

Official Ceremony of Welcome
9th June, 2009 at the Fiji Museum Verandah

- 5:45 pm **Invited guests arrive and are seated**
- 6:00 pm **Arrival of Chief Guest**
Garlanding of Chief Guest
- 6: 05 pm **Fijian ceremony of welcome**
- Master Laisiasa Veikoso and the students of the Fiji Music Conservatory
- 6: 15 pm **Welcome Address**
- The Honourable Mr. Filipe Bole - Minister of Education, National Heritage, Culture and Arts, Youth and Sports, Acting Minister for Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment, Local Government, Urban Development, Housing and Environment.
- 6: 25pm **Keynote Address**
- Ms. Julia Marton-Lefevre - IUCN Director General
- 6: 35pm **Vote of thanks**
- Mr. Radike Qereqeretabua, Chairman - National Trust of Fiji Council
- 6: 45pm **Entertainment**
- Traditional Meke
Students of the Fiji Music Conservatory
- 7: 00pm **Cocktail**

Profile

IUCN Director General Julia Marton-Lefevre



Oceania Region Visit
Fiji 7th – 12th of June 2009.



School.

Previous board management membership have included the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), Earth Charter International, the World Resources Institute (WRI), the International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI), the Lemelson Foundation, ICSU's committee on Science and Technology in Developing Countries (COSTED) and the Inter Academy Council's Panel on Promoting Worldwide Science and Technology Capacities for the 21st Century.

She was also a member of the jury of the Saint Andrew's and Alcan Prizes and has participated in two, corporate environmental advisory boards: to the Dow Chemical Company and to the Coca-Cola Company. J. Marton-Lefèvre has co-authored numerous books and papers.

In 1999 she received the AAAS Award for International Cooperation in Science. In 2008, she was awarded the "Chevalier de l'Ordre national de la Légion d'Honneur" by the French Government and was named Global Ambassador for Hungarian Culture by the Hungarian Minister of Education and Culture.

She is Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of the United Kingdom and a Fellow of the World Academy of Arts and Science. She studied history, ecology and environmental planning in the US and in France and was born in Hungary.

Julia Marton-Lefèvre is Director General of IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) the world's largest conservation/environment membership organisation which brings together states, government agencies, non-governmental organisations, scientists and experts in a unique worldwide partnership

IUCN's mission is to influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable.

Prior to this, Julia was Rector of the University for Peace (UPEACE), a graduate-level international university, mandated by the United Nations, providing education, training and research on issues related to peace and conflict.

Earlier offices held by Julia included Executive Director of LEAD (Leadership for Environment and Development) International, a programme established by the Rockefeller Foundation to bring together and train -mid career leaders from all parts of the world in improving their leadership skills around the issues of sustainable development and Executive Director of the International Council for Science (ICSU), an important and respected global organisation bringing together scientific academics and unions to promote scientific activities for the benefit of humanity.

Julia is a member of a number of boards, councils, and committees for organisation such as the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED), an advisory body to the Chinese Government, UPEACE, LEAD International, the Bibliotheca Alexandria, the Geneva-based Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Oxford University's James Martin 21st Century