ACCEL is delighted to welcome Prof. Dr. Jonathan Verschuuren as a Visiting Research Fellow at the Sydney Law School between January-August 2011.

Professor Verschuuren is Professor of International and European Environmental Law at the Tilburg Law School. He holds a PhD cum laude from Tilburg University and has taught, researched and published extensively on environmental law and policy both nationally and internationally. He has written more than 250 academic publications in the field of environmental law, including many articles in outstanding refereed journals throughout the world and books published by a range of international publishers. His research encompasses all sectors of environmental law and policy including air, water, soil, waste, climate change, biodiversity, sectoral environmental regulation, corporate social responsibility, the precautionary principle, transboundary cooperation and environmental justice.

While at Sydney Law School, Professor Verschuuren plans to undertake collaborative research with members of ACCEL that seeks to identify existing legal barriers to climate change adaptation measures in Australia and north and central Europe. These regions face similar as well as divergent effects of climate change. The comparative study will consider the extent to which existing conservation and natural resource laws establish barriers to adaptation and develop possible legal approaches that may facilitate adaptation. A particular focus of the proposed research will be in the area of terrestrial and marine biodiversity laws.