Celebrating INEA's authors and editors

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Perhaps it is time to pause and celebrate INEA's 20th year. We are publishing around 40 papers per year and have thus doubled our production since the beginning. We have a loyal family of authors and reviewers, and we are very grateful for their continuing commitment to the journal. We have now an Impact Factor of 2.4, and we hope that it will steadily increase in the future. The environmental challenge before us remains huge, and scholars may have to become more focused on trying to understand how the political, legal and economic challenges related to the environment can best be understood, analysed and addressed.

It is perhaps also time to celebrate our top authors. There are many ways to identify and celebrate the work of these scholars. At the start of this year, we have decided to celebrate those papers that have been heavily cited by other authors. We use thus citation as an indicator of impact for this purpose. In Table 1, we present a list of the top 20 papers and their authors, year of publication and citation thus far both in the Web of Science and Google Scholar. We should note, however, that papers submitted to the journal prior to its listing as an Impact Factor Journal have not been included in this list because we do not have the data.

Clearly, citations may be a function of many other factors, such as choice of title, keywords and timing; so there are possibly other indicators of quality. Hence, we will also be publishing a Special Issue sometime in 2021 which will focus on the lessons learnt from the various papers regarding international environmental agreements.

Journals survive not only on the dedication of their authors and reviewers, but also because of the commitment of their managing editors, who contribute so much of their time voluntarily to the thankless job of chasing reviewers, cleaning up the English of papers and pacifying angry authors; of course managing editors also learn a lot and gain heavily from the exercise, but authors often do not realize what a difficult role such editors play. Following in a long tradition of brilliant managing editors, Harro van Asselt and Agni Kalfagiani, we now express our immense thanks and appreciation to the excellent work of Dr. Courtney Vegelin for the past 5 years during which she kept the journal running.

And, we also welcome Dr. Nicky Pouw as the new Managing Editor. Unlike the previous managing editors who had more expertise in law and international relations, Nicky Pouw is an economist. We are hoping that Nicky's dedication to development and environmental economics will enrich and strengthen the role of economics in the journal and

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Table 1 Top 20 cited papers

Name	Paper	Year	Cites	Google scholar
Mark Zeitoun and Naho Mirumachi	Transboundary water interaction: reconsidering conflict and cooperation	2008	166	400
Philipp Pattberg and Johannes Strippel	Beyond the public and private divide: remapping transnational climate governance in the 21st century	2008	130	266
Frank Biermann, Michele Betsill, Joyeeta Gupta, Norichika Kanie, Louis Lebel; Diana Liverman, Heike Schroeder, Bernd Siebenhüner, Ruben Zondervan	Earth system governance: a research framework	2010	114	244
Emma Paulsson	A review of the CDM literature: From fine-tuning to critical scrutiny?	2009	91	177
Louis Lebel, Torsten Grothmann, Bernd Siebenhüner	The role of social learning in adaptiveness: insights from water management	2010	90	165
Heike Schroeder	Agency in international climate negotiations: the case of indigenous peoples and avoided deforestation	2010	81	160
Sebastian Oberthür	Interplay management: enhancing environmental policy integration among international institutions	2009	69	156
Joyeeta Gupta and Courtney Vegelin	Sustainable development goals and inclusive development	2016	60	171
Mark Zeitoun, Naho Mirumachi and Jeroen Warner	Transboundary water interaction II: the influence of 'soft' power	2011	55	101
Thomas Koetz, Katharine N. Farrell, and Peter Bridgewater	Building better science-policy interfaces for international environmental governance: assessing potential within the Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	2012	54	134
Mark Giordano, Alena Drieschova, James A.Duncan, Yoshiko Sayama, Lucia De Stefano, Aaron T. Wolf	A review of the evolution and state of transboundary freshwater treaties	2014	47	91
Sjur Kasa, Anne T. Gullberg, Gorild Heggelund	The Group of 77 in the international climate negotiations: recent developments and future directions	2008	47	111
Frank Biermann, Olwen Davies, and Nicolien van der Grijp	Environmental policy integration and the architecture of global environmental governance	2009	45	107
Andrea K. Gerlak, Jonathan Lautze, and Mark Giordano	Water resources data and information exchange in transboundary water treaties	2011	41	80
Eleni Dellas, Philipp Pattberg, and Michele Betsill	Agency in earth system governance: refining a research agenda	2011	46	75

Table 1 (continued)

Name	Paper	Year	Cites	Google scholar
Lena Partzsch and Rafael Ziegler	Social entrepreneurs as change agents: a case study on power and authority in the water sector	2011	36	72
Emily Boyd, Esteve Corbera and Manuel Estrada	UNFCCC negotiations (pre-Kyoto to COP-9): what the process says about the politics of CDM-sinks	2008	36	88
Jeffrey McGee and Ros Taplin	The role of the Asia Pacific Partnership in discursive contestation of the international climate regime	2009	33	62
Andries F. Hof, Michel G. J. den Elzen and Detlef P. van Vuuren	Environmental effectiveness and economic consequences of fragmented versus universal regimes: what can we learn from model studies?	2009	32	70
Naghmeh Nasiritousi, Mattias Hjerpe and Bjorn-Ola Linner	The roles of non-state actors in climate change governance: understanding agency through governance profiles	2016	30	77
Joanne Chong	Ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation: progress and challenges	2014	30	58

especially how economic issues shape international environmental negotiations and treaties. This is also most timely, as the number of economics and econometric papers submitted to the journal has increased heavily and we need better scrutiny of their suitability for the journal. We wish her much success in this endeavour.

Finally, our Associate Editors—Oran Young, Peter Sand and Richard Howarth have been an incredible source of moral support and strength for us. We are very grateful to them. We are also incrementally refreshing our Editorial Board members. So many board members have lent their name and reputation to this journal, so many have devoted hours to reviewing papers, and so many have actively contributed Special Issues. We thank outgoing board members and welcome the new members and look forward to a fruitful and successful collaboration in the coming years.

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