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October/November 2005 newsletter

SAVE THE DATE – It's coming up fast!

Next week, on October 27th, at 7:00 pm at the King Edward Hotel, CIELAP is celebrating its **35th Anniversary Reception**. Meet others from across Canada who are advancing sustainability. Find out what CIELAP's doing; how you can become involved in our research; and how you can help set our priorities. And hear from those who were involved with CIELAP in the 70s, the 80s, the 90s and 00s. Our guest speaker, **Glen Murray**, chair of the National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy, will speak about the need for policy research as we try to find solutions for complex, interrelated, systems-wide problems. **Joe Pantalone**, Deputy Mayor of the City of Toronto will also join us. In addition, we will be presenting this year's **Award for Advancing the Environmental Agenda** to the National Pollutant Release Inventory Working Group. **Tickets** are \$100 (you'll receive a \$50 tax receipt). Go to www.cielap.org/35anniversary.html or call Carolyn at 416-923-3529 ext.26 to find out more or to buy a ticket.

We are also holding our **3rd Partnering for Sustainability Conference** on October 27th and 28th at the King Edward Hotel. Join us to discuss Canada's progress since the World Summit in 2002, when we committed to developing a sustainable development plan for Canada by 2005. Hear how partnerships are advancing sustainability in different parts of the country. Visit www.cielap.org/savethedate.html for more information.

What's New?

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Visit the "What's New" section of our website weekly to find out what we are working on and view our latest publications – <http://www.cielap.org/index.html>

New Research Director at CIELAP and other Staff Changes

In September we were delighted to have **Maureen Carter-Whitney** join us as our **Research Director**. Previously, Maureen was Legal Analyst in the Office of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario. We welcome Maureen to the CIELAP team and look forward with enthusiasm as she helps us to develop our research program.

In August we said 'au revoir' to **Iana Nikolova**. Iana had been with CIELAP for just over a year as our Communications and Fund Development Officer. Iana helped us immensely in many areas including helping to develop a business plan. We wish her well as she pursues further opportunities. Those of you who attend our 35th anniversary will be able to meet Iana – she is still with us as a volunteer.

We also welcome **Carolyn Webb**, who joined us in September. Carolyn has been a volunteer at CIELAP for over a year and she has joined us on a three month contract to continue our efforts to improve our communications and fund development. We look forward to working with you as we build the core of CIELAP – a priority for 2005-06 - so that we continue to work towards our vision of a world where basic human rights include a safe and healthy environment – in Canada and around the world.

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Research Priorities for 2005/2006

Our second key priority for 2005 and 2006 is a revitalized, and resourced, research program. Working with our research committee, we are assembling 'knowledge clusters' – groups of people who have a specific interest and expertise in one of the subject areas that CIELAP is working in. We are going to begin establishing our 'knowledge clusters' in the areas of solid waste management; hazardous waste; fresh water issues; pollution prevention; and biotechnologies. Thank you, those of you who have already indicated an interest – stay tuned. To others, please let us know – at cielap@cielap.org – if you would be interested in being part of one of our 'knowledge clusters'. We will have more details at our 35th anniversary event on October 27.

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One Tonne Challenge – one step further

There are many ways that you can reduce your CO2 emissions, personally, as a family, as part of an organization and through your work place. Join with CIELAP to take up the One Tonne Challenge. We are looking for prominent Canadians who will sign up for the challenge and let us know what they have done, are doing, or plan to do to reduce their CO2 emissions. We would like to hear your story. We have set up a blog that you can access at www.cielap.org/blogger to tell us what you're doing. As well, sign up at Environment Canada's One Tonne Challenge page - www.onetonnechallenge.ca.

Let us know how you are being part of the solution. If you have already taken steps to reduce your CO2 emissions, spread the word so that other people can understand how they too can be part of the solution.

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Environmental Law Centres

CIELAP has initiated a survey of over 100 community based, public interest environmental law centres around the world. We are seeking to learn what was the impetus to get the centre set up; how is it governed, how is it financed, how are priorities set. We hope this information will be of use to others, particularly in countries in the South, who are concerned about working on solving environmental issues in their region. If you know of any community-based, public interest environmental law centres, particularly in Africa, Asia or Latin America, please let us know so that we can contact them. CIELAP will prepare a report of its findings which will be made available to all those who complete the survey, and to others who are interested. We hope the report will help those interested in establishing such Centres in their regions.

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