

RCEN e-Bulletin – August 31st, 2009 Edition

Network News

RCEN Committees are Seeking New Members

This fall, the RCEN invites interested members to get involved in one or more of its committees. Join one of the following committees and stay in touch with colleagues from across Canada: 2010 AGA Planning, Aboriginal, Awards, and Policy & By-laws. [More information](#)

Youth Caucus Elects Steering Committee

The RCEN's newly revived Youth Caucus has elected a group of dedicated individuals to lead the caucus over the next year. Steering Committee (SC) members will shape the caucus' mandate and activities, and will seek to engage more youth in the Network. [View the list of SC members](#)

Want to learn more about the RCEN?

- Read our [2008-2009 Annual Report](#)
- Watch [The Interrogation on Youtube](#)

Note that the next e-Bulletin will be published on September 25th. Please send your submissions to bulletin@cen-rce.org before September 23rd. Thank you.

Calls for Delegates

ENGO Editor for Biodiversity Best Practices Handbook

In advance of the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010, the RCEN launched a *Best Practices/Case Studies Contest* to gather innovative and effective examples of ENGO work related to the conservation, sustainable use, and awareness of biodiversity. The RCEN is seeking a professional editor to compile and edit approximately 12 of these case studies and best practices into an attractive booklet format. The ENGO editor will be compensated \$500 for the work, which must be completed between September 29 and 30, 2009. The deadline to apply is September 21st. [More information](#)

Announcements

Support Your Organization with Youth Eco Internships

The Youth Eco Internship Program, funded by the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan and administered by YWCA Canada, is looking to place youth aged 15-30 in environmental, community and women-focused organizations for internships ranging in length from 3 to 9 months each. Interns will be paid by YWCA Canada. For more information or to apply to be a host or an intern, please visit www.yeip.ca.

DFAIT launches CSR E-Bulletin

The Trade Commissioner Service Support Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) is pleased to launch its new Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) E-Bulletin. The CSR E-Bulletin will provide subscribers with relevant, up-to-date information detailing DFAIT and the Government of Canada's CSR initiatives both at home and abroad. It is intended to inform stakeholders and partners to foster and promote CSR practices and standards. If you wish to be added to the CSR E-bulletin distribution list, please send a message to: csr-rse.bts@international.gc.ca.

Action Alerts

Stop the re-opening of the Baikalsk Pulp and Paper Mill

The Baikalsk Pulp and Paper Mill, which has dumped chlorine and dioxin byproducts into Lake Baikal for over 40 years, is supposed to resume its operations for 10 months. Lake Baikal is the world's deepest lake and holds 20% of the world's fresh water and is home to unique and fragile biodiversity. Join Pacific Environment and Russia's Baikal Environmental Wave in their efforts to stop the mill's re-opening! This is a critical moment to show the support of the global community to protect Lake Baikal. [Sign on to their letter](#) asking Russia's President Medvedev and Prime Minister Putin to take action to save Lake Baikal and close the mill for good!

Events

Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Biennial Meeting

The 2009 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Biennial Meeting will take place in Windsor (ON), from October 7-8. The Meeting is open to the public and will focus on the six Great Lakes Priority issues being investigated by the Commission's advisory bodies: the nearshore, eutrophication, beach and recreational water quality, binational rapid-response to aquatic invasive species, the benefits and risks of Great Lakes fish consumption, and chemicals of emerging concern. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the Great Lakes ecosystem, scientific research and the real-world operation of international relations. Participants will also have the opportunity to network with hundreds of Great Lakes scientists, researchers and policy-makers alike. For more information, please visit <http://meeting.ijc.org>.

Nuclear Power in Society: Finding the Balance Conference

The Council for Clean & Reliable Electricity and the Waterloo Institute for Sustainable Energy invites you to attend its conference *Nuclear Power in Society: Finding the Balance*, being held at in Ottawa on October 25th-26th. Speakers and participants will consider the challenges of nuclear power in society as it relates to a sustainable energy future. Conference presentations will include a practical foundation for energy policy, safety, waste management, cost and schedule issues and future directions for Canada. Active participants involved in helping shape the energy policy agenda for Canada, NGOs and members of the community would find this conference an excellent opportunity to share insights and learn of the latest developments from speakers who are energy leaders in Canada. For more information, please visit <http://www.thinkingpower.ca/>.

Employment

Falls Brook Centre – Program Manager

Falls Brook Centre has an opening for a highly motivated, self-directed person to work as its Program Manager. This position will require a dynamic individual who can work with and facilitate

the engagement of young professionals and international organizations at many levels. A person also comfortable with preparing and delivering professional trainings for university graduates on topics such as conflict resolution, micro credit systems, local organic food security, biodiversity restoration or community asset mapping. Candidates should have post-secondary training and a significant amount of work experience, and be comfortable with a range of educational methodologies. Fluency in Spanish is required. For more information, please visit <http://www.fallsbrookcentre.ca/employment.htm>.

Nature Action Québec – Energy Efficiency Advisors

Nature Action Québec is currently seeking 8 advisors in energy efficiency to work in the Laurentian and Outaouais regions (QC). In pairs, the advisors will make free home energy efficiency visits to people with modest budgets, providing advice to reduce energy costs and undertake minor works such as caulking and installation of efficiency accessories. The candidate(s) must have experience in customer service, own a car and be bilingual. The deadline for applications is September 4, 2009. Please visit <http://www.nature-action.qc.ca/> for more information (in French).