

## RCEN E-Bulletin – October 15, 2008 Edition

### Network News

RCEN Annual General Assembly: Health and the Environment

This year's theme of "Health and the Environment" promises to generate a lot of interesting discussions among AGA participants over the weekend of October 25-26. The Saturday night keynote speech will be delivered by Dr. Lynn Marshall, as she presents the strong and moderate evidence linking "ugly" and "bad" environmental hazards to health outcomes, and "good" practical pointers to protect ourselves and our families.

There will also be a workshop on "*Children's Environmental Health*" on the 25<sup>th</sup>. This workshop will summarize the basics of vulnerability of children to environmental exposures and what actions Canada is taking to decrease these exposures. Participants will be encouraged to contribute to the discussion with their ideas and suggestions.

Finally, "Health and the Environment" will be addressed through two other workshops entitled: "*Uranium – Coming to a Lung near You!*" and "*Electro-Smog and Electro-Sensitivity: What you Need to Know to Protect Yourself*".

[Click here to find out more about these workshops and presentations.](#)

[Click here to register for the RCEN AGA \(deadline is October 17<sup>th</sup>\).](#)

### Call for Entries

International Water and Film Events – Istanbul 2009

The 2009 International "Water and Film" Events will be held from March 16 to 22 in Istanbul, during the 5th World Water Forum, with the overall theme of "Water, People and Sustainable Development". Around one hundred films and clips selected over a two-year period will be screened. Competition categories at Istanbul in March 2009 include: clips less than 90 seconds long made by young people aged from 17 to 30; films less than 60 minutes long; and films of a scientific and pedagogical nature. To be eligible, films must have been produced after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. Entries will be accepted until November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. Please visit <http://www.riec-iwfe.org/en> for further information.

### Announcements

Delegate Selection - Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Workshop

The RCEN has selected ten (10) delegates to attend the Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Workshop to Explore Perspectives on Risk Assessment under the National Orphaned Abandoned Mines Initiative (NOAMI). The workshop will take place in Vancouver, from November 13-14. The selected delegates are: Robert Rattle (Clean North), Romain Taravella (Nature Quebec, CPAWS), Tanya Ball (Northwatch), Linda Sheppard Whalen (Centre for Long-term Environmental Action in Nf/Ld), Daniel Green (Société pour vaincre la pollution), Aaron Schneider (Ecology Action Centre), Peter Ormond (Conservation Society of Hamilton and District), Marilyn Crawford (Bedford Mining Alert), Jamie Kneen (MiningWatch), Randy Fleming (Inter Church Uranium Committee Educational Cooperative). For more information about this workshop, please [click here](#).

## Resources

Book: "Failsafe"

"Failsafe" is a book that attempts to provide understanding of global eco-crises. It issues a call to change the existing world order by arriving at a deep spiritual understanding of what needs to be done. Step by step methods to transform our existing mindset are laid out to usher in a new era of planetary care, social justice and peace. The book's author Ian Prattis is a Zen Teacher, Professor Emeritus at Carleton University in Ottawa and is also the founder of *Friends for Peace*. For more information about the book, please visit [www.failsafebook.com](http://www.failsafebook.com).

## Events

Transportation Futures: Ontario's Inaugural Road Pricing Forum

Traffic congestion, lost time, crumbling roads, increasing emissions and few transportation choices: can road pricing play a role in improving mobility, air quality and the state of the nation's transportation infrastructure or is it just a cash grab? On November 13<sup>th</sup>, the non-partisan Transportation Futures Forum will answer these address these questions by showcasing how several countries have dealt with road pricing issues related to policy development, public acceptance, technology, governance and investment. They include: London's Congestion Charging Scheme, France's Variable Tolling System, Germany's Satellite-based Toll Collection System for Heavy Trucks, Oregon's VMT-Based Road Charging Pilot Project, Holland's "Different Payment for Mobility' Plan. The Forum will take place at the University of Toronto's Hart House. For more info and to register for this one-day forum, go to: [www.rccao.com/events](http://www.rccao.com/events)

Climate Change and Canadian Public Policy: Adaptation & Action

How will institutions adapt to climate change? What are the innovations? What adaptation is most urgent? Canadian and international researchers, experts and government leaders will share their insights about effective public policy tools and networks in Toronto, from October 28-29. Organized by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, the focus of this conference will be on the issues that communities need to address - infrastructure, health, food, water, insurance, risk and legal liabilities. For more information about the conference, and to register, please visit <http://www.ipac.ca/ClimateChange2008/index>.

## Employment

RCEN - National Caucus Coordinator

The Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN) is currently seeking a National Caucus Coordinator. Part of a team, the Coordinator is responsible for facilitating specific national caucuses, implementing and coordinating delegate selections, negotiating and implementing contracts, and ensuring an effective role for the RCEN in consultative processes between the federal government and environmental groups. Prior related experience and excellent writing and verbal skills in both English and French are required. Based in Ottawa, this part-time position will begin in October. **The deadline to apply is October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Read the full job posting at <http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/jobs.html>.**