

## PRESENTATION

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The Coordinator Committee (Prof. Dr. Cezar Saldanha de Souza Jr., Prof. Dr. Cláudia Lima Marques, Prof. Dr. Humberto Ávila, Prof. Dr. Cláudio Fortunato Michelin Jr. and L.L.D. Marcelo Schenk Duque), allowed me, as Vice-Coordinator of the LL.M. and LL.D. Program of the Law School of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, to present to you this Edition in honor of Professor Tuiskon Dick, in cooperation with Pace University (NY, U.S.) and with the kindly support of the Tinker Foundation.

Our FIPSE-CAPES partner, the Pace University, has hosted, in June 2004, in New York, a very successful conference, "Civil Society, Environmental responsibility and sustainable Development in the United States and Brazil", creating a "Jourdan Young Lecture" in honor of this wonderful "Brazilianist" and Friend from Brazil, Dr. Jourdan Young. Antônio Herman Benjamin, Jorge Alex Athias and four students from UFRGS, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul represented us in this conference and brought the idea to do the same in Rio Grande do Sul, also with the generous support of the Tinker Foundation. It is especially fitting that UFRGS has organized this conference in honor of our former President Tuiskon Dick, who started in 1976 a very fruitful cooperation with the United States, especially in environmental issues. Prof. Dr. Tuiskon Dick, from the Biological and Chemical Department, has brought to UFRGS a special emphasis on the internationalization and in environmental studies and deserves at this moment the thanks from all the Faculty and Student body of the School of Law, the Institute of Philosophy and Human Sciences (IFCH) and the Institute of Ecological Studies from the UFRGS.

The main idea behind this publication is to show the level of consolidation of the contact between these two Universities (Pace and UFRGS) and also to publish the international research made in the FIPSE-CAPES Program with the help of our two other great partners, the University of Texas-Austin and the Federal University of Pará (UFPA). Our FIPSE-CAPES Program on Environmental Responsibility allowed us to achieve excellence, to maintain and to develop international scientific contacts and cooperation projects also with partner universities from Argentina and Germany, which are here represented.

The Congress on "Economic Globalization, the environment and Civil Society" that occurred in Porto Alegre, from June 2nd to June 3rd 2005, was a great success and we are very happy to publish its results. This would not be possible without the financial support of FIPSE and CAPES, UFRGS and Pace University and especially the kindly support of the Tinker Foundation (NY). We acknowledge the generous support of the Tinker Foundation, which has made this conference possible.

Our thanks go also to the effort of all Faculty members, students and staff from Pace University and UFRGS involved in the FIPSE-CAPES Program. This FIPSE-CAPES Grant has made possible an important renovation of our way of thinking, teaching and researching about environmental responsibility in Brazil. We want to thank FIPSE and CAPES and also both Presidents of our Universities, Prof. Dr. David Caputo (Pace) and Prof. José Carlos Ferraz Hennemann (UFRGS), for the kindly and decisive support.

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