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## PREFACE

The Fifth International Conference on Environmental Compliance and Enforcement was held in Monterey, California, November 16-20, 1998. This Volume 2 of the Proceedings, contain welcome, opening and closing remarks, additional papers and keynote speeches. It also includes summary reports on Conference plenary sessions, workshops and regional meetings and the results of the participant evaluation of the Conference. The topic pages in Volume 2 continue the practice of cross referencing relevant materials from past proceedings and reports issued by the INECE partnership. The Proceedings will be widely disseminated to all conference participants, other country environmental officials, and non-governmental organizations (NGO's) throughout the world. It is accessible through the Internet site of the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE): [www.INECE.org](http://www.INECE.org) where papers are also indexed by topic along with the relevant papers from the Proceedings of the first four international conferences.

The advances and continuing challenges of the evolving network of government officials, NGO's, and international organizations — in designing and developing effective means of achieving compliance with and enforcing domestic environmental law and international environmental agreements — speaks to us from these pages. We are all enriched when our colleagues take the time out of their busy schedules to share their experiences, their frustrations, and their accomplishments so that we might be inspired by their example, encouraged to try new approaches, and/or bolstered by evidence of the benefits that this difficult task can make the promise of implementation and compliance with environmental law a reality.

The Fifth International Conference was another important stepping stone, and catalyst for "making it happen". These papers demonstrate the increasing commitment to and level of sophistication of programs and new initiatives around the world to achieve the protection of public health and environment we seek. Volume 2 provides a vision of where the INECE partnership sees environmental compliance and enforcement heading in the next millennium. It contains compelling accounts of ecosystem improvements through enforcement in British Columbia in Canada; of heroic efforts to prosecute and convict, on site, illegal logging operations in the Philippines; of experiments with reconciling new market incentives to develop environmental management systems which may deliver improved compliance with the need to maintain a strong enforcement presence in Germany; of the differential effects of market influences in People's Republic of China to achieve reductions in ozone depleting substances; of public access to justice issues in Kenya and Tanzania; of innovative use of compliance schedules and action plans in Egypt and the Czech Republic to gain environmental improvements and make compliance happen in the face of serious economic and institutional impediments to compliance; and of efforts by Mongolia to protect its rich array of endangered flora and fauna. These are but a few examples of the many stories within these volumes.

The Fifth International Conference was the first to be held under the banner of the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE). The INECE Executive Planning Committee devoted much time and effort to design a Conference to offer the greatest opportunity for useful exchange and practical information for individuals both within and outside government who can influence the successful design and implementation of enforcement programs. Additional information about the Conference and resource materials

can be obtained by contacting the Staff or members of the Executive Planning Committee. The INECE partnership will continue to foster national, regional and global networking, capacity building, and cooperation beyond the exchanges at the Conferences. On behalf of the Executive Planning Committee, we look forward to your continued and productive use of these Conference materials.

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