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Coordinator's Report

By Sarah Shima

The following is a quick update of ACIC's office activities since the last edition of Rendez-Vous came out.

ACIC's Board of Directors

We have been sorry to lose three Board Members over the summer; two have moved out of Atlantic Canada and one has increased responsibilities, which preclude her from working on the Board. On behalf of ACIC's Membership, I would like to thank Paul Perret, Gilles Gagné, and Peggy Cameron, for their work and dedication to ACIC, and wish them the best of luck with future endeavours.

We have two new Board Members to introduce. Replacing Gilles Gagné, PEI Representative, is Marian White, of CUSO PEI. Marian has had much experience with ACIC; as Co-Chair, Board Member, and part-time Coordinator in the early nineties.

Carolyn Davison is replacing Paul Perret, as our Nova Scotia Representative. Carolyn is currently the vice-chair of the Nova Scotia Gambia Association Board of Directors. This volunteer work stems from a keen interest and past experience in international health, including work in Indonesia (Canadian Crossroads 1991) and the Gambia (Youth Health Education Project 1994-95). Carolyn teaches part-time in the Faculty of Health Professions at Dalhousie University and works full-time as the Coordinator, Treatment Services, at Addiction Services, Nova Scotia Department of Health.

We are working on filling the third opening for Board Member, and will let you know in the next edition of Rendez-Vous who has been selected.

ACIC Staff

ACIC was sorry to see Aube Giroux end her contract as Agente de liaison this summer. Aube has decided not to renew her contract with ACIC, so she can focus on her career as a film director. We have been sorry to lose her skills, hard work, and enthusiasm for ACIC, but we look forward to screening her films at our yearly Atlantic Canadian Film Festival.

We have sent out postings for the new Agente de liaison position and look forward to introducing you to the new staff person soon.

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Rapport de la Coordinatrice

Par Sarah Shima

Ce qui suit est une brève mise à jour des activités du bureau du CACI depuis la sortie du dernier numéro de Rendez-Vous.

Bureau de direction du CACI

Nous regrettons bien la perte de trois membres du BD au cours de l'été; deux ont quitté la région Atlantique et l'autre a reçu plus de responsabilités, ce qui l'empêche de participer au BD. Au nom des membres du CACI, je tiens à remercier Paul Perret, Gilles Gagné et Peggy Cameron pour leur travail et leur dévouement au CACI, ainsi que leur souhaiter la meilleure des chances dans leurs activités futures.

Nous avons maintenant deux nouveaux membres du BD à vous présenter. Celle qui va remplacer Gilles Gagné comme représentante de l'ÎPÉ, c'est Marian White, de CUSO de l'ÎPÉ. Marian a beaucoup d'expérience avec le CACI; soit en tant que co-présidente, membre du BD et même comme Coordinatrice à temps partiel au début des années '90.

Carolyn Davison remplace Paul Perret en tant que représentante de la Nouvelle-Écosse. Carolyn est présentement la vice-présidente du Bureau de direction de la Nova Scotia Gambia Association (Gambie-Nouvelle-Écosse). Son travail comme bénévole découle d'un grand intérêt et de son expérience passée en matière de santé au niveau international, y compris du travail en Indonésie (Carrefour Canadien International, 1991) et en Gambie (Youth Health Education Project 1994-95). Carolyn enseigne à temps partiel à la Faculté des professions de la santé de l'Université Dalhousie et elle travaille à temps plein au Ministère de la santé de la Nouvelle-Écosse comme Coordinatrice des services de traitement, dans la



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Brook Centre, ACIC has been able to hire Andrea Germann for a 9 month internship. Andrea will be working with ACIC until the end of December, assisting with member services and our Culturally and Environmentally Appropriate Travel and Tourism public engagement project. In the New Year, Andrea will work with our partner organization, the Negril Area Environmental Protection Trust (NEPT), in Jamaica. NEPT is developing the Royal Palm Reserve (just outside Negril) using sustainable tourism principles, and Andrea will have the opportunity to use her land use planning and environmental education background to assist with their progress.

Culturally and Environmentally Appropriate Travel and Tourism Public Engagement Project

For the next couple of years ACIC will be focussing on the issues surrounding culturally and environmentally appropriate travel and tourism.

This year, we will focus on engaging stakeholders in the Atlantic Canadian travel industry on issues of tourism and international cooperation through workshops developed through the analysis of case studies by ACIC member organizations developing tourism opportunities overseas.

ACIC plans to collaborate with member organizations, media outlets, provincial travel industry associations, schools offering professional development programs on sustainable travel, organizations offering travel abroad programs, travel agencies, and member organizations to develop long-term strategies for increasing consumer awareness of international cooperation and tourism issues.

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On s'efforce de combler le troisième poste au BD et nous vous informerons de la sélection dans le prochain numéro de Rendez-Vous.

Personnel du CACI

C'est avec regret que le CACI perdait Aube Giroux alors qu'elle terminait son contrat en tant qu'Agente de liaison cet été. Aube a décidé de ne pas renouveler son contrat avec le CACI afin de poursuivre sa carrière de réalisatrice de films. Nous regrettons l'absence de ses compétences, de son travail dévoué et de son enthousiasme pour le CACI, mais nous avons hâte de visionner ses films lors de notre Festival annuel des films du Canada Atlantique.

Nous avons affiché le poste d'Agente de liaison et nous espérons vous présenter cette nouvelle personne d'ici peu.

Grâce au don d'un Stagiaire international de l'ADCI de la part du Falls Brook Centre, le CACI a été en mesure d'embaucher Andrea Germann pour un stage de 9 mois. Andrea va travailler avec le CACI jusqu'à la fin de décembre et nous aider avec les services aux membres, ainsi qu'avec notre Projet d'intéressement du public en matière de voyages et de tourisme culturellement et écologiquement appropriés. Dès le nouvel an, Andrea va travailler avec notre organisation partenaire, le Negril Area Environmental Protection Trust (NEPT), en Jamaïque. NEPT fait la mise en valeur de la Royal Palm Reserve (toute juste à l'extérieur de Negril) en faisant appel aux principes du tourisme soutenable et Andrea aura l'occasion de mettre à profit sa formation en utilisation des terres et en éducation environnementale afin de soutenir leurs progrès.

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Carolyn Davison, NS Representative (Nova Scotia Gambia Association)

Marian White, PEI Representative (CUSO)

Sarah Shima, Ex officio, Coordinator

Meetings / Events

- **Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC)**
At CCIC's Annual General Meeting in Ottawa, I became a CCIC Board Member. In September, I attended the first Board Meeting, where issues surrounding CIDA's review of the Public Engagement Strategy, and Public Engagement Project/ Program funding were discussed.
- **Solidarité Acadie-Haiti**
Andrea Germann attended the Annual General Meeting of Solidarité Acadie-Haiti in Moncton.
- **The New Brunswick Community Colleges' International Programs** visited ACIC as part of their yearly meetings. Jean Arnold, ACIC's New Brunswick Representative, presented information on ACIC's activities.
- **Atlantic Co-operative Youth Leadership Camp - Regional Cooperative Development Centre (RCDC)**
Helping staff a youth leadership camp for the Regional Cooperative Development Centre provided an excellent opportunity to reach youth and to discuss international cooperation issues with them. I have since received two invitations to speak at local high schools and look forward to the opportunity to continue to develop links between youth and international development.

As always, if you would like further information on any of the items listed above, please do not hesitate to contact me. ■



*Staff and Participants of RCDC's Leadership Camp
Personnel et Participants de CRDC Camp du Leadership*



*Sarah Shima and Maureen MacLean at RCDC's Camp
Sarah Shima et Maureen MacLean au camp du CRDC*

Projet d'intéressement du public en matière de voyages et de tourisme culturellement et écologiquement appropriés.

Au cours des deux prochaines années, le CACI va mettre l'accent sur les enjeux reliés aux voyages et au tourisme culturellement et écologiquement appropriés.

Cette année, nous consacrons nos efforts sur l'intéressement des intervenants de l'industrie touristique du Canada Atlantique en ce qui concerne les enjeux du tourisme et de la coopération internationale; ceci sera fait par l'entremise d'ateliers mis au point grâce à l'analyse d'études de cas effectuée par des organisations membres du CACI qui développent des opportunités touristiques à l'étranger.

Le CACI prévoit collaborer avec ses organisations membres, les médias, les associations provinciales de l'industrie touristique, les écoles offrant des programmes de perfectionnement professionnel en matière de tourisme soutenable, les organisations offrant des programmes de voyages à l'étranger, ainsi que les agences de voyages, pour mettre au point des stratégies à long terme afin de conscientiser les consommateurs à propos des enjeux de la coopération internationale et du tourisme.

Rencontres / activités

- **Conseil canadien pour la coopération internationale (CCCI)**
Lors de l'Assemblée générale annuelle du CCCI à Ottawa, je suis devenue membre du Bureau de direction du CCCI. En septembre, j'ai participé à ma première rencontre du BD où l'on discuta les questions entourant l'examen de la Stratégie d'intéressement du public de l'ACDI, ainsi que le financement du Projet/ Programme d'intéressement du public.
- **Solidarité Acadie-Haïti**
Andrea Germann a participé à l'Assemblée générale annuelle de Solidarité Acadie-Haïti, à Moncton.
- **Les Programmes internationaux des Collèges communautaires du Nouveau-Brunswick** ont visité le CACI dans le cadre de leurs rencontres annuelles. Jean Arnold, représentante du Nouveau-Brunswick sur le CACI, présenta des renseignements sur les activités du CACI.
- **Camp de développement du leadership chez les jeunes de Coopérative Atlantique – Centre régionale de développement coopératif (CRDC)**
En prêtant du personnel pour un camp de développement du leadership chez les jeunes organisé par le Centre régional de développement coopératif, cela nous a donné une excellente occasion de rejoindre les jeunes et de discuter avec eux des enjeux de la coopération internationale. Depuis cet événement, j'ai reçu deux invitations pour faire des présentations dans les écoles secondaires Locales et j'espère avoir l'occasion de continuer à développer des liens entre les jeunes et le développement international.

Comme d'habitude, si vous aimeriez de plus amples renseignements sur les sujets ci-haut mentionnés, prière de communiquer avec moi. ■

INSIDE THE WORLD SUMMIT

A DELEGATE'S DIARY

By Rod Bantjes
Ecology Action Centre



It is spring in Johannesburg. August winds have been blowing the dry leaves off the blue gum trees and you can smell a hint of sweet menthol as you crush them underfoot. A haze hangs in the air from the dense traffic and grass fires set to clear the old growth in expectation of September rains. The big news in town is the World Summit and South Africa's pride in hosting what has been touted as the biggest global conference ever. Long before I, or any of the other delegates arrived there were warnings about the Summit's likely failure – not Africa's failure, but a failure of political will on the part of the "international community" weakened by the repeated refusal of its most powerful member to play the game of building multilateral consensus. On the table is a document on implementing the vision and commitments of Agenda 21 agreed to at Rio ten years ago. It is important to talk about how to make things happen, since there has been precious little action and even less in terms of measurable results in reversing the rate of environmental degradation since the last "Earth Summit." The best overview of the evidence that we have, the UN's *Geo-3* published just prior to the Summit negotiations, paints a picture of environmental problems on a scale that far exceeds even the solutions proposed in Agenda 21. Political action bends to the logic of "the possible" and this time around the possible, as reflected in the 77-page "draft plan of implementation" appears to have become more disconnected than ever before from what is necessary and desirable for a sustainable and equitable future on this planet.

What I found encouraging about Johannesburg is that there were not one but multiple, parallel summits, and that outside the official negotiations taking place within "UN territory" in the glittering commercial suburb of Sandton, alternative models of politics and environmental governance are being negotiated by delegates, activists, entrepreneurs and assorted others from around the globe. South of the city near Soweto, and in sight of the huge tables of yellow slag left over from the region's gold mining, are the NAS-REC exhibition grounds, site of the "Global Civil Society Forum" an independently organized venue with the official blessing of the UN. Closer to Sandton, on the treed lawns of St. Stithian's private school, is the "People's Earth Summit" designed, says Vandana Shiva, to remind delegates (mostly from the global "south") that this event must be first and foremost about the earth rather than economic development. In the Balalaika Hotel, a caucus of EU officials in bureaucratic grey meet in a room next to the forum on "People's Action for Corporate Accountability," whose

members wear red armbands in support of the victims of Bhopal and t-shirts depicting "sustainable development" as a Trojan horse for corporate interests at the gate of the Summit.

The UN is officially committed to parallel, non-governmental approaches to implementation. The most controversial of these, an innovation of this summit, are the "Type II" partnerships. Within the framework of Agenda 21 objectives, states, NGOs, foundations, private firms, or any combination of these are encouraged to sign on to commitments to common action. In this way the UN can collaborate with actors capable of moving faster and more flexibly than states and capable also of committing to timetables and targets that exceed the "lowest common denominator" that often results when 190 UN member states must agree on every detail. Anyone familiar with the dismal record of the last ten years will recognize that environmental governance cannot be left to states alone. While many NGOs, Greenpeace among them, have quietly signed on to Type II initiatives in order to get on with the job at hand, there is also a loud chorus of political objections from the NGO sector at the Summit. Circumventing the state is all very well when states cannot govern, but can be dangerous when coupled with an ideological insistence that states should not govern. You have heard it before. It has informed Canadian environmental policy for the last decade: privatize, deregulate, replace "command and control" with "voluntary agreements" from the private sector. It gave us Walkerton. It's George Bush's (and Ralph Klein's) alternative to Kyoto (that is guaranteed to give us more rapid global warming and more extreme weather anomalies).

It is hard to avoid the logos of the corporate summit. In Sandton Square BMW is displaying its new hydrogen fuel cell Mini on a shimmering blue surface – a more cool artefact of progressive capitalism even than the New Beetle. Naomi Klein is there. "Ubuntu Village," the only Summit site explicitly open to the general public, is a trade show for governments, wealthy foundations and corporations. Undeniably seductive, the displays are admirable exercises in PR. They represent what environmentalists fear the Type II "volé" will invite: a flood of greenwash. But to be fair, the majority of Type II examples that I saw in Johannesburg did not even involve private firms.

Corporate domination is one of the key issues of the parallel summits. At St. Stithians, Martin Khor of the Third World Network explains how language currently up for

discussion in the implementation document would subordinate one of the UN multilateral agreements (The Convention on Biodiversity or CBD) to an agreement under the WTO ("TRIPS" which, curiously for a free trade agreement, is all about protecting monopoly rights under patent law). The WTO, part of the legal framework for economic globalization, is new since Rio. It demands commitments from its signatories that in many cases contradict those of the major UN brokered environmental treaties. In this case Khor recommends that those who have access to their governmental delegations lobby for wording that calls for the *commitments* of TRIPS to be harmonized with the *principles* of the CBD. But the more general fear (supported by wording, yet to be agreed upon, in the text) is that the WTO, a body with much more power to sanction its members, will usurp the UN in global environmental governance.

The "People's Action for Corporate Accountability" sessions remind delegates that some of our more spectacular environmental disasters have been perpetrated by corporations. After Enron you don't have to be an anti-corporate activist to understand that if corporations are going to play at being environmental good guys there has to at least be some independent measure of accountability. Here the main activity is sharing expertise and strategies – mainly legal – used by communities dealing with locally destructive corporations. During one of the question periods a Sudanese woman stands up and asks how, in her country where there is effectively no government, and certainly no useable environmental legislation, she could hope to bring a large firm to justice. The response, from a legal expert, is that it is often possible to take multinationals to court in their country of origin for crimes committed elsewhere. This sort of global reach of national legal systems, similar to what we saw recently in the Spanish effort to try Pinochet, Chile's former military ruler, is a fascinating new development in "global governance."

It was in this forum that I heard one of the many references to the concept of "environmental justice," and in particular "climate justice." Indian delegates explained how recent droughts and unusually violent monsoons have wreaked havoc in recent years with Indian agriculture and become increasingly linked, in the minds of those affected, to climate change. Of course Indians are responsible for producing only a fraction of the CO₂ build-up that is changing the way our atmosphere works – the bulk of it has come from places like Canada and our great neighbour, the world's number one power and number one polluter. Climate justice is about seeking redress for the unfair distribution of harm that northern carbon based industrialization has engendered. There is even talk of a class action suit against the United States for environmental genocide (my informants were reluctant to go into detail, but the case would probably be on behalf of states like Tuvalu slated to disappear altogether with rising sea levels).

At NASREC Chinese NGOs, which have never been represented at a global conference before, stage a colourful

cultural demonstration in a disarming invitation to "global citizenship." People in African robes pull out expensive cameras and start shooting. In "breakaway rooms" experts from India discuss how to design the roles of boards of directors in such a way as to avoid conflicts of interest and corruption. NASREC event planning shows a loose appreciation for the specifics of time and place and communication. Most of the delegates keep in touch with cell phones though and can quickly adapt to opportunities as they unfold. Many will argue that South African civil society is simply badly organized. But the experience of hosting one of the most broadly representative gatherings of "global civil society" ever will build their organizational capacity just as preparations in Bali did for Indonesian NGOs in June. Internet cafes are everywhere and always filled to capacity with people checking e-mail looking for updates on Summit events. When I ask the woman from Sudan for her e-mail she tells me that she does most of her work in the desert. If I send her an e-mail the printout will be delivered to her by camel. She will hand write a reply that will be returned by camel to her office to be entered into the computer. Delegates operate in a wired world. And increasingly their connections are south-south rather than north-south in orientation. People here are not looking for help from the west, in the sense that we often like to imagine. They are eager to use western tools – universal rights discourse, legal instruments, organizational skills, IT and the global interconnections that it enables. They will accept our solidarity, but in the end they will fight their own battles for justice.

Back at Sandton, I find myself being asked in the NGO environment caucus whether Canada really is toeing the US line in resisting targets and timetables for renewable energy and blocking a paragraph in the implementation document that calls for reducing subsidies on fossil fuels. Why would we? The subsidies are market distortions in favour of climate change. Sure the biggest corporations on the planet like them and we could never back out of them alone without serious economic consequence. But surely this is the potential of multilateral agreements – that states acting together can do what is in their collective best interests when acting alone would be self defeating. Anyway, we are not like the Americans. People do not want to blow up our trade towers because we are the good guys.

Canadian NGO access to the governmental delegation is not bad and I find out later that we are not supporting the paragraph on subsidies. Instead we are supporting the preceding paragraph that says *if* such subsidies *were* to be phased out it would have a beneficial effect. This I am sure would go down well with the climate justice people. This is a first world nation really taking responsibility and showing the kind of leadership that is likely to build the sort of north-south trust that we will so desperately need to address the challenges of the coming century. ■



CELEBRATION OF TEN YEARS OF LIVING A VISION AT THE FALLS BROOK CENTRE

By Jean Arnold

Falls Brook Centre 1992 – 2002 and Thoughts for the Future

The location of Falls Brook Centre on South Knowlesville Road was purchased in 1992. The decision was made as a result of my time working for the Earth Summit, Rio 1992. The Earth Summit event was a culmination of efforts, meetings, research and advocacy for better environmental awareness and more concern for our Earth. Many people around the world shared their stories of diminishing fresh water, over cutting of trees, over fishing, people leaving rural areas to find scarce jobs in the cities and more and more of the world descending into poverty while the Western world gets richer. So many people felt that the West needs to set a better example and that we need a more conscious world, a world where the natural world is respected, where traditional cultures can thrive and move forward, where all species are honoured and where humans can learn how to be more cooperative.

It was with this vision that Falls Brook Centre came into being. Trees were planted and the land was cared for again, after being empty for many years. We chose an area that was lacking in topsoil (no wonder the older farmers moved away!), but through our composting and manure from neighbours and friends and good soil management, the land has begun to flourish. At the same time people have come to work and learn here. We have programs and activities to support organic agriculture, renewable energy and sustainable forest management.

We hope to keep our young people in New Brunswick, we hope to attract new people to help our region grow and prosper in a healthy manner. We will continue to argue against bad practices and activities that poison the land and through greed and thoughtlessness degrade the human populations which depend on the earth we have.

All of this has been possible with the support and encouragement from many people, to all of you here in New Brunswick, across Canada and internationally, a huge big thank you. We want to go forward in the years to come, we want to know more, learn how to be better stewards, learn how to live together as human settlements, learn from others in other places. We want to get better at what we do, share more and be a small experiment towards a more sustainable future. We are new at this learning and often draw from other cultures with more wisdom and tried and true methods of living together peacefully.



We want to encourage and support other small experiments in the Maritimes and anywhere that groups of people can come together to try to work out the challenges and joys of working for a future that respects the ecology of the area, its carrying capacity, that honours the social aspects of cultures and communities and that provides an economy in balance with society and nature.

We share that struggle with you and know that there is tremendous joy and passion in the doing of it.

10th Anniversary of Falls Brook Centre Celebration at the Fair

Our 10th anniversary celebration was marvelous, beginning with a sunrise ceremony from an elder and friend at Burnt Church, Micmac Nation, through to program partners in the region and internationally, discussions about our work, the deeper meaning of all our work and efforts, sharing, reminiscing and future planning. We harvested tomatoes, sat silently in the woods, finished building an adobe oven, received gifts from Tibet and Costa Rica and locally, had several large circles of acknowledgement under a windy sunny day, and culminated with an evening of Maritime music and much dancing and merry making. We talked about the future of organic agriculture, the future for good forest management and the desire to make renewable energy widespread; we talked about how to strengthen our local Maritime communities and to keep our spirits strong and vibrant. Our international guests, our friends shared their stories with us and helped us understand our work from another perspective.

People came for the day and to stay on for two days of THE FAIR.

Thank you all for supporting our work in your own way. ■



Pearly, the Magician at the Falls Brook Centre Fair



NBCC Staff Announcement

NBCC Woodstock is pleased to announce that one of their staff, Richard Olmstead, has been selected by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) to be the representative from the Atlantic Region for the Renewable Energy Advisory Committee. Richard has been studying renewable energy all his life and it has become his passion. As the representative for Atlantic Canada he will be attending the first meeting on September 30 - October 1, 2002 in Ottawa. The latest newsletter from ACCC notes that this committee is "composed of college and institute representatives from across Canada as well as from related industries" and that "the Committee will oversee the development of programs and training activities for renewable energy." *Inside ACCC, Sept 11, 2002.* The Sustainable Development sector, of which renewable energy is a component, is a very diverse one that may have significant potential for training, especially in light of the Kyoto Accord. NBCC Woodstock is exploring ways to develop this sector for partnerships, community "Green" involvement, alternative energy development and use, potential research and development, and training opportunities. Many people now working in this sector are being brought in from other countries or are people working with a trade or degree and learning as they go. NBCC Woodstock looks forward to partnerships with others as we move forward on this very timely environmental file.

J'ai réalisé mon rêve; et toi?

Par Denise (Nadeau) Cyr
ex-volontaire pour CUSO au Salvador

Qui d'entre nous n'a pas rêvé dès sa tendre enfance d'aller aider les populations des pays en développement? À mon avis ils sont rares.

J'ai eu cette chance et ce à deux reprises; soit au Sénégal (Afrique) et au Salvador (Amérique Centrale).

Vivant dans un petit village retiré, j'ai appris à partager leurs valeurs, et, à être plus à l'écoute des autres. Maintenant je suis plus en mesure de comprendre les problèmes qui touchent les plus défavorisés et j'ai acquis une plus large vision du monde en développement.

En octobre, je serai disponible à visiter des gens et / ou pour donner des ateliers à des groupes intéressés à me rencontrer afin de partager mes expériences outre-mer et de vous renseigner sur CUSO, un ONG recrutant des professionnels pouvant combler certains postes dans les domaines tels que les communications, la santé, l'agriculture, l'environnement, les organisations de femmes, et les coopératives et ce en Afrique, en Asie et en Amérique Latine et dans les Caraïbes et le Pacifique Sud. Tu rêves de partir pour un contrat de deux ans (6 mois pour les stagiaires cyberjeunes) pour y partager ton expérience et tes expertises? Que tu sois jeune diplômé ou à la retraite, qui sait, CUSO a peut-être besoin de toi.

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International Agreement Between Mexico, USA and Canada

The New Brunswick Community College - St. Andrews (NBCC St. Andrews), St. Andrews, NB, the Washington County Technical College (WCTC), Calais, Maine and the Universidad Tecnológica de Tabasco in Mexico are pleased to announce their selection as sponsors of the North American Mobility in Higher Education program, an international effort geared toward educating students in areas relating to the area of recreational and cultural elements of participating countries.

The North American Mobility in Higher Education's purpose is to promote a student-centered North American dimension to education and training in a wide range of academic and professional disciplines that complement existing forms of bilateral and trilateral exchange among the three countries.

"This is very exciting news," says WCTC public affairs director John Miller. "On September 4th we launched our new tourism program and this will have dynamic crossovers and opportunities for our students. Tourism is a 6 billion dollar industry here in Maine and the fastest growing industry in the world. This means that our students will have the opportunity to develop skills and knowledge to compete in and relate to the industry on both a local and international level."

Gerald Ingersoll, principal of NBCC St. Andrews adds that, "I feel this is a very unique Consortium that includes representation from the East Coast, West Coast and Gulf of Mexico Institutions. This distinctive representation will bring a strong diverse background of knowledge and experience in the field of eco-recreation tourism. This will create a plethora of opportunities for learning as we compare our similarities, differences and common objectives that will ultimately benefit those students and staff that may decide to access programs and institutions within North America and at the same time increase the understanding of the totality of the North American culture."

The official signing of the agreement was held at the Fairmont Algonquin Hotel in St. Andrews, NB, on Monday, September 23. On hand was the President of Washington County Technical College, Dr. William Flahive, representatives from Universidad Tecnológica de Tabasco, Gerald Ingersoll, principal of the New Brunswick Community College - St. Andrews and a host of students and instructors from WCTC and NBCC St. Andrews recreation programs.

Stop patents on life! The RIGHT to food

More than 180,000 Canadians signed the Development and Peace action postcard (addressed to the Hon. Pierre Pettigrew) last year calling for a stop to the biopatenting of seeds and other life forms. This fall we are building on last years' campaign and are taking our action right to the Prime Minister. Millions of families in some of the poorest countries in the world survive by saving and exchanging their own seeds from harvest to harvest. The patenting of staple food crops by corporations will lead to increased hunger for poor farmers and their communities. We are asking the Prime Minister to intervene at the World Trade Organization to stop corporation from patenting seeds and all forms of life. Go to <http://www.devp.org/testA/current.htm> to sign the fall action electronically.

NSGA's Peer Health Education Program in The Gambia and Sierra Leone

By Burris Devanney and Kely Lyons

The Nova Scotia-Gambia Association is a Canadian (NSGA) NGO dedicated to the creation and operation of sustainable development programs for Gambian and Canadian youth. Since 1985, the NSGA has carried out more than 25 successful development projects in The Gambia, mainly in the health and education sectors. From its origins as a Nova Scotia high school development-education trip to its present-day activities as an international NGO delivering a Gambia-wide community-based Peer Health Education (PHE) Program focused on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, the Nova Scotia-Gambia Association has introduced more than 500 Canadians to the realities of life in a developing West African nation, and touched the lives of thousands of young Gambians.

Since 1990, HIV/AIDS has increased at an alarming rate in Africa. In the mid-1990s, the NSGA created a two-year demonstration peer education program in The Gambia. Aimed at the at-risk Gambian youth population, the PHE program focused on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. Because positive influences in the adolescent years have a pivotal role in forming healthy life-long attitudes and behaviours, the Peer Health Education model works by providing positive peer influence which leads to positive, measurable behavioural change. Focusing on empowering high-school-aged youth in The Gambia with the



Sierra Leone Minister of Education Alpha Wurie speaks at launching ceremony of NSGA's pilot PHE program in Sierra Leone

knowledge, skills and confidence to take responsibility for their own health, especially in the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other STDs, the NSGA's PHE program was an acknowledged success – so successful that in 2000 the NSGA was asked to expand the program into all junior and secondary schools in The Gambia. With funding from CIDA and Ireland Aid, the country-wide PHE program is set to run through 2004.

HIV/AIDS awareness training for young people can lead to a radical reduction in the number of new infections. Two major new studies presented at the International Conference on HIV/AIDS in Barcelona in July 2002 concluded that implementation of awareness training that includes knowledge of "the ABC's of safe sex" would protect 29 million young people from infection by the year 2010. The NSGA's Peer Health Education Program – focusing on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention – is a proven, low-cost and sustainable program for at-risk

African youth which precisely fulfils the recommendations of the Barcelona findings.

The Secretary of State for Education in the Gambia - recognizing that HIV/AIDS does not respect borders and can

not be dealt with on a one-country basis, and aware of the success of the NSGA's PHE project - requested that the NSGA explore the possibility of introducing the PHE program into other West African nations. We are pleased to report that, thanks to funding by UNESCO, in August 2002 the NSGA launched a demonstration PHE project in seven high schools in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Supported by the full, enthusiastic cooperation of the Ministry of Education in Sierra Leone, NSGA has trained 108 high-school-aged Sierra Leonean Peer Health Educators, who are now engaged in bringing this information to their



Sierra Leonean Peer Health Educators in training

team hopes to demonstrate that the model that has worked so well in The Gambia can also be successful in other West African countries. ■



Gambian Peer Health Educators strategize about presentation techniques

peers. NSGA's executive director Burris Devanney has assembled a select team of Sierra Leonean teachers and resource persons, including two Sierra Leonean members of NSGA's Gambian field staff. In next six months, this

For more information, be sure and visit the NSGA's website, at www.novascotiagambia.ca

MEMBER PROFILE / PROFIL DU MEMBRE

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

By David Watts

The Primate's World Relief and Development fund is the emergency response and international development agency of the Anglican Church of Canada. PWRDF is active in all areas of the world, and draws its support voluntarily from each of the thirty dioceses in Canada. The mission statement of the fund outlines its goals and mission:

- ✠ PWRDF is a response by Canadian Anglicans to the gospel call to bear witness to God's healing love in a broken world. Inspired by the vision of a spirit-filled community of hope;
- ✠ PWRDF walks together with partners in Canada and overseas, to share in the creation of a more just and peaceful world.
In joy and struggle;
- ✠ The Primate's Fund engages in development work, responds to emergencies, works to protect refugees, and educates and advocates for change.

In 1958, 167 coal miners in Springhill, Nova Scotia, died underground after an explosion in the mine. The tragedy moved Canadian Anglicans and others to respond with funds to help the stricken families. In the process, the church recognized the need for an efficient process to channel assistance quickly in an emergency. The following year, the church was able to come to the aid of families in Escuminac, NB, in the wake of a terrible storm that took the lives of 32 fishermen. Because of the ability to respond in such a way, the General Synod of the church established the Primate's World Relief Fund.

By 1969, the Primate's Fund came to see that underlying nearly all of the suffering due to natural or human-caused disasters, there were much deeper long-term needs. Even more significantly, PWRDF realized that the people who experienced the problems were in the best position to understand their problems and develop long-term solutions. The name was officially changed to The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

The Fund soon recognized the need to engage Canadians in the issues of tackling injustice and a

program for development education in Canadian parishes was instituted.

A Refugee Subcommittee was inaugurated in 1984, to "promote and strengthen the Anglican Church of Canada's awareness of and response to refugees". This work is now undertaken through the Refugee Coordinators Network.



Last year, an important change was made to the overall work. The fund was granted status as a not-for-profit corporation, thereby ensuring that PWRDF remains the most effective means of ensuring the international development ministry of the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Anglican Diocese of Fredericton comprises the same geographical area as the province of New Brunswick. Presently there are 65 (out of a possible 90) parish reps promoting the work of the Primate's Fund in the diocese. David Watts is the diocesan coordinator and Marian Lucas-Jeffries acts as an assistant coordinator. The major efforts at this level are twofold: 1/ maintaining a level of communications between the parishes and the national office, staff and board of directors; and 2/ educating Anglicans in the diocese about the work of the fund, how it is directed and how it is evolving. The new theme of PWRDF, 'Weaving a Culture of Peace with Justice' recognizes that our efforts, while still responding to emergencies and development, are much more concerned with social justice and political advocacy work.

Towards the goal of the new theme, the diocesan PWRDF network has begun to work in partnership with other ecumenical social justice groups. These include ACIC, the InCommon group of Fredericton, the national KAIROS Coalition, the Canadian Health Coalition and the Aboriginal Rights Coalition. Through these united efforts, the Primate's Fund of the Diocese of Fredericton has strengthened its own commitment to ecumenical action, to social justice locally and globally, and has educated Anglicans in New Brunswick about the needs of the world in the 21st century. ■

Meet the Board

For this edition of Rendez-Vous we interview Neil Tilley, Chair and Newfoundland / Labrador representative of ACIC's Board of Directors.

ACIC: *Where were you born?*

Neil: Kelligrews, Newfoundland

ACIC: *How did you get involved in international development?*

Neil: I began working with Memorial University Extension Services in 1976 as a field worker and at that time Extension was involved in projects internationally. I've always been interested in people and their development and how we can learn together to make this world a better place to live. Over the years I worked with communities to host Canada World Youth participants from Indonesia, Thailand and India; arranged the first field trip to Newfoundland for students from the COADY Institute. I remember we had people learning about international development and going to isolated communities then, like Burgeo and Ramea and bigger communities but still rural like Cormack and Robinsons. There were people from Argentina, South Africa, India, Jamaica and other parts of Canada. It was a real learning experience for everyone learning about the cultures, food, politics and issues. People began to see Newfoundland had many development issues as their countries; I first met Jean Arnold when she chaired the board of Directors of CUSO Atlantic. I was the Newfoundland representative. CUSO at the time opened my eyes to the politics of international development and Jean became like a mentor to me for which I'm very grateful. I've also been involved with WUSC, the Belize Newfoundland Linkage Committee, the Philippines Canada Working Group, Friends of the Earth and ACIC. I've been to Vietnam, Belize and Nicaragua on international development work.

ACIC: *What is an issue that interests you now?*

Neil: I have many issues that interest me now both locally and internationally. On the local scene is the state of our fishery. The moratorium on the northern cod is now 10 years old and we haven't learned a thing. We are still over fishing, decimating the other species, and fishing on the spawning grounds. It's soon going to be too late. Do we have to catch the last fish before the fishers, government managers, unions, and communities realize we must do something now? It's our resources and we all have something at stake. We are pumping oil out of the ground in record amounts but no one is really paying attention to the burning of fossil fuels as our main cause of climate change. On the international scene we have the Bush Wacker who is gone war crazy. Is this the way the West has to keep the wheels of industry moving? The other big issue that really concerns me is genetic modification of food and seeds. What is scary is the big corporations like Dupont, Monsanto, and a couple of big drug companies are trying to buy up most of the rights to seeds. Think about what it will be like if those companies control the growing and distribution of food. It's happening now to some degree.

ACIC: *What are your current projects?*

Neil: In my paid work at Extension Community Development Co-operative I have many projects. The one that really interests me the most is one called Healthy Relationships. Here I am working with rural and urban youth who are often disenfranchised using popular education tools to empower themselves to deal with issues of sexuality, violence, drugs and alcohol, self esteem and others. We are using tools such as forum theatre, photo novella, web casting, community television, role playing, and wellness tools.

I'm also working with Memorial University School of Nursing on a three year research project called Health and Natural Resource Depletion. Here we are looking at peoples health since the end of moratorium dollars and how resilient they are. It's interesting to see some communities were resilient right from the start while others are struggling to survive.

In my volunteer work there is ACIC, organic farming and KEEP. The revival of ACIC and its development work in Atlantic Canada has been very good in the past couple of years. With support from CIDA, hard working staff, and a good board of directors, ACIC has increased it's

Rencontrer le Conseil

Pour cette édition de Rendez-Vous on a eu une entrevue avec Neil Tilley, Président et représentant de Terre-Neuve / Labrador avec le Conseil d'administration du CACI.

CACI : *Où êtes-vous né ?*

Neil: Kelligrews, à Terre-Neuve

CACI : *Comment en êtes-vous arrivé à travailler en développement international ?*

Neil : J'ai commencé en 1976, comme travailleur sur place pour le Service universitaire de formation permanente de l'Université Memorial ; à cette époque, la Formation permanente participait à des projets au niveau international. Je me suis toujours intéressé aux gens et à leur développement, ainsi qu'à la possibilité d'apprendre ensemble à créer un monde meilleur. Au fil des ans, j'ai collaboré avec les communautés à l'accueil de participants à Jeunesse Canada

Monde venant de l'Indonésie, de la Thaïlande et de l'Inde ; j'ai aussi organisé le premier voyage d'études à Terre-Neuve pour les étudiants du Coady International Institute. Je me souviens de nos gens qui s'instruisaient sur le développement international et qui visitaient des communautés alors isolées, telles que Burgeo et Ramea, ainsi que des communautés plus importantes mais très rurales comme Cormack et Robinsons. Ces gens venaient d'Argentine, d'Afrique du Sud, de l'Inde, de la Jamaïque et d'ailleurs au Canada. C'était une chance concrète pour eux de s'éduquer sur la culture, la nourriture, la politique et autres questions. Les gens finirent par réaliser que Terre-Neuve, comme eux, avait des problèmes de développement. Jean Arnold était présidente du conseils d'administration de CUSO Atlantique lorsque je l'ai connue ; j'y représentait Terre-Neuve. Le CUSO fut alors pour moi une expérience révélatrice de la politique du développement international ; Jean me fut de bon conseil et je lui en suis très reconnaissant. Je me suis également engagé dans l'EUMC, le « Belize-Newfoundland Linkage Committee » le Groupe de travail Philippines-Canada, les Amis de la Terre et le CACI.

CACI : *Quels enjeux retiennent présentement votre attention ?*

Neil : Plusieurs questions retiennent présentement mon intérêt, tant au niveau local qu'au niveau international. Au niveau local, il s'agit de la pêche. Le moratoire sur la pêche de la morue date maintenant de 10 ans et nous n'avons rien appris. Nous nous adonnons toujours à la surpêche, à la décimation d'autres espèces, ainsi qu'à la pêche dans les frayères. Il sera bientôt trop tard. Nous faudra-t-il pêcher le dernier poisson pour que les pêcheurs, les gestionnaires du gouvernement, les syndicats et les comités reconnaissent qu'il faut agir dès maintenant ? Ce sont nos ressources et les enjeux nous concernent tous. Nous retirons toujours plus de pétrole du sol, mais personne ne semble considérer que l'utilisation des combustibles fossiles est la cause principale de nos changements climatiques. Sur la scène internationale, M. Bush Wacker est devenu fanatique de la guerre. Est-ce là la façon de l'Ouest d'assurer le roulement de l'industrie ? Les aliments et les semences transgéniques sont l'autre enjeu majeur. C'est effrayant de voir de grosses corporations, telles Dupont, Monsanto et quelques compagnies pharmaceutiques tenter d'acheter la plupart des droits sur les semences. Imaginez comment les choses se passeront si ces compagnies viennent à contrôler la production et la distribution des aliments. C'est déjà le cas jusqu'à un certain point.

CACI : *Quels sont vos projets actuels ?*

Neil : Plusieurs projets font parti de mon travail rémunéré auprès de la « Extension Community Development Co-operative ». Celui qui m'intéresse vraiment s'intitule « Healthy Relationships » (relations saines). Je travaille donc avec des jeunes de milieux ruraux et urbains, souvent désenchantés des ressources éducationnelles populaires pour s'habiller à traiter



memberships to more than 35 organizations, completed two years of climate change awareness work, and partnered with many members and organizations on development education and advocacy issues. I've been very privileged to be the chair. I am an organic farmer and totally committed to getting many Newfoundland farmers off drugs. The skills and markets are there but there needs to be a commitment by government to help in the transition and do more education on organic agriculture. It would be nice to see Newfoundland the Organic Island. KEEP (Kelligrews Ecological Enhancement Program) is a local group I'm involved in, working to preserve wetlands, do conservation work in our ponds and rivers and eventually build a 3 mile walking trail. It's been an interesting journey so far with expanding business development, government regulations, buffer zones, sewerage treatment plant construction, water pollution, and problems with ATV's. All part of community work.

ACIC: *What is one thing you really like doing?*

Neil: Besides growing things I really like writing poetry. I find poetry refreshes my soul and gives my most inner thoughts life. It gives me another perspective to see things and a vehicle to express my feelings towards what is happening to me personally, on issues, and life around me. It makes me more aware of my surroundings and the little things that are often big things in peoples lives.

ACIC: *What is your favourite food and what do you cook?*

Neil: My favourite food is Mexican. I like all kinds of hot foods, salsa, and beer. I also like vegetarian dishes. I did a vegetarian cooking course a couple of winters ago and really liked it. My other favourite dish is Jiggs Dinner (cabbage, salt meat, peas pudding, potatoes, turnip, and carrots all cooked together in the same pot). Yes we have roast with it also.

ACIC: *What is your favourite music?*

Neil: Irish and the blues. I love Tommy Makem and the song Four Green Fields. I also like Great Big Sea and how they have made Celtic music upbeat. I like many blues singers- John Lee Hooker, Jimmy Johnson, BB King, Denis Parker, Scott Goudie, Cassandra Wilson and Sarah Vaughan.

ACIC: *What do you bring to the Board of Directors?*

Neil: I believe in team work, a shared vision, transparency, social justice, community development and Atlantic Canada. I hope to bring a style of leadership that facilitates action on issues, involves those affected and builds ACIC into an organization that can speak on behalf of international development issues and concerns to CIDA, governments and other organizations and agencies in Atlantic Canada. In doing that I hope we can develop our creativity to be more self reliant and resilient and less dependent on government funding. I'd like to be a catalyst to enable our Board to use their skills and experiences to make a difference and have fun doing the work of ACIC.

ACIC: *Favourite quotes?*

"You have to be the change you want to be"
- Gandhi -

"So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable."
- Christopher Reeve -

des questions de la sexualité, de la violence, des drogues et de la boisson, de l'estime de soi et autres. Nous utilisons le théâtre-forum, la nouvelle photographique, la diffusion Web, la télé communautaire, le jeu de rôle et des outils de mieux-être. De plus, je collabore avec l'école de soins infirmiers de l'Université Memorial à un projet de trois ans portant sur la santé et l'appauvrissement des ressources naturelles. Nous nous intéressons donc à la santé et à la résilience des gens suite à l'épuisement des fonds du moratoire. Il est intéressant de constater le ressort, dès le début, de certaines communautés alors que d'autres tiennent difficilement le coup. Comme bénévole, je travaille au CACI, à l'agriculture biologique et auprès du *Kelligrews Ecological Enhancement Program* (KEEP). La résurgence du CACI et son travail pour le développement a été d'un grand bien depuis une couple d'années. Avec l'aide de l'ACDI, d'un personnel dévoué et d'un bon conseil d'administration, le CACI a augmenté son adhésion à plus de 35 organisations, terminé une deuxième année de travail de sensibilisation sur les changements climatiques en plus d'avoir travaillé de pair avec plusieurs membres et organisations sur les questions d'éducation sur le développement et de défense des droits. J'ai le grand privilège d'être le président. Je suis agriculteur biologique et j'ai bien l'intention de récupérer plusieurs agriculteurs terre-neuviens encore accrochés sur les « drogues agricoles ». Les compétences et les marchés existent, sauf qu'il faut que le gouvernement s'engage à faciliter la transition et à augmenter l'éducation sur l'agriculture biologique. Ça serait bien de voir "Terre-Neuve, l'île biologique". KEEP, un groupe local auprès duquel je m'implique, oeuvre à la préservation des terres humides, à la conservation de nos étangs et rivières, ainsi qu'à la construction éventuelle d'un sentier piéton de 3 milles. Jusqu'à présent, le parcours a été intéressant avec l'essor du développement commercial, les règlements gouvernementaux, les zones tampon, la construction de stations d'épuration des eaux usées, la pollution de l'eau et les problèmes de VTT. Toutes parties prenantes du travail communautaire .

CACI : *Quelle serait une des choses que vous aimez vraiment faire ?*

Neil : À part de cultiver, j'aime beaucoup écrire des poèmes. Ça me rend plus sensible à mon entourage et aux petites choses qui sont souvent importantes dans la vie des gens.

CACI : *Quelle musique préférez-vous ?*

Neil : Irlandaise et le Blues. J'adore Tommy Makem et la chanson *Four Green Fields*. J'aime aussi *Great Big Sea* et leur façon d'avoir rendue la musique celtique plus enlevante. J'aime plusieurs chanteurs de Blues : John Lee Hooker, Jimmy Johnson, BB King, Denis Parker, Scott Goudie, Cassandra Wilson and Sarah Vaughan.

CACI : *Qu'amenez-vous au Bureau de direction ?*

Neil : Je crois au travail d'équipe, à une vision commune, à la transparence, à la justice sociale, au développement communautaire et au Canada Atlantique. Je préconise un style de leadership qui aide à agir sur les enjeux, qui implique ceux qui sont touchés et qui fait du CACI une organisation capable de représenter les enjeux et les préoccupations du développement international auprès de l'ACDI, des gouvernements et autres organisations et agences du Canada Atlantique. Ce faisant, j'espère que nous pouvons développer notre créativité afin d'être plus autosuffisants, résilients et moins dépendants sur le financement gouvernemental. J'aimerais agir comme catalyseur afin d'aider notre Bureau de direction à utiliser ses habiletés et ses expériences pour « faire une différence », tout en s'amusant en faisant le travail du CACI.

CACI : *Citations préférées ?*

« Vous devez être le changement que vous voulez être. »
- Gandhi -

« Plusieurs de nos rêves semblent impossibles en premier lieu, ensuite ils semblent improbables et, après cela, lorsque l'on fait appel à la volonté, ils deviennent rapidement inévitables. »

- Christopher Reeve -

Poems by Neil Tilley

Contradiction speaks for itself, while the War Rages was the first of four poems that Neil wrote while he was in Vietnam doing some evaluation work on a primary health care project.



Contradiction

January 15, 1999

The government to gauge,
The milk safety rage,
Research defines,
Monsanto's confines.
The growth hormone given a thumbs down,
Cows dance, investors frown.

For humans okay, the cows demise,
Lameness, infection, infertility surprise
No effects on humans found,
Disagreement is all around,
If the animal is sick to see,
Why then wouldn't the milk affect me.

Produce more, cost less,
Putting the animals under stress,
The wonder food for health and strong bones,
Now the lawyers their case hones,
The regulations for use to appeal,
For the profits to congeal.

Does for one and not the udder,
Certainly it wouldn't be good for butter,
The human animal only consumes the best,
The milk has pasted the producers test,
Effects on the cow the scientist say,
Is the reason why the hormone held at bay.

The War Rages

Simple solutions
Are hard to find,
When battling poverty
Is on your mind,
What is Left or Right,
When the parasites bite,
Waiting for the free market,
To explode.

A few big flat leaves propel,
As the wind freely downs their fell,
Like a chopper that once flew,
Leaving the tree barren to start anew,
The war is past some twenty five years,
Many felt tragedy, shed tears,
Americas legions still live the war,
As Vietnam's debt begins to soar,
And a new revolution begins.

Creative minds everywhere,
Youth, art, beauty, courage to spare,
Ideology rules the day,
Polluted air, contaminated water, rats play,
Regulations approve the cats demise,
capital than health the greater prize.

Increase production with fertilizer aid,
All in the name of foreign trade,
For capital is not left or right,
For now the controlling tool in people's plight,
Oh, to be like America.



ACIC'S MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS / LES MEMBRES DU CACI



Canada World Youth / Jeunesse Canada Monde
Canadian Co-operative Association
Canadian Crossroads International / Carrefour Canadien International
Centre for International Studies (UCCB)
Clean Nova Scotia
Coady International Institute
College of the North Atlantic—International Programs Office
Cooper Institute
CUSO
Development and Peace / Développement et Paix
Ecology Action Centre
EDGE
Extension Community Development Cooperative
Falls Brook Centre
GPI Atlantic
The John Howard Society of New Brunswick
International Development Branch—NBCC
International Family Farm Exchange

Katimavik
Lester Pearson International (Dalhousie University)
Médecins Sans Frontières—Atlantique
Mennonite Central Committee, Maritimes
Nova Scotia Gambia Association
Oxfam Canada
Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (Dioceses Fredericton)
Regional Co-operative Development Centre
Society for Corporate Environment and Social Responsibility
Solidarité Acadie-Haiti
Tatamagouche Centre
The United Church of Canada Maritime Conference Centre
UNICEF Nova Scotia
UPEI International Centre
YMCA Canada Est—Management Resource Centre
YMCA Halifax-Dartmouth
YMCA Fredericton
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Upcoming Events Continued

Free Killam Lectures on Climate Change

Climate Change:

Does Global Warming Warrant a Health Warning?

Speaker: Dr. Tony McMichael

Wednesday, 23 Oct 2002, 8:00 pm
Ondaatje Auditorium, McCain Building,
Dalhousie University

What consequences might we expect for human health due to continued global warming? While humans are better buffered against environmental stressors than any other species, we are still vulnerable to the wide spectrum of environmental hazards influenced by climate change. The lecture will touch on a wide range of human-health impacts ranging from severe weather events, heat waves, infectious diseases and altered water quality, to economic dislocation and population displacement. Most of the health impacts will be adverse. Adaptive policies and practices are needed immediately to lessen human vulnerability to the potential ravages of climate change.

Dr. Tony McMichael studied medicine at the University of Adelaide in South Australia. Today he is Director of the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health at the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia. From 1994 to 2001, he was Professor of Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. His current research deals with occupational diseases, diet and cancer, and environmental health hazards. Since 1994, Dr. McMichael has chaired the assessment of human-health risks for the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

For more information about these not-to-miss lectures, please visit: <http://www.dalgrad.dal.ca/killamlectures/>

Rural Matters: The Rural University in the City of Miramichi

Rural communities are important in New Brunswick and in Canada for many reasons. Come explore and learn about:

- Tourism planning and development
- Citizen participation in natural resource management
- Information technology and the knowledge-based economy
- Planning for major economic change
- Value-added development from natural resources

When?

Saturday, October 26 -Tuesday, October 29, 2002

Where?

The Rodd Miramichi River Resort, on the banks of the beautiful Miramichi River in the City of Miramichi, New Brunswick and the New Brunswick Community College Miramichi campus.

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Conference website: <http://www.mta.ca/rstp/crrfconf/home.html> - Information now posted: travel; accommodations; registration form; draft agenda and field trips; speakers' registration form.

NEW VIDEO RESOURCES:

* THE HIDDEN STORY - Confronting Colombia's Dirty War (a Kairos Production) Contact the Development & Peace office to borrow a copy or visit the Kairos website www.Kairoscanada.org

* THE GENETIC TAKEOVER - A National Film Board (NFB) production on genetic modification. Borrow from the Development & Peace office or the NFB 1-800-267-7710 www.nfb.ca

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International Symposium on Mountain Farming

The Canadian Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI) is taking the lead in organizing an international symposium on mountain farming, in Uttaranchal, India. A major objective of the symposium is to promote exchange and dissemination of lessons learned relevant to community-based development and livelihoods in the mountains.

When: November 19-21, 2002

Where: Uttaranchal, India

For further information, check out www.ceciasia.org

To register, contact Sameer Zuhad by email ismfceci@yahoo.com



Upcoming Events

To Seek Justice and Resist Evil: Global Justice in the Maritime Context

Sponsored by Conference World Outreach Committee & Tatamagouche Centre

October 25, 7 pm to October 27, 1 pm, 2002

Cost: \$160

Join us for a feast of ideas, reflection, spiritual nurture, music from the world church and examples of practical actions as we probe and challenge ourselves on what it means to be good neighbours in our global community. This event will explore the connections between local congregations and global partners (Forbes Matonga, Christian Care, Zimbabwe) through the medium of food - how food shapes our relationships with our neighbours at the local and global level. We will gather, share and celebrate food for our minds, bodies and souls as we explore our desire for and commitment to seeking justice in our world.

This event will be an opportunity for congregational members to:

- Deepen understanding of global realities through dialogue and reflection with Forbes Matonga, representing Christian Care, a global partner of the United Church
- Gather ideas on how to integrate global justice ministry in the life of their congregation
- Strategize on how to overcome guilt, burnout and apathy when working for global justice
- Connect with Biblical stories about being a good neighbour and hospitality
- Share resources, worship and network with others in the Maritime Conference

Leadership

- Forbes Matonga, Christian Care, Zimbabwe
- Kay Dean, Member of World Outreach Committee, Maritime Conference
- Eric Tusz-King, Staff, Maritime Conference
- Jennifer Watts, Program Development Team, Tatamagouche Centre

Organizing for Community Environmental Action

October 25, 7 pm to October 27, 1 pm, 2002

Cost: \$245. Bursaries available.

Are you concerned about your community's environment? If the quality of air, water or soil is being degraded and you want to know what you can do about it, check out our fall weekend workshop Organizing for Community Environmental Action.

Elizabeth May, Executive Director, Sierra Club, along with citizen activists from the Sydney Tar Ponds, NS and those challenging pollution from the factory hog farm in Ste. Marie de Kent, NB will share skills for fighting environmental degradation in our own communities. Don't just complain! Learn how to take action!

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