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Oppenheim's International Law. A New Volume on International Organizations

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Rosalyn Higgins' Balzan research project will focus on a comprehensive study of the main intergovernmental organizations, with the United Nations at the centre of the work. Directed by Dame Rosalyn, a group of young scholars (Dapo Akande, Sandesh Sivakumaran, James G. Sloan, Philippa Webb, and Ralph Wilde) will do the research work necessary to the realization of a new Oppenheim's International Law volume (namely, Oppenheim on International Organizations). Philippa Webb will also act as Project Manager.

The Balzan Oppenheim Project team had its first meeting in February 2008 in The Hague, The Netherlands. At this all-day meeting, the team made extensive revisions to the original Outline of Contents for Oppenheim on International Organizations. A broad assignment of topic areas was made and methodological issues and the approach to drafting in the 'Oppenheim style' were discussed.

A second team meeting took place over two days in November 2008 in The Hague during which first research results on peacekeeping and human rights bodies were discussed. The meeting also considered outlines for research on UN immunities and legal personality of the UN at the domestic and international levels.

A third team meeting was held over two days in November 2009 in The Hague. First drafts on the principal UN organs, the subsidiary organs, human rights, international criminal tribunals, financing and the role of the UN Secretariat were reviewed. The work plan for 2010 was formulated.

The team had a fourth meeting in London in March 2010. At this one-day meeting the first drafts on UN immunities and legal personality were discussed in detail.

A fifth meeting is scheduled for November 2010 to consider first drafts on a range of

topics and to review second drafts on peacekeeping, human rights, tribunals, principal and subsidiary UN organs, financing, the Secretariat, immunities and legal personality.

- Dapo Akande is University Lecturer in Public International Law & Yamani Fellow at St. Peter's College, University of Oxford, and Visiting Professor at the University of Miami School of Law.

- Sandesh Sivakumaran is Lecturer at the School of Law, and Fellow of the Human Rights Law Centre of the University of Nottingham.

- James G. Sloan is Lecturer in Public International Law at the University of Glasgow, School of Law, since January 2000.

- Philippa Webb is former Special Assistant and Legal Officer to President Rosalyn Higgins at the International Court of Justice in The Hague and current Visiting Assistant Professor at Leiden University.

- Ralph Wilde is Vice Dean for research and a Reader at the Faculty of Laws, University College London, University of London, which he joined in 2002. He is also Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law Centre.

Publication Plans: *Oppenheim's International Law. A New Volume on International Organizations* is planned to be ready for publication in 2013.

Statement by the Prizewinner: *I think it is a marvellous thing that the prize envisages engaging young scholars in challenging research. I am looking forward to working with a small group of selected young scholars on this great venture.* Rosalyn Higgins (Berne, 23.11.2007)