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With kind regards,
The CCB programme board

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1. International Clean Energy Implementation Network, May 14, 2003, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

See also: <http://www.cleanenergyfunds.org/>

As a result of those conversations, the Clean Energy Group (CEG), a U.S.-based NGO, and the Carbon Trust, a UK-based non-profit, are pleased to invite you to an initial organizing meeting for the EU-U.S. International Clean Energy Implementation Network on **Wednesday, May 14, 2003, from 9:00 to 17:00 at the Park Hotel, Amsterdam, the Netherlands**. The Netherlands Consulate General will sponsor a cocktail reception at the Park Hotel for meeting participants and members of the Dutch renewable energy industry community immediately following the meeting.

Background

While the international community has been busy developing a landmark governance framework for regulating greenhouse gas emissions and increasing the use of clean energy worldwide, numerous governments and businesses have already started reducing emissions. Quietly, policy implementers, practitioners, investors and funders in Europe and the United States--those at the federal, state and local levels who are responsible for transforming policies into concrete reductions through projects, clean energy technology deployment and commercialization programs, and other emerging practices--have shifted from policy and program design toward implementing those plans.

In creating these mechanisms, practitioners are breaking ground for a first generation of practices and a new marketplace for greenhouse gas reductions. ***For these cutting-edge clean energy practices and programs to succeed, it is imperative to create a forum and network for practitioners dedicated to understanding first generation experience and applying the lessons learned to future efforts.*** While numerous fora exist for international climate change negotiation and policy development, there is no established forum or network for practitioners and funders to discuss, evaluate and share innovative practices on climate change implementation strategies and funding mechanisms.

The May 14 event will be targeted and tailored for the latter group--those clean energy implementers and funders who are directly involved in the day-to-day management of clean energy funds and programs in Europe and North America (please see attached invitation list).^[1]

The Agenda

This initial organizing meeting will involve 25-30 high-level clean energy funders, investors and practitioners. The basic program for the meeting is to share ideas and exchange experiences, with the hope that we can discuss further action. Without assuming any outcomes, some possible results of the meeting would include:

- Begin sharing experiences and build a core group of organizers;
- Discuss "best practices;"
- Identify infrastructure needs for information sharing;
- Draft a strategy for information dissemination;
- Identify other emerging clean energy programs and funders that could benefit from this network; and,
- Plan for a larger gathering in 2004 of clean energy implementers.

2. Int. Conf. on the Impact of Global Environmental Problems on Continental & Coastal Marine Waters Geneva 17-18 July 2003

LAST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND REDUCED PAYMENT OF THE CONFERENCE FEE

International Conference on the Impact of Global Environmental Problems On Continental & Coastal Marine Waters
Geneva 17-18 July 2003

The conference is being organised on behalf of the Network for Environmental Assessment and Remediation (NEAR) by the "Centre d'Etudes en Sciences Naturelles de l'Environnement (CESNE)" and the F.-A. Forel Institute of the University of Geneva.

TOPICS

1. Impact of global climate change on water resources and the hydrological cycle including desertification
2. Water related environmental risk of global importance (prevention, assessment, monitoring, remediation)
3. Species invasions and their impact on aquatic ecosystems
4. Weathering and continental fluxes to the coastal oceans

The Conference is pleased to advise you that a number of world-renowned scientists and senior United Nations Officials will be giving plenary lectures and we are sure you will find this event a most rewarding experience.

Abstract deadline and reduced registration fee before May 15, 2003

Information and programme: <http://www.unige.ch/sciences/near>

Contact: morawel@tinyworld.co.uk

3. Carbo Europe Science meeting

Dear colleagues

As Biogeoscience committee of the EGS We are currently preparing the skeleton program of the 2004 meeting which will be based on the program of 2003. It is nevertheless possible to submit new or revised sessions proposals until 29th of May. You can therefore send a session proposal to one of us:

- Palaeo-Biogeosciences: J. Bijma <<mailto:jbijma@awi-bremerhaven.de>>
- Coastal Systems: M. Frankignoull <<mailto:Michael.Frankignouille@ulg.ac.be>>
- Terrestrial Systems: R. Valentini <<mailto:rik@unitus.it>>
- Open Ocean Systems: A. J. Watson <<mailto:a.watson@uea.ac.uk>>
- Geomicrobiology and Exobiology: F. Westall <<mailto:westall@cnrs-orleans.fr>>

A session proposal should comprise:

- the title of the session
- the name(s) and email address(es) of convener(s) who have agreed to serve as organizers of the session [- a very short description which will be used for promoting the session on the web.] . This item is not essential at this stage but will be needed later.

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4. ILEAPS: Integrated Land Ecosystem - Atmosphere Processes Conf. 29 September - 3 October 2003, Helsinki, Finland

SEE ALSO: <http://www.atm.helsinki.fi/ILEAPS/>

This conference will focus on the processes of land - atmosphere exchange of energy and matter, emphasizing feedbacks and interactions between these two components of the Earth System. It will address these processes at all scales, reaching from the local through the regional and continental to the global scale. The conference will be an important step towards the

development of a new international research project of [IGBP](#), with the overall goal to **provide understanding of how interacting physical, chemical and biological processes transport and transform energy and matter through the land-atmosphere interface**. It is designed to summarise the current scientific knowledge in this area and to discuss the research agenda for the coming years.

More specifically, the conference is a major step in the development of a science plan and implementation strategy for ILEAPS as a 10-year international research project within the framework of IGBP. Broad community input and support is required to build this new project; the ILEAPS International Open Science Conference is a key event in this process.

The conference will combine

- [Plenary presentations](#) and discussions by leading scientists in the field
- Extensive [working group](#) discussions for direct input into ILEAPS planning
- [Poster presentations](#) by meeting participants

Deadline for [poster abstract submission](#) is **5 June 2003**
[Registration](#) is now available. Deadline is **15 August**.

5. Russia will sign the Kyoto protocol?

2) The Moscow Times May 8, 2003 No. 2674

Russia Seen Key to Kyoto Protocol

BYLINE: Yevgenia Borisova - Staff Writer

As the host of a key global warming conference this fall and as a potential signatory with a swing vote on the contentious Kyoto Protocol, Russia has found itself at the forefront of the climate change debate.

Read the article: <http://www.themoscowtimes.com/stories/2003/05/08/042.html>

"We are looking forward to serious, interesting discussions," Yury Izrael, chair of the conference's organizing committee, told reporters Wednesday. "We are not going to create new contradictions but ... find out what is really going on on this planet -- warming or cooling." This question and whether or not global warming poses a big enough threat to warrant the solution's price tag are at the heart of reports -- more than 500 of them -- submitted for experts' discussion in Moscow this September when they gather at the third International Conference on Climate Changes. The 1997 Kyoto Protocol seeks to minimize climate changes by reducing emissions of carbon dioxide and methane, gases believed to cause global warming by trapping the sun's heat in the atmosphere. In order for it to graduate into a binding treaty, nations representing 55 percent of global emissions must sign on. Russia alone accounts for 17.4 percent of global emissions. Given the other, mostly European, signatories, Kyoto will pass if Russia joins. Many countries -- most prominently, the United States -- argue that the protocol's requirements are too expensive to implement. The agreement calls for developed nations to reduce emissions to 5 percent below their 1990 level as early as 2008. U.S. President George W. Bush provoked the ire of many signatories when he rejected the pact in 2001, saying the tough regulations would choke the country's economy. The U.S. Center for Public Policy Research said in an April report that if Kyoto is ratified, gas prices would rise from 14 cents to 66 cents a gallon by 2010, while electricity prices would increase anywhere from 2 percent to 86 percent, costing the U.S. economy \$400 billion per year. Russia does not have a comparable report quantifying the potential economic toll, Izrael said. "The most important issue -- whether [ratifying the Kyoto Protocol] will bring about an improvement of the climate or its stabilization, or its worsening, is not clear," he said. The conference is expected to attract 1,200 participants from around the world. Scientists from 52 countries have submitted 530 reports for the conference so far. Politicians and economists will grapple with the short- and long-term consequences of climate change, he said.

3) The Japan Times, Online, May 5, 2003; Japan, Russia at odds over plan to reduce CO2 Partners can't come to terms on who would get credit for emissions cuts under Kyoto Protocol MOSCOW (Kyodo) Japan and Russia are at odds over a possible agreement related to swapping credits earned for reducing carbon dioxide emissions, it was learned Sunday. According...

Read the article: <http://www.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/getarticle.pl5?nn20030505a4.htm>

HARVARD STUDY FUELS CLIMATE CHANGE CONTROVERSY

The significance of unprecedented global warming has been challenged by a recent review carried out by a team of Harvard scientists. Results of an extensive examination of temperature proxies, such as tree rings, ice cores, and global historical accounts, suggest that global warming took place between the ninth and 14th centuries followed by a “small ice age,” when the world cooled significantly. More www.iisd.ca/media/climate_atmosphere.htm

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