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CHAIR MESSAGE

Stephanie Altman, Shannon Martin Dilley, Megan Gale, Fatima Maria Ahmad, and Anastasia Telesetsky

As the chairs of the International Environmental and Resources Law Committee (IERLC), Agricultural Management Committee, and the Section of International Law International Environmental Law Committee (IELC), we are pleased to offer a joint special edition newsletter: *On the Farm*.

This newsletter focuses on issues surrounding agriculture. As the world population grows, increased burdens are changing farming practices, highlighting the need for sustainable agriculture. Innovative technologies are providing potential solutions; however, with new technologies come unique legal challenges. This newsletter touches on technologies and innovation, legal challenges, and sustainability in agriculture.

Author Jeremy Collier outlines the state of factory farming and how the same industrialization and technology that created the state of factory farming are now creating exciting new models to reshape the future of farming. Author Leslie Couvillion discusses approaches for managing food chain sustainability in an excerpt from a book entitled *International Farm Animal, Wildlife, and Food Safety Law*, which was edited by Gabriela Steier and Kiran Patel and will be published in the fall. Co-authors Michael Barrowclough and L. Leon Geyer explain the new commercial drone rules, potential for use of drones in the agricultural sector, and the legal challenges. Co-authors Thomas P. Redick and Jhoset A. Burgos-Rodriguez's article is a candid discussion of the current controversy over GM labelling at an international, national, and state level. The newsletter concludes with Martha Noble's update on large blooms of cyanobacteria, commonly known as blue-green algae, that have occurred in the Western Basin of Lake Erie due in large part to agricultural run-off.

We encourage members to attend and enjoy interesting CLE content and networking with colleagues. SEER continues to provide timely information and assistance to our members to aid them in becoming better lawyers. Please take note that the next the next Section conference is the 46th Spring Conference on March 29–31, 2017 in Los Angeles. Please note the Environmental Summit of the Americas, a special one-day program for international lawyers, will be held on March 29. Stay tuned for more details. Additionally, the ABA Section of International Law Fall 2016 Conference will take place in Tokyo, Japan, October 18–22, 2016.

Our committees enjoy active participation by members, with quality programs arising from member involvement. If you want to get more involved in any of our committees' activities, please let our committee chairs know: IERLC (Stephanie Altman, stephanie.l.altman@gmail.com, or Shannon Martin Dilley at dilleyshannon@gmail.com); AMC (Megan Gale, megan.gale@huschblackwell.com); or SIL IELC (Fatima Maria Ahmad, fatima.maria.ahmad@gmail.com or Anastasia Telesetsky, atelesetsky@uidaho.edu). Additional information is available on the committee websites.

Our newsletter editors are always ready to entertain article ideas and we also welcome periodic guest editors to help put together these newsletters. If you wish to propose an article, please contact our committee newsletter vice chairs: IERLC (Elizabeth Hessami at Ebeh777@aol.com or Gabriel Monroe at gabriel.monroe@arb.ca.gov); AMC (Martha Noble, marthanoble101@gmail.com, or Thomas P. Redick, tpr@geeclaw.com); or SIL IELC (Guillermo Malm Green, gmalmgreen@brons.com.ar, or Linda Lowson, lmlowson@gmail.com).

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