**International Law and Wildlife Well-Being: Moving from Theory to Action**

On November 13-14, about a hundred participants attended the ASIL and the AALS sponsored workshop on “International Law and Wildlife Well-Being: Moving from Theory to Action,” at George Washington University Law School. Co-organizers of the event were Joan Schaffner, Chair of the Animal Law Section of the AALS, and Rachelle Adam of the International Wildlife Law Forum, International Environmental Law Interest Group, ASIL. The workshop brought together animal, environmental, and international law experts to discuss how international law can more effectively address individual wildlife wellbeing. Many species of wildlife are protected under international law, but current international conventions for the conservation of *species* of wildlife have little to say, however, about protecting *individual* wild animals from human cruelty.

Workshop panels addressed a broad range of issues including: entrapment and capture; whaling and hunting, including trophy hunting; holding wild animals in captivity, including in private and public zoos and aquariums; the use of wild animals in tourism; other forms of sports and entertainment; human-wildlife conflicts over land use; and of course, international trade. Professor David Favre of Michigan State University College of Law delivered the opening keynote address, and Professor Dinah Shelton of GWU Law School, the closing address. Panelists included Peter Fitzgerald and Paul Boudreaux of Stetson University Law School, Kathy Hessler of Lewis and Clark Law School, Randall Abate of Florida A&M University College of Law, Steve Charnovitz of GWU Law School, Jeffrey Smith of McGill University, Bryan Christy, Director of Special Investigations for National Geographic, and representatives of Interpol, the Animal Welfare Institute, World Animal Protection, Elephants D.C., and the Global Animal Law Project.

There was broad consensus amongst participants to hold a second workshop focusing on specific projects to put wildlife wellbeing issues on the international agenda and to improve international law and policy for wildlife protection.