

REPORT ON VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

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My fellowship lasted from 6 December 2005 to 3 January 2006. My field of research is international law and cooperation, with a particular focus on the concept of collective security and the future of the United Nations Organization. The purpose of the visit was to pursue research in this field. Most of the time in Australia was spent at Melbourne University Law School at the Asia Pacific Centre for Military Law (APCML). There I developed my earlier contacts with the Director of the Centre, Professor Tim McCormack, Australian Red Cross Professor of International Humanitarian Law. I also had the opportunity to meet with other colleagues (Professor Anne Orford, Dr. Simon Chesterman and others of the Law Faculty), doctoral candidates and students. During my stay I also visited Government institutions in Canberra and the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) in Hobart, Tasmania.

Already at my arrival in Melbourne my contacts with Australian scholars had yielded some results. In the Australian Yearbook of International Law, Volume 24, I could read my review of a book by the American political scientist Stephen C. Schlesinger, *Act of Creation, The Founding of the United Nations*. I was lucky to have a room at my disposal at the AP Centre for Military Law and from the computer there I could follow the negotiations in the UN General Assembly on the implementation of the results of the 2005 UN Summit, including the establishment of a Peace Building Commission. At my desk I could also finalize a text on "Intervention and Security: The Hammarškjöld Approach to the United Nations and the Future of the Organization".

The stay in Melbourne did not only amount to a lot of reading and writing, but also to a number of social professional contacts. This was made possible through the help of Cathy Hutton, Administrator at APCML. Cathy also helped me and a Swedish colleague, Dr. Ola Engdahl of Örebro University, to plan a visit to Canberra. In the capital we met with Colonel Michael Kelly of the Department of Defence, an expert on Peace Operations and Director of the International Policy Division. Mike arranged a meeting at the DoD with Gabrielle Duschner, Assistant Director at the same Division, and we embarked upon a mini seminar on recent aspects of UN and other peace operations. In Canberra, at a Swedish Embassy reception, we also met with representatives of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, among them Michael Bliss, Director, International Law and Transnational Crime Section.

My last week in Australia was spent in Hobart, Tasmania. I briefly visited the University and the Commission for the Conservation of the Antarctic Marine Living Resources. My professional host was Professor Denzil Miller, Executive Secretary of the CCAMLR.

The academic environment in Australia was rewarding. I managed to more than fulfil the research oriented aims of my visit. APCML helped me with accommodation at the Victoria University College and all administrative matters went smoothly. This was also due to my excellent electronic mail contacts with Mr Jesse Boyd, Project Officer, Australian Academy of the Humanities. My contacts with professor Tim McCormack and Colonel Mike Kelly continue and we are discussing their participation at an international law seminar here in Stockholm in a not too distant future. I am most grateful to the two Academies for making my research stay in Australia possible. I am confident, that as a result of the visit, contacts in the field of international law between Sweden and Australia, which always have been good, will be further intensified.

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