

## RCEN E-Bulletin – June 27, 2008 Edition

### Network News

Commission for Environmental Cooperation Session and Conference

This week, the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) held its Fifteenth Regular Council Session in Ottawa. Several RCEN members and staff attended the two-day event, which opened with a conference entitled: [“North America 2030: An Environmental Outlook”](#). The conference featured keynote presentations by Thomas Homer-Dixon and many excellent presentations on the forecast for population growth, urbanization, energy and food security, competition for habitat and resources, transportation, and climate change. The second day was dedicated to the CEC Council Session, from which reports, citizen submissions and other documents [can be found at cec.org](#).

Climate Change Predictions Worsening, According to Leading Scientists

In an open letter sent to the Prime Minister and other politicians on Tuesday, 130 leading Canadian climate scientists warned that human-caused greenhouse gas emissions could do more damage to the earth than was predicted in the last international assessment of climate change science from 2007. The letter also urges the federal government to step-up efforts to combat activities that are contributing to rising emissions.

### Resources

Statistics Canada Publication - Human Activity and the Environment (HAE)

According to Statistics Canada, their 2007-2008 HAE publication is a trustworthy and very readable resource on Canada's environment. It paints a statistical portrait of Canada's environment through a compendium of maps, tables and figures punctuated with simple analysis and interpretation. This latest edition includes a special emphasis on human activity and climate change. The feature article, “Climate change in Canada”, looks at greenhouse gas emissions, including their sources and impacts, and also contains practices to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions as well as advice on how to adapt to the changing climate. **This publication is now available at [statcan.ca](#).**

Book: Revolution or Renaissance

In *Revolution or Renaissance*, D. Paul Schafer subjects two of the most powerful forces in the world – economics and culture – to a detailed and historically sensitive analysis. He argues that the economic age has produced a great deal of wealth and unleashed tremendous productive power; however, it is not capable of coming to grips with the problems threatening human and non-human life on this planet. What emerges is a portrait of the world system of the future where culture is the central focus of development. According to Schafer, making the transition from an economic age to a cultural age is imperative if global harmony, environmental sustainability, economic viability, and human well-being are to be achieved. **For more information, please visit [uopress.uottawa.ca](#).**

### Events

## Conference - Prescription for Survival: the Physician in the Global Village

The [Prescription for Survival: the Physician in the Global Village](#) conference will look at the health effects of human rights violations, chemical waste, war, energy and resource depletion, economic policies and 'greening' of hospitals. Featuring keynote speakers Dr Helen Caldicott and Gil Penalos, this event will be held from September 25-27, in Halifax, NS. The conference will also offer panel discussions, small group workshops, public lectures, films, action groups and a chance to network with like-minded people from across Canada and elsewhere. **For more information, please visit [www.pgs.ca](http://www.pgs.ca).**

## Employment

### RCEN – Environmental Planning and Assessment (EPA) Caucus Coordinator

The Canadian Environmental Network is currently seeking a part-time EPA Caucus Coordinator to facilitate the organization's EPA caucus and committee initiatives; implement and coordinate delegate selections, as well as negotiate and implement contracts. Based in Ottawa, the Coordinator will also ensure an effective role for the RCEN in consultative processes between the federal government and environmental groups around EPA issues. Candidates must have excellent written and verbal skills in English and French, relevant experience in coordination and project administration and experience in governmental relations. **The deadline for applications is today, June 27.** For more information, please [read the full job posting here](#).

### Falls Brook Centre - School Programs Coordinator

[Falls Brook Centre](#), located in Carleton County, New Brunswick, is seeking a bilingual, highly motivated, self-directed person to work as their School Programs Coordinator. This position will require a dynamic individual who can jump into their role as a puppeteer at one instance and at the next prepare and deliver a professional training for teaching and school administration staff on topics such as school sustainability, biodiversity restoration and climate change. Candidates should have post-secondary training, preferably in environmental sciences, and be very comfortable with a range of educational methodologies. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to [ja@fallsbrookcentre.ca](mailto:ja@fallsbrookcentre.ca). The closing date for applications is **July 15, 2008**. Please visit [fallsbrookcentre.ca](http://fallsbrookcentre.ca) for more information.

### Living Oceans Society - Sustainable Fisheries Campaign Manager

Living Oceans Society is looking for a Sustainable Fisheries Campaign Manager to play a key role in reversing the devastating course of fisheries mismanagement in B.C. Primary objectives of the campaign include advocating for the protection of marine ecosystems and sustainable fisheries for coastal communities. Responsibilities include: developing strategic goals and objectives, developing and implementing campaign activities and managing the development of all communications materials for the campaign. Candidates should have a postsecondary education in a related field and a solid understanding of the links between science, policy, management and conservation. Please apply before **June 27, 2008**. For more information, visit [livingoceans.org](http://livingoceans.org).

### RHA Foundation – Project Assistant

The RHA Foundation is currently seeking a summer student to fill the position of Project Assistant for a school/community composting project in Beloeil, QC. Tasks and responsibilities related to

this position include: answering information requests from project partners; solving problems related to the composting sites; participating in project communications; and participating in composting training. Candidates must have experience in environmental or related fields and be between 15 and 30 years old. **Candidates must also be fluent in French.** Please send your resume and cover letter to Mélanie Morel at: [fondationrha@bellnet.ca](mailto:fondationrha@bellnet.ca).