

Biographies

Richard MacDougall

Dick MacDougall is the Director of the Law of the Sea Project and Fisheries and Oceans' member of the Management Board for Canada's UNCLOS program. He is a graduate of the Surveying Engineering program at the University of New Brunswick. In his 37 years with the Canadian Hydrographic Service he has worked in Atlantic and Central and Arctic Regions as well as Headquarters and has held a number of positions including field hydrographer, Hydrographer in Charge, Data Base Engineer, Manager of Chart Maintenance, Distribution, Nautical Geodesy and Tides and Acting Director, Marine Cartography. He was the Director, Atlantic Region of the Canadian Hydrographic Service from January 1999 until December 2006 when he moved to his present position to focus full time on the UNCLOS program.

Jacob Verhoef

Dr. Jacob Verhoef is the Director of Geological Survey of Canada-Atlantic, a Division of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. After completing his Ph.D. in the Netherlands, he joined GSC Atlantic in 1986 to investigate the structure and evolution of Atlantic and Arctic Oceans. He was principal investigator on a project to compile all magnetic data for the North Atlantic and Arctic Oceans, a major effort to convince about 45 institutes in 15 different countries to release their data. He chaired an international committee for the compilation of geophysical data in the Arctic and was a member of several other international working groups. He was appointed to his current position (Director, GSC Atlantic) in 1996, and has regional responsibilities for Atlantic Canada as well as national responsibilities for the Oceans file. Presently, he is also the chair of the Management Board that oversees Canada's program for a claim of the extended continental shelf under UNCLOS (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea).

Wendell Sanford

A native of Halifax, Nova Scotia Mr. Sanford received his B.A. (Political Science) and B. Ed. from St. Mary's University, LLB from Dalhousie University (studying under Professors Douglas Johnston and Hugh Kindred), and Masters of Public Policy from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1978 and served as a consular officer for the Iran Task Force. Mr. Sanford's assignments have included Bangkok, Boston (twice), Wellington, and Los Angeles. In Ottawa Mr. Sanford has worked in the Legal Advisory and Legal Operations divisions, the South and South East Asia Relations Division, the Economic Analysis Division and as Deputy Director of the Program Analysis Division. From 1992 to 1994 Mr. Sanford was the Deputy Coordinator in the Office of the Ambassador for Fisheries Conservation. From 1996 – 1998 Mr. Sanford was an exchange officer within the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade responsible for the negotiating of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention. He was Deputy Director Oceans Law (2004 -2006) prior to assuming his current position in October 2006. Before joining the then Department of External Affairs Mr. Sanford had three careers. He taught junior high school in Calgary, Alberta; served as Staff Officer Naval Control of Shipping at Maritime Command Headquarters in Halifax; and

as a solicitor for the Attorney General of Nova Scotia. Mr. Sanford retired from the Canadian Forces Naval Reserve with the rank of Lieutenant Commander and is the recipient of the Canadian Forces decoration.

Christian Marcussen

Christian Marcussen is project leader of the Greenland part of the Danish Continental Shelf Project. After completing his M.Sc. in geophysics at the University of Aarhus (Denmark) he has worked at the Geological Survey for Denmark and Greenland for more than 25 years mainly with seismic data acquisition, processing and interpretation both onshore and offshore Greenland. He was appointed to his present position when the Danish UNCLOS project started in 2002.