

# RCEN e-Bulletin – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 Edition

## Network News

Make Lasting Connections this September in Montreal

For over 30 years, the RCEN's Annual Conference on the Environment has proven its reputation as one of Canada's prime networking events for environmentalists.

This year, join other participants from environmental NGOs, government, industry, First Nations and youth as they discuss how conserving biodiversity pays—now and for the future.

[Browse the list of registered participants](#)  
[Get to know the speakers prior to the event](#)

[Register today to make lasting connections](#) at the RCEN 2010 Conference—this September 17-19<sup>th</sup> in Montreal.

Send Us Your Nominees for the RCEN Annual Member Awards

Nominate a fellow member today! Based on members' suggestions, last year the RCEN formed an Awards Committee to recognize significant achievements from RCEN members.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to recognize fellow members that have worked hard, inspired, motivated and helped you and the Network achieve great things.

- [Caucus Achievement Award](#)
- [Outstanding Participation Award](#)
- [Martha Kostuch Lifetime Achievement Award](#)
- [Board of Directors Award](#)

The awards will be handed out during the Gala Evening at the [RCEN 2010 Conference](#) on September 18<sup>th</sup> in Montreal. Nominations will be accepted until September 8<sup>th</sup>. [Read more](#)

## Calls for Delegates

Participation in a Chemicals Management Plan Workshop at the RCEN 2010 Conference

With the support of Health Canada, the RCEN is seeking seven ENGO delegates (four from Quebec and three from the rest of Canada) to participate in the RCEN Conference on the Environment, taking place from September 17-19, 2010 in Montreal. Selected delegates will be expected to participate fully in a two-hour Chemicals Management Plan (CMP) Workshop scheduled for Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The perspectives gathered during the workshop will be compiled into a consolidated report on deliberations and recommendations stemming from the CMP Workshop. Travel and accommodation (if applicable) and the RCEN Conference registration fee will be covered for all seven delegates. The deadline to apply is September 6<sup>th</sup>. [More information](#)

ENGO Delegate for the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

Through support from Environment Canada, the RCEN is seeking one ENGO delegate to participate in the Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-10) to be held in Nagoya, Japan, from October 18-29, 2010. Strategic Issues for Evaluating Progress and Supporting Implementation of the Convention will be considered at the meeting. The RCEN-selected ENGO delegate will participate in the COP-10 side event co-hosted by the RCEN and Environment Canada entitled "Friends of The CBD: A Multistakeholder Participatory Model" and may also be asked to participate in the official Canadian delegation to COP-10. The deadline for applications is September 20<sup>th</sup>. [More information](#)

## **Announcements**

Watershed Sentinel Magazine - Controversial, Investigative and Creative

The Watershed Sentinel is western Canada's *only* environmental news magazine. For 20 years, the magazine has reported on stories and discussions from the grassroots movement that mainstream media often ignores. Controversial, investigative and creative – Watershed Sentinel believes in the positive power of individual activism. Special bundle rates are available for environmental non-profits. Join Watershed Sentinel at [www.watershedsentinel.ca](http://www.watershedsentinel.ca).

Delegate Selection - NOAMI Advisory Committee and MEND Steering Committee

The RCEN has selected two ENGO delegates to join the National Orphaned / Abandoned Mines Advisory Committee (NOAMI) and the Mine Environmental Neutral Drainage Steering Committee (MEND). The selected NOAMI delegate is Brennain Lloyd, from Northwatch. The selected MEND delegate is John Werring, from the David Suzuki Foundation. Both delegates will serve a two year term and will be joining existing delegates on these committees. [More information about NOAMI](#). [More information about MEND](#).

Delegate Selection - Writer and Editor for a Commission for Sustainable Development Policy Concept Paper

The RCEN has been invited by the Department of Foreign Affairs Canada to prepare a Policy Concept Paper in advance of the intergovernmental preparatory meeting for the 19th Commission for Sustainable Development cycle (CSD-19) in fall 2010. We have selected two ENGO delegates to gather views and prepare a Policy Concept Paper from a Canadian environmental perspective. The selected researcher/writer for the paper will be Emmanuel Prinnet, from One Earth Initiative. The editor will be Carolyn Webb, from CIELAP. [More information](#)

## **Action Alerts**

Sierra Club Canada - Stop the Shipment of Dangerous Nuclear Waste

Sierra Club Canada has learned that Bruce Power plans to ship 16 radioactive steam generators out of Owen Sound, ON. The radioactive generators from a faulty reactor are slated to travel via the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River to a recycling facility in Sweden. The shipment of radioactive waste presents a risk to public safety and the environment through the emission of gamma radiation and the possible release of radioactive contaminants. When the radioactive waste arrives at Owen Sound it will then be shipped past cities like Toronto and Montreal where millions more Canadians live. Bruce Power's application to ship the steam generators is currently before the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC). The time to stop it is now. Visit <http://www.sierraclub.ca/> to take action.

## Resources

Sierra Club BC Report: Putting Carbon to Bed

Prime nurseries for young salmon, Dungeness crabs and many other marine critters, eelgrass beds also happen to be highly efficient at stashing away carbon. BC's estuaries hold extraordinary potential for moderating climate change and should be our highest priority for conservation of any marine or terrestrial habitat, according to a new Sierra Club BC report. The report, entitled "Blue Carbon – British Columbia", evaluates the carbon storage potential of two highly-biodiverse marine habitats – salt marsh and seagrass meadow – in the light of a recent discovery of the crucial role of estuarine vegetation in binding carbon. Read the report at <http://www.sierraclub.bc.ca/campaign-spotlights/carbon-burial-at-sea/>.

## Events

4th International Greenhouse Gases and Animal Agriculture Conference

Few science issues have attracted as much interest and debate as greenhouse gases, and animal agriculture is directly involved. Now Canada will host a showcase of some of the top science, people and progress in this area from around the globe. The 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Greenhouse Gases and Animal Agriculture will take place from October 3 to 8 in Banff, AB. While the conference participants are drawn primarily from the scientific community, the information presented has strong relevance for producers, industry and policy developers involved with animal agriculture. More information on the conference is available at <http://www.ggaa2010.org/>.

## Jobs

RCEN - National Caucus Coordinator

The Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN) is currently seeking a full-time National Caucus Coordinator for a 13-month maternity leave replacement. The National Caucus Coordinator is responsible for facilitating and promoting the work of the RCEN's standing Caucuses, coordinating delegate selections, negotiating and implementing Caucus and consultation contracts and contribution agreements, and ensuring an effective role for the RCEN in consultative processes between the federal government and environmental groups. Candidates must hold a university diploma in a related field, have excellent writing and verbal skills in both English and French, and have relevant experience in coordination and project administration in the non-profit sector. The deadline for applications is September 20<sup>th</sup>. [More information](#)

Jour de la Terre Québec – Project Manager

Jour de la Terre Québec is currently seeking candidate(s) to manage its IGA Écomunicipalité Fund, which is used to allocate \$1 million annually for environmental projects all over Quebec. The project manager will be responsible for: managing the registration periods and answer questions from participants and the public; evaluate the applications and select candidates to fund; and draft memoranda of understanding. Candidate(s) must hold a bachelor's degree in communications, environment, management science, or equivalent and at least one year of experience in project management. The deadline for applications is September 6<sup>th</sup>. [More information](#)

## Institut de politiques alternatives de Montréal – Executive Director

The Institute for Policy Alternatives of Montreal (IPAM) is looking for dynamic and self-directed candidates that are familiar with urban planning in Montreal and have extensive experience in management, fundraising and communications. Under the responsibility of the Executive Committee, the Executive Director will: oversee daily operations and organization of a symposium; coordinate IPAM's positions, and prepare the strategic plan. Applicants must have a minimum of three years relevant experience in managing an organization, and training in administration, planning or other relevant field. The deadline for applications is September 6<sup>th</sup>. [More information](#) (in French)