

## RCEN E-Bulletin – August 20, 2008 Edition

### Network News

Official Launch of the 2008 AGA Webpage

Today the RCEN officially launched its webpage for the 2008 Annual General Assembly (AGA). The event will be taking place at Seneca College in Toronto, from October 24-26. This year, the topic of “Health and the Environment” will be addressed through several workshops, plenary sessions and special presentations. **To view the current schedule of activities, or to easily register online, please visit <http://www.rcen.ca/aga/main.html>.**

RCEN 2007-2008 Annual Report Now Available

The wait is over...our 2007-2008 Annual Report is finally here! The 20-page report summarizes the RCEN's activities over the past year and provides a good introduction for new members and citizens with an interest in protecting the environment. [Click here to read the Annual Report](#)

### Calls for Delegates

Methyl Bromide Critical Use Advisory Committee

The RCEN has been invited by Environment Canada to select one (1) ENGO delegate to participate on the Methyl Bromide Critical Use Advisory Committee. The Committee will advise and evaluate applications regarding the use of methyl bromide and will forward its recommendations concerning the applications to Environment Canada. A meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for September 23, 2008 by conference call. A per diem daily rate of \$350 will be provided (one day for preparation and .5 days for the conference call (meeting of the Committee), for a total of \$525. **The deadline for applications is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.** [Click here to read the full Call for Delegates](#)

### Announcements

Delegate Selections - Approach to Air Pollutants under the RFAE Consultation Event

The RCEN has selected thirteen ENGO delegates to participate in the Approach to Air Pollutants under the Regulatory Framework for Air Emissions (RFAE) Consultation Event. The event is set to take place on August 26<sup>th</sup>, in Ottawa, **with conferencing services available to accommodate all NGOs interested in these discussions**, including those not selected to attend in person. [Click here to view the list of selected delegates](#)

Delegate Selections - EAWG on Substances in Products Regulated under the Foods and Drugs Act: Natural Health Products Subcommittee

The RCEN has selected three nominees and an alternate to participate in the new Subcommittee on Natural Health Products of the Environmental Assessment Working Group (EAWG) on Substances in Products Regulated under the Foods and Drugs Act. RCEN nominations will be submitted to the EAWG Co-Chairs, who will select a representative membership. The nominated delegates are: Jackie Campbell (Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy), Lobie

Daughton (Eastern Co-operative Health Organization), Sandra Madray (Chemical Sensitivities Manitoba) and Fe de Leon (Canadian Environmental Law Association). [Click here for more information about the Natural Health Products Subcommittee](#)

## Resources

First Draft of a Global Sustainability Standard for Biofuels Now Available

The Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels, an international initiative bringing together farmers, companies, NGOs, experts, governments, and inter-governmental agencies concerned with ensuring the sustainability of biofuels production and processing, has released a first draft of a Global Sustainability Standard for biofuels. The draft criteria of the Roundtable, developed through a multi-stakeholder process, are based on a comprehensive "land to tank" analysis, covering the whole chain of biofuels' production. 'Version Zero' of the standard **will now undergo six months of global stakeholder consultation** for incorporation into what will become Version One to be released in April, 2009. In person feedback sessions on Version Zero are being planned in East Asia, Europe, Mozambique, Mali, and throughout the Americas. **For more information, or to give feedback online, please visit <http://cgse.epfl.ch/page70341.html>.**

## Events

We Are Many Festival - A Model of Sustainability for Mid-Sized Cities

From August 22 to 24, 2008, Saskatoon will be the site of the transformative pilot project *We Are Many: A Festival*, which presents a model of sustainability for mid-sized cities throughout North America. We Are Many (WAM) will use the energy and community spirit of the arts - music, theatre, dance, literature, and visual art - in taking a dramatic step toward becoming an environmentally friendly community. The festival will feature arts exhibits and performances as well as hands-on workshops and symposia on the whats, hows, and whys of sustainability. WAM Festival is the Saskatchewan Eco-Network's newest member group. **For more information, please visit [www.wearemanyfestival.com](http://www.wearemanyfestival.com).**

Time for Action: Tackling Energy Poverty in Canada through Energy Efficiency

*Time for Action* will bring together 200-250 delegates to examine how best to improve the energy efficiency of Canada's low-income housing. The event will take place in Toronto, from September 29 to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. The conference will include panel presentations and small group discussions that will explore: the potential for reducing energy costs and achieving other benefits through low-income energy efficiency programs; engaging low income communities, social housing providers and private landlords in these programs; effective program design; and how energy efficiency program providers, partners, and participants can work together to be more effective. Early bird rates are available until August 29. **For more information or to register, please visit [greencommunitiescanada.org](http://greencommunitiescanada.org).**

## Employment

Jour de la Terre – Project Manager

Projets Saint-Laurent, the representative organization for Earth Day in Québec, is currently seeking a Project Manager for its Montreal office. The Project manager will: manage the implementation of two youth-oriented programs; contribute to the organization's other programs; participate in the creation and implementation of various events related to Earth Day; research

and write texts; manage specific communications with the public and certain partners; and help update the website. Candidates should have a university degree in communications, environment, literature or any other related degree and be eligible for Emploi-Québec's salary grant program. **For more information, please visit [jourdelaterre.org](http://jourdelaterre.org)** (in French only).