the Interest Groups, a joint event organised by the IG on International Bio Law and the IG on International Health Law, will be held at the University of Salerno (Italy) on 27-28 April 2020: "*Bioethical and Legal Challenges posed by Health Innovation: the Role of International Biolaw and International Health Law*". The call for papers will be launched as soon as possible.

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, together with the general information is provided at <https://esil-sedi.eu/interest-groups/bio-law/>.

5. Contact

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6. Elections

The next Coordinating Committee elections will take place in February 2020, following the ESIL Interest Groups Policy Guidance.

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