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PREFACE

These Conference Proceedings contain papers submitted by speakers, conference participants, and other enforcement professionals dedicated to achieving the environmental compliance and enforcement goals discussed during the Sixth International Conference on Environmental Compliance and Enforcement held in San Jose, Costa Rica, April 15-19 2002. These papers are made available to all enforcement practitioners throughout the world to further the dialogue in this important discipline. For the first time, the web played an integral role in providing information to conference participants and distributing the results of the Conference to other compliance and enforcement stakeholders. These materials are also available through the Web site of the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (www.inece.org) where papers presented in San Jose are indexed by topic along with papers presented at the first five conferences, and Volume 1 of the proceedings from this Sixth International Conference.

The Sixth International Conference brought enforcement professionals together to share experiences and make plans to take the environmental compliance and enforcement fight to the next level. In addition, INECE made a conscious decision to focus on enhancing regional cooperation and networks, adopting new methods for measuring success, and generally raising awareness about the importance of compliance and enforcement efforts. Conference accomplishments included:

- Hosting a successful pre-conference workshop on “*Environmental Issues of Importance to Costa Rica and other Central American Countries for Local Professionals*”, in Spanish, for 90 local compliance and enforcement practition-

ers on Saturday, April 13, 2002.

- Hosting 172 Conference participants from more than 80 countries and organizations, including 37 who were assisted with outside funding.
- Presenting ten plenary panels with 35 speakers, 22 workshops with 59 facilitators and rapporteurs, and six regional meetings.
- Publishing Volume 1 of the Conference Proceedings in print and electronic formats.
- Drafting and presenting the Conference Statement from the Co-Chairs.
- Reviewing and discussing Annotated Outline on Compliance and Enforcement Indicator project, including two workshops, as well as a specially scheduled breakfast meeting.
- Reviewing and discussing draft list of project for INECE Strategic Plan.
- Arranging field visits to six sites, with local experts as guides, and providing written case studies.
- Posting presentations and other Conference documents on the INECE.org web site every evening during the Conference.
- Video taping all plenary sessions of the Conference.
- Providing a Cyber Café with ten high-speed Web connections and other business services.
- Hosting a Press Conference for Co-Chairs with resulting news story in *The Tico Times*.
- Presenting copies of the best-selling text on International Environmental Law & Policy to all participants, along with a Treaty Viewer CD with over 70 envi-

ronmental treaties in a searchable database by i-Sciences and the World Resources Institute.

For more information on these and other Conference accomplishments, please visit <http://www.inece/conf/accomplish6th.htm>

In addition to the anticipated accomplishments listed above, several additional accomplishments resulted from the rich networking opportunities at the Conference, including:

- Forming the INECE International Network for Environmental Prosecutors.
- Agreeing on funding from the European Commission to support follow-up planning for regional networks in Africa, Asia, and South America.
- Agreeing on INECE partnership with UNEP to host the Global Judicial Symposium at the WSSD in Johannesburg, South Africa, in August.
- Agreeing on funding from the European Commission for the Global Judicial Symposium.
- Establishing the Asian Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Regional Network, with funding for initial meeting committed by the Ford Foundation.
- Hosting various side meetings at the Conference, including meetings by Prosecutors, NGOs, Inspectors, Judicial Symposium organizers and funders, African meeting with World Bank and UK, and an additional session on INECE Compliance and Enforcement Indicators.

Ultimately, the success of the Sixth International Conference was built upon the strength of the individual commitments renewed in San Jose, the durability of the bonds that are forged between local, regional, and international networks and interests, and the vision contained in the strategic plan that will guide INECE over the coming years. For the first time, the Sixth International Conference prepared a Conference Statement that was submitted to the World Summit on Sustainable Development. In addition to the Conference Statement, the draft Strategic Plan was discussed, including the planned efforts to fulfill the INECE goal of fostering and strengthening regional enforcement networks within Africa, Asia and Latin America. These networks will benefit from the experience of current INECE partner networks such as the European Network for Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL) and AC-IMPEL, its sister organization serving the accession countries to the European Union.

On behalf of the Executive Planning Committee and the Secretariat staff, we look forward to your continued and productive use of these conference materials. Comments and suggestions should be sent to the INECE Secretariat by email at inece@inece.org or by fax to 1-202-249-9608 or by mail to 1367 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite #300, Washington, DC 20036.

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