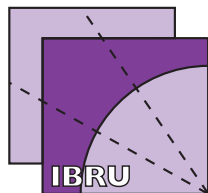


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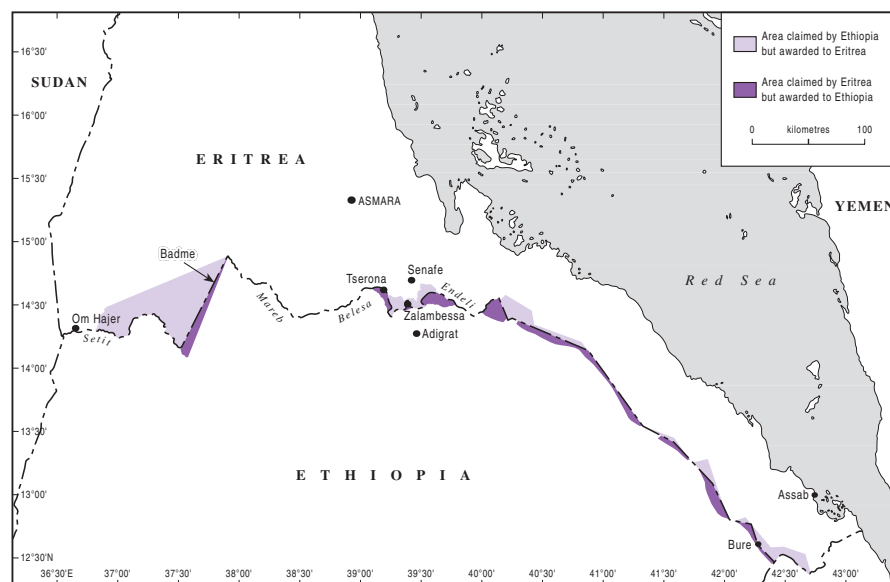
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*Borderlines* is an annual newsletter distributed free to more than 2,500 boundary scholars, practitioners and enthusiasts around the world. In addition to highlighting the activities of the International Boundaries Research Unit, we are keen to include information on boundary-related events, publications and research at other institutions. If you wish to contribute an item to the next issue of *Borderlines*, please contact Michelle Speak.



## NEWS & VIEWS

Although IBRU is no longer producing the quarterly *Boundary & Security Bulletin*, we continue to monitor developments relating to international boundaries on land and at sea around the world. 2003 was an interesting year for boundary-watchers, particularly for those interested in dispute resolution through arbitration or litigation. While no judgments in boundary cases were actually handed down during the year, the second half of 2003 witnessed an increasingly bitter dispute over the implementation of the April 2002 decision of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission. Eritrea and Ethiopia had agreed that the decision would be final and binding but, as the Commission moved towards the demarcation phase of its mandate, Ethiopia began to challenge the validity of the award. Despite efforts by the UN Security Council to persuade both countries to abide by the decision, by late October the situation had reached crisis point and the Boundary Commission was forced to suspend demarcation activities indefinitely.



Whatever the merits of Ethiopia's arguments, its rejection of a binding arbitral decision is cause for concern for everyone involved in boundary-making. It is to be hoped that all parties remain committed to a peaceful settlement of the conflict and that the authority of those charged with resolving boundary disputes in accordance with international law is not undermined by this unfortunate development. The International Court of Justice currently has four boundary or sovereignty cases on its docket, and it would be disastrous if states began to feel that it was acceptable to reject judicial decisions that they did not like.

IBRU is keen to ensure that debate concerning important boundary-related questions continues. Many of our readers will be familiar with the *int-boundaries* list, an e-mail based forum for the discussion of boundary and territorial issues, and we encourage boundary professionals and enthusiasts to join this list and share news and opinions on topics of interest (*details on how to sign up are on page 2*). For those who simply wish to be kept informed of boundary developments, we are pleased to announce that in 2004 the journal *Geopolitics* will include an overview of boundary developments in the last year prepared by IBRU researchers.

February 2004 marks the fifteenth 'birthday' of the International Boundaries Research Unit. In those fifteen years the Unit has made many friends around the world, and we greatly appreciate all the support we have received for our work - keep in touch!

### Training

IBRU hosted two more workshops in its renowned series. 'The Use of Geographical Information in Boundary Creation, Management and Dispute Resolution', held in Durham in September, attracted 28 participants from 13 countries.

December saw our first workshop co-hosted and sponsored by Eversheds Frere Cholmeley in Paris, on the subject of 'Preparing for Boundary Litigation / Arbitration'. Again, an international group of 30 participants from 17 countries benefited from a world-class line-up of tutors, including Professor Pierre-Marie Dupuy, Judge Tullio Treves, former ICJ Registrar Eduardo Valencia-Ospina, Sir Arthur Watts, and Rodman Bundy and Loretta Malintoppi of Eversheds. We are very grateful to Loretta and Rodman for their support and assistance in making the event such a success.



Participants at the IBRU / Eversheds workshop in Paris



Peacekeepers try their hand at boundary negotiations

In November IBRU contributed to a training course on border management for international peacekeepers organised by the UK Ministry of Defence. Participants from Austria, Canada, India, Nepal, Poland, Uruguay and Vietnam received instruction on the principles of boundary-making as well as practical aspects of boundary management in disputed areas. Their visit included a weekend trip to Durham and the historical borderlands around Hadrian's Wall. IBRU's services have already been booked for a repeat event in 2004.

### Research & Consultancy

IBRU continues to provide research and consultancy services to governments, commercial organisations and NGOs. Among the projects to which IBRU contributed in 2003 were: ongoing work with the Adam Smith Institute providing technical assistance to the Palestinian Authority on a range of boundary-related issues; a series of reports on recent maritime boundary agreements for IHS Energy; and historical and geographical analysis of boundaries in Africa for the United States National Imagery and Mapping Agency.

### Conferences

Martin Pratt, IBRU's Director of Research, made presentations at a number of conferences in 2003 including: *Improving African Borders* (School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC); *International Border Disputes in Oil and Gas* (IQPC, London); and the *Cambridge Conference* of national mapping organisations. Research Associate John Donaldson participated in the Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea conference *Addressing Difficult Issues in UNCLOS* in Monaco.



#### Staff news

In September, IBRU was pleased to welcome its new Secretary to replace Julia Oliver, who had worked with IBRU for 10 years. Natalie Johnson (left), a graduate in American Studies, joins us from the National Assembly for Wales, where she was employed as a GIS officer.

Our Director of External Relations, Michelle Speak (right), completed her Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree in January, and gave birth to a son, Matthew, a few days later.



#### Join the *int-boundaries* e-mail list

*Int-boundaries* is an e-mail forum established by IBRU for the exchange of information, ideas and opinions between people who are interested in the delimitation, demarcation and management of international boundaries. Subscription is free and there are no restrictions on who may join. The list's archives and details of how to sign up are available at: <http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/int-boundaries.html>

## 2004 TRAINING WORKSHOP CALENDAR

IBRU continues its popular programme of training workshops in 2004. Since 1996 over 600 people from more than 100 countries have benefited from participation in these intensive courses led by expert tutors. All workshops aim to provide a relevant combination of background theory and practical application. Course numbers are limited to create an informal teaching environment and maximise interaction between tutors and participants. Please book early to ensure your place.

**12 - 14 July 2004**

### MARITIME BOUNDARY DELIMITATION

Venue: *St Aidan's College, University of Durham, UK*

Fee: *£1,195 including accommodation and all meals*

Governments across the world agree that clearly-defined maritime boundaries are essential for good international relations and effective ocean management, yet very few coastal states have agreed all their maritime boundaries with their neighbours. Part of the reason for this is that boundary delimitation requires a range of specialist legal and technical skills which are not always available to the governments in question. This workshop, led by internationally-renowned authorities on maritime boundaries, is designed to help overcome this problem. Combining lectures and practical exercises, the workshop will provide participants with instruction in the principles and practice of maritime boundary delimitation, enabling them to acquire some of the key skills required to produce a successful boundary settlement.

**15 - 17 July 2004**

### NEGOTIATING INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES

Venue: *St Aidan's College, University of Durham, UK*

Fee: *£1,195 including accommodation and all meals*

Few things - if any - are more important to a State than its territory and sovereign rights. It is therefore vital for anyone involved in the negotiation of the boundaries of the State to be as well prepared as possible. Led by some of the world's most experienced boundary negotiators, this workshop is designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills required to conclude a successful boundary agreement. The course will include practical instruction on building and preparing a negotiating team, negotiation strategy and tactics, and drafting an agreement. Day two of the workshop will take the form of a boundary negotiation exercise.

**\*Attend both July events for the discounted price of £1,995\***

**22 - 24 November 2004**

### ARCHIVE RESEARCH FOR BOUNDARY DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Venue: *London, UK*

Fee: *£1,095 (excluding accommodation)*

Most countries' archives contain a wealth of material relating to international boundaries, much of which can be crucial to the understanding of boundary and territorial disputes. However, the size and complexity of many archives means that finding relevant material and compiling an accurate picture of the key issues is rarely a straightforward task. With instruction from experienced archivists, researchers and case managers, this workshop will help participants appreciate how archive material can be used to help build a case, and provide practical guidance on how to make the best possible use of time available for archive research. The workshop will include practical sessions at the National Archives (formerly the Public Record Office) and the British Library.



*Durham Cathedral*

#### Administrative Details

Workshop fees for EU-based participants are normally subject to VAT at 17.5%.

IBRU reserves the right to alter dates and other details without further notice.

#### New Services for 2004:

A CD-ROM of workshop notes will be provided in addition to course folders.

Alternative 4 star hotel-based 'executive packages' are available for Durham events at a cost of £1,495 per workshop + VAT.

Further information and on-line booking facilities are available via:

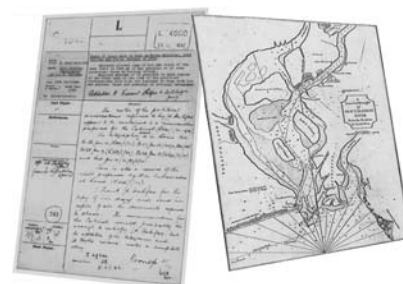
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## PUBLICATIONS

### Back catalogue availability

Between 1993 and 2002 IBRU published nine volumes of the quarterly *Boundary & Security Bulletin* and three volumes of each of the *Boundary & Territory Briefings* and *Maritime Briefings* series. All of these publications are still in print and most are also available electronically in PDF format - please see the enclosed order form for details. Further information on all our publications, including abstracts of *Briefings* and a list of *Bulletin* articles, is available on the IBRU web site.

### Coming soon: 'pay and download'

In spring 2004 we plan to introduce a new web-based service which will allow customers to purchase electronic versions of IBRU's publications online using a secure credit card payment facility. All titles in both *Briefings* series and almost 200 articles from the *Boundary & Security Bulletin* will be available for purchase and instant download. *Briefings* will be priced at £25 each and *Bulletin* articles at £5 each. If you wish to be notified when this service becomes available, please contact Natalie Johnson at the address below.

### Spring Special Offers

Until 31 March 2004 IBRU is offering you the opportunity to purchase complete sets of IBRU's publications at a significant discount off the list price:

#### *Briefings on CD-ROM*

- Purchase volumes 1 - 3 of either the *Boundary & Territory Briefings* or *Maritime Briefings* on CD-ROM (PDF format) for £399 - a saving of 25%.
- Purchase volumes 1 - 3 of both *Briefings* series (46 titles) for £750.

#### *Boundary & Security Bulletin*

- Purchase all nine printed volumes for just £350 plus postage - a saving of over £600 on the original list price (volumes 6 - 9 can be supplied in PDF format if preferred).

If you have any questions relating to IBRU's publications, please contact our publications secretary, Mrs Natalie Johnson:

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### Boundary-related Conferences in 2004

**Ordering the World: A Century after Mackinder**, Pre-Congress meeting of the IGU Commission on Political Geography, University of Durham, UK, 12 - 15 August.

Contact: Dr Luiza Bialasiewicz, Department of Geography, University of Durham.  
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**The Role of Borderlands in United Europe**, Wigry, Poland / Vištitis, Lithuania, 15 - 17 September.

Contact: Dr Marek Sobczynski, Department of Political Geography and Regional Studies, University of Lodz (e-mail: [marsob@geo.uni.lodz.pl](mailto:marsob@geo.uni.lodz.pl)).

## CARIS LOTS

### A key tool for maritime delimitation tasks

For more than a decade IBRU has offered consultancy services on a range of boundary-related issues, including technical aspects of maritime boundary delimitation. Over the past few years IBRU has made increasing use of CARIS LOTS, a suite of software tools designed to assist in the accurate construction of maritime limits and boundaries.

Developed by the respected geomatics company CARIS, LOTS ('Law of the Sea') is available in three formats. The full *LOTS Article 76* package is aimed primarily at governments preparing submissions to the UN Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and contains a powerful set of tools for every stage of this complex and challenging task. *LOTS Limits and Boundaries* is ideal for users who require geodetic precision in the construction and analysis of jurisdictional limits, equidistance lines and other boundary-related features. Both products include global coastline and bathymetry datasets which allow desktop studies to be carried out for any area of interest. *LOTS Academic* is available for teaching purposes; it contains all the functionality contained in *LOTS Article 76* but works within a restricted geographic region.

LOTS is not a tool for novices but boundary professionals will be thrilled by what can be achieved with a little practice. With robust geodesy behind the scenes and a flexible GIS-based interface, CARIS LOTS is fast becoming the 'killer app' of the maritime boundary world.

For further information about the CARIS LOTS software system and training opportunities please contact:

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