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Network News

New Report: Climate Change and Health in Canada

On July 31st, Health Canada released a much anticipated report on climate change entitled: *Human Health in a Changing Climate: A Canadian Assessment of Vulnerabilities and Adaptive Capacity*. Through an examination of key health issues of concern, along with two regional assessments (the province of Quebec and Canada's North), it develops a baseline of evidence concerning the relationship between a changing climate and direct as well as indirect impacts on health. To receive a low-resolution PDF version of the report via email, please contact ccadaptation@hc-sc.gc.ca or visit [Health Canada's website](#) for more information.

Announcements

Youth Website on World Heritage – Six Billion People, One Common Heritage

Organized by the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, the Youth component of the 32nd Session of the World Heritage Committee was held in Québec City from July 2–10, 2008. The World Heritage Youth Forum brought together 30 young people who spent more than two weeks learning about world heritage and the Convention. An outcome of the event is the “**Six Billion People, One Common Heritage**” dossier which contains many photos and texts posted by the youth participants as well as the video they produced and presented at the opening ceremony of the 32nd Session. **To view the video, please visit:** <http://citizen.nfb.ca/youth-and-world-heritage>.

Events

Fluoride's Impact on Brain - Focus of Two Conferences

New science indicating fluoride's dangers to the brain and other organs will be presented by prominent fluoride research scientists during back-to-back conferences of the International Society for Fluoride Research (ISFR) and the Fluoride Action Network (FAN) in Toronto. The first conference (August 7-10), hosted by the ISFR, will examine fluoride's impact on bone and brain health and feature presentations from some of the world's leading scientists on fluoride toxicity. The second conference (August 10-11), hosted by the FAN and Toronto-based Citizens for a Safe Environment, will address what citizens can do to stop water fluoridation in their own communities and regions. **For details on both conferences, please go to** <http://www.fluoridealert.org/conference2008/isfr.html>.

Keepers of the Water III – ‘Water is Boss’ Watershed Gathering

This year's annual Keepers of the Water conference will take place in Fort Chipewyan, AB and will be hosted by the community and the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation. The event will be held over three days, from August 15 to 17, 2008. This year's focus will be on Athabaskan water issues, discussing water quality, human health, environmental justice and Treaty and Aboriginal rights concerns and solutions. The stated goal of the conference is to determine viable solutions by identifying concrete and tangible water management actions. **For details regarding the conference and registration information, please visit** www.keepersofthewater.ca.

The 2008 Green Building Festival

The 4th Annual Green Building Festival is happening on September 9-10 at the Toronto Convention Centre. Festival sessions will feature programming for building professionals with case studies, product analyses and 100 exhibitors offering green building solutions, while the free trade show on the 10th will be open to the public. The theme of this year's edition is innovation - cutting edge ideas, concepts and technologies that are revolutionizing the building industry. Some topics on the agenda include: Vancouver's Olympic village, green homebuilding, geothermal innovation, biomimicry, green building materials, sustainable neighbourhoods, benchmarking and biofilters. **For more information, please visit greenbuildingfest.com.**