

RCEN E-Bulletin – August 27, 2008 Edition

Network News

RCEN AGA Online Registration

The 2008 Annual General Assembly is taking place in less than two months, and the registration deadline for RCEN members, non-members and the general public is September 12th. This year, we've made it easy for you to register online (you can even make secure payments through PayPal). **Please visit www.rcen.ca/aga/main.html for details.** If you are unable to register online, please contact the new AGA Coordinator, Joséphine Hénault, by email josephine@cen-rce.org or call (613) 728-9810 ext. 221.

E-Bulletin Now Available in Plain Text Format

With recent changes to the E-Bulletin, subscribers with slower internet connections may be finding it more difficult to access the information that we send you every week. For this reason, the RCEN is now offering you the choice of receiving the weekly E-Bulletin in either a plain text email or attached as a Microsoft Word document (with hyperlinks). **If you would like to update your subscription, please email bulletin@cen-rce.org and specify your format preference.**

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 1st, 2008. [Click here to read the full Call for Delegates](#)**

Announcements

Toxic Use Reduction Model Law Released by Canadian Environmental Law Association

The Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) yesterday released its model toxic use reduction law, titled the Ontario [Toxic Use Reduction and Safer Alternatives Act, 2008](#), which should be of interest to all working on toxics and health in Canada. CELA patterned the model law on the success of similar programs in Massachusetts, New Jersey, and California, as well as in the European Union. The goal of such a law would be to reduce and prevent many unnecessary, involuntary exposures to harmful substances at home and in the workplace. **For more information, or to read the Act and a background report on which the Model Law was based, please visit cela.ca.**

Resources

Documentary Film: *The World According to Monsanto*

In collaboration with the National Film Board of Canada, Métropole Films Distribution will be releasing *The World According to Monsanto* on DVD as of September 16th. Directed by filmmaker Marie-Monique Robin, the documentary "pieces together the story of the St. Louis, Missouri, corporation, calling on hitherto unpublished documents and first-hand accounts by scientists, civil society representatives, victims of the company's toxic activities, lawyers, politicians, and representatives of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Environmental Protection Agency". **For more information, or to view the trailer and excerpts from the film, please visit the [National Film Board's website](#).**

Events

The Junction Arts Festival's 2008 Green Village

Part of Toronto's Junction Arts Festival, the second annual Green Village will be taking place September 6-7 under the theme of "Home Green Home". Starting at the east end of the Dundas West festival footprint, a number of environmental organizations, guest speakers and community groups will present information, daily lectures, workshops and demonstrations on ways to reduce your ecological footprint. The Green Village goal is to motivate festival visitors and cultivate interaction through knowledge, discovery and participation with environmental concerns. **For more Green Village information, please go to junctionartsfest.com.**

Employment

Saskatchewan Eco-Network - Executive Director

The Saskatchewan Eco-Network is seeking to fill a permanent, half-time Executive Director position (20 hours/wk). Areas of responsibility include: program/project development and management; board of directors communication; government and media relations; membership communication; recruitment and capacity development; financial management/budgeting, and; overseeing project or administrative staff. Individuals interested in this position should possess at least 3 years in project management or coordination within a non-profit setting, preferably an environmental NGO. **The application deadline is Friday, September 5, 2008. To read the full job posting, visit the SEN website at <http://econet.sk.ca>.**

Falls Brook Centre - Community Development Programs Coordinator

The Falls Brook Centre (Carleton County, NB) is seeking a highly motivated, self-directed person to work as its Community Development Program Coordinator. Candidates should be comfortable with preparing and delivering professional trainings for teachers and community leaders on topics such as conflict resolution, micro credit systems, local organic food security, biodiversity restoration or community asset mapping. Other duties will include: developing a Community Asset Mapping Program for communities and working with a team on promoting local organic markets, foods and farmers. Interested applicants should have post-secondary training and work experience, preferably in environmental and land sciences, social sciences and be comfortable with a range of educational methodologies. **The start date for this position is September 7th, 2008. Please visit fallsbrookcentre.ca for more information.**