

## RCEN E-Bulletin – February 6, 2008 Edition

### Calls for Delegates

#### Sound Management of Chemicals (SMOC) Working Group Meeting

The RCEN has been invited to select 1 ENGO delegate to attend the upcoming stakeholder meeting of the Sound Management of Chemicals (SMOC) Working Group on March 5-6 2008, in Tucson, Arizona, USA. The SMOC is a program of the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) and aims to better address the chemicals assessment and management needs of North America. For more information, please [click here](#) or contact [Leela Ramachandran](#), National Caucus Coordinator. **The deadline to apply is Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

#### Approach to Air Pollutants under the Regulatory Framework for Air Emissions (RFAE)

The RCEN has been invited to select 20 ENGO delegates to participate in at least one meeting related to consultations being undertaken on the approach to the air pollutant component of the Regulatory Framework for Air Emissions (RFAE), recognizing that there might be a series of follow-up meetings. The purpose of this initiative is to seek input on suggested improvement to the approach for air pollutants outlined in the Regulatory Framework. For more information, please [click here](#) or contact [Daniel Casselman](#), National Caucus Coordinator. **The deadline to apply is Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

### Other Calls

#### Call for Participation: Sixteenth Session of the United Nations Commission for Sustainable Development

Participants are being invited to participate in outreach activities being undertaken by Federal government officials with Canadian civil society stakeholders regarding Canadian participation for the Sixteenth Session of the United Nations Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD-16), which will take place via teleconference on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Please confirm your participation **by February 17<sup>th</sup>** by contacting [Chris Robinson](#) of Sustainable Development Division, DFAIT, and please copy [sarah@cen-rce.org](mailto:sarah@cen-rce.org) in your email. For more information, please [click here](#).

### Announcements

#### Environmental Defence reviews first batch of high-priority substances in the Chemicals Management Plan Challenge program

The first screening assessments from the Challenge program of the federal government's Chemicals Management Plan (CMP) were published in the Canada Gazette on January 19th. The gazette notice includes the government's proposed assessment and their proposed approach for each chemical. You can find this

information by clicking [here](#). A 60-day public comment period follows the Gazette posting. Please click here to read Environmental Defence's review of this first batch of high priority substances.

Environmental Defence has chosen to focus on the high volume carcinogens in the batch as substances with the greatest potential for harm and the most urgent need for action. In the future, these reports will be found on the RCEN's CMP website in French and English, and will be sent out by listserv, which will also be used to coordinate and circulate NGO responses to the CMP. Please contact [Leela Ramachandran](#) to sign up for the listserv.

### CIELAP releases report on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

The Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy (CIELAP) has just released a new report entitled *Waste Bytes! Diverting Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment in Ontario*, which may be of interest to groups across the country. This report articulates and analyzes the rapidly emerging issue of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) in an attempt to help the government of Ontario, municipalities and industry take proactive steps to advance the sustainable management of this waste stream. The paper concludes with 16 recommendations for Ontario and the province's proposed WEEE diversion Program. The report and a one-page Quick Facts sheet can be downloaded from the CIELAP website [here](#).

### Resources

#### Three Workshops: Green Legacies – Planned Giving for Environmental NGOs

The Sustainability Network will be offering three learning opportunities in February and March on the topic of planned giving. The goal of the intensive workshops is to help ENGOs develop a serious planned gifts program in order to help them do their vital work. All three workshops will take place at the Sustainability Network in Toronto. For more information, please [click here](#), or send an email to [info@sustain.web.ca](mailto:info@sustain.web.ca) as seating is limited.

#### Wireless Electrical and Electromagnetic Pollution (WEEP) – International Report

WEEP is a volunteer charitable Canadian organization dedicated to advocating the health dangers caused by electrical and electromagnetic pollution and helping victims who are harmed by it. They have collected a vast amount of scientific research and evidence which links electro magnetic radiation (EMR) harming humans, animals, birds, bees, trees and insects. Although the harm being caused to the Canadian environment may be extreme, the problem is still virtually unknown. For an international report on this, please refer to the Bio Initiative Report by a group of scientists who specialize in EMR- [www.bioinitiative.org](http://www.bioinitiative.org). If you would like further information about EMR and its effects, please send a message to WEEP at [weather@golden.net](mailto:weather@golden.net).

Book - The Future Control of Food: A Guide to International Negotiations and Rules on Intellectual Property, Biodiversity and Food Security

Edited by Geoff Tansey and Tasmin Rajotte, *The Future Control of Food* is a wide-ranging guide to the key issues of intellectual property and ownership, genetics, biodiversity and food security. It also details the international agreements (such as TRIPS) and organizations (such as WIPO, WTO, FAO and CBD) involved in negotiations for future control of genetic resources and food production. For more info about the book, please [click here](#).

## Events

The GLOBE Forum for Emerging Environmental Leaders - March 14<sup>th</sup>, Vancouver, BC

The Forum is a one-day workshop for young people between the ages of 18 and 25 to be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008, as a side event to the GLOBE 2008 Conference in Vancouver. The Forum will focus on engaging the next generation of policy thinkers, entrepreneurs and community actors. For more information please [click here](#). For sponsorship information, contact the Forum Chair Amber Smith at [asmith@delphi.ca](mailto:asmith@delphi.ca) or for application information; contact the Forum Coordinator Shannon Lavalley at [slavalley@delphi.ca](mailto:slavalley@delphi.ca). The application deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Trade and Environment in North America 2008

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), in cooperation with Arizona State University's North American Center for Transboundary Studies (NACTS), will host Trade and Environment in North America 2008 from 22–24 April in Phoenix, Arizona. The events are open to the public and will feature discussions on reducing the environmental impact of trade corridors and evaluating what has been learned from some 10 years of research on trade and the environment. A one-day symposium will present new research evaluating the environmental impacts of trade on the environment. The events, which will include presentations from some of North America's top experts on environment and trade issues, will take place over three days. More information about the meetings, including a registration form, is available at: [www.cec.org/symposium](http://www.cec.org/symposium).

Festival VidéEau - "Water, People and Sustainable Development"

The Festival VidéEau is an international competition for video clips organized by the International Secretariat for Water (ISW), in preparation for the International "Water and Film" Events that will take place in Istanbul in 2009, within the context of the 5th World Water Forum. The Festival invites young people aged from 17 to 30, to submit 90 second or shorter video clips on the theme "Water, People and Sustainable Development". The winners of the competition will be announced at a prize-giving ceremony to be held during the World Youth Congress, taking place in Quebec City, Canada, from 10 to 21 August 2008. Winners of the Festival VidéEau will automatically be selected for the official competition of the International "Water and Film" Events. For more information, please [click here](#).

## Employment

### Canadian Program Coordinator - MiningWatch Canada

MiningWatch Canada – a coalition of 19 environmental, social justice, Aboriginal and labour organizations – is currently seeking a Canadian Program Coordinator. This is a permanent full time position; the salary is \$55,000/yr. with four weeks holidays, December break and a generous benefits package. The successful candidate will have a solid understanding of the social, economic, and political context of mining in Canada, as well as a demonstrated commitment to social justice, the environment, and human, Aboriginal, and labour rights, and a commitment to the mandate and philosophy of MiningWatch. S/he will also have a demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team, and will be fluent in English and French (with other languages, including Aboriginal languages, considered an asset). **The deadline to apply is February 29, 2008** and the start date for employment is June 1, 2008. For the full job posting and for information on how to apply, please visit [www.miningwatch.ca](http://www.miningwatch.ca).

### Executive Director – Ryan’s Well Foundation (RWF)

Based in Kemptville, ON, RWF is an NGO that has helped provide more than 480,000 people in 14 countries with access to clean water. The Executive Director (ED) will be responsible for managing change while the organization continues to build on its growth potential and establish structures, programs and partnerships to support greater delivery against its core mandate. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of three years senior leadership/management experience, proven experience in leading fund development and revenue generation initiatives in an increasingly competitive climate and experience working with youth. Qualified applicants are invited to send a cover letter stating salary expectations and resume **by February 22, 2008** to [shannon@earnscliffe.ca](mailto:shannon@earnscliffe.ca). For more information, please visit <http://www.ryanswell.ca/>.