

In this issue we focus on activities in two of IGCC's main research areas: **International Environmental Policy** and **International Security**.

IGCC will host a workshop on ocean water quality in Penang, Malaysia, in December 2006. The workshop, **"Managing Beach Water Quality in Southeast Asia: Will Public Information Programs Work?"** (co-sponsored by the Universiti Sains Malaysia), will evaluate the role that public information programs on beach water quality could play in reducing risks to human and marine health and enhancing the sustainability of the recreation and tourism industries in Southeast Asia. IGCC will bring together faculty from six UC campuses, along with researchers, policy analysts, and media representatives from throughout Southeast Asia to analyze what we currently know about public disclosure programs and whether or not they could work in the region. The conference is part of IGCC's work on international environmental policy, under the direction of Prof. Jeff Vincent.

IGCC has received support for this workshop from the Pacific Rim Research Program, the World Bank, the Ocean Foundation and USM. For more information, please contact Elisa Lurkis at elurkis@ucsd.edu.

Public Policy and Biological Threats (PPBT), a multidisciplinary training program for University of California Ph.D. and professional-school students, junior UC faculty, private-industry professionals, and government officials begins its third summer session July 23 at UCSD.

The two-week program focuses on **policy responses to biothreats of all types**, including pan-epidemic outbreaks of disease, bioterrorism, and bioweapons. Topics include the

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Awards in IGCC's internship, dissertation fellowship, and faculty research grant competition were announced in May. A total of \$105,000 was distributed to successful faculty grant applicants across the UC system. IGCC funded seven faculty research grants in a mix of individual and collaborative projects.

IGCC offered dissertation fellowships to 22 UC graduate students from eight campuses. Fellowship applications were up sharply from recent years.

Did you know? IGCC will provide almost \$700,000 in fellowships and grants to the UC campuses in the 2006-07 academic year.

science of biological weapons and threats, including an introduction to infectious diseases, treatment, weaponization, dispersion, and detection of biological agents; the history of bioterrorism and weaponization; verification and monitoring; response mechanisms; scenario building; national security decision making; literature search techniques, including best practices for organizing transdisciplinary and high-volume data; and industry protocols and incentives. Faculty includes experts from throughout the UC system, the National Laboratories, and many of the nation's leading research institutions.

Launched in July 2004 with funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the program is co-directed by Sam Bozette (RAND), and IGCC Director Peter Cowhey. More information may be found at: <http://www-igcc.ucsd.edu/cprograms/PPBT/PPBT.php>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Public Policy and
Biological Threats
Bootcamp
July 2006**

**Managing Beach Water
Quality Workshop
December 2006**

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suggestions for
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