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Spring/Summer 2004 Newsletter

What's New?



Partnering for Sustainability II

CIELAP along with the Strategy Institute is holding a second Partnering for Sustainability Conference on May 13 and 14 2004, at the Holiday Inn on King in Toronto. The keynote speaker at this event is The Honourable David Anderson, Minister of the Environment. For more information and how to register, check us out at www.cielap.org/whatsnew

Development of a Canada-wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent

The Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) is engaged in the development of a Canada-wide Strategy for municipal wastewater effluent (MWW) and invited CIELAP researcher Jolanta Rasteniene to sit on the Core Advisory Group.

The 14 federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions are proposing to develop Canada-wide strategy where the outcome of the process will be an effective, efficient and harmonized management approach for MWW. The Strategy will be developed through CCME process and will be based on three cornerstones:

- Harmonizing the regulatory framework among jurisdictions
- Coordination of science and research activities
- Use of an environmental risk management model to guide decision-making.

Where possible federal requirements under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (CEPA) and the *Fisheries Act* will be considered.

Globe 2004

CIELAP's ED, Anne Mitchell, attended the Globe 2004 conference in Vancouver. Fascinating water and energy saving technologies and 1,500 delegates made up this huge trade show. High-end technologies were featured but less discussion on how to change our lifestyles or our expectations and how we exploit the resources of the planet. Globe 2004 has a Business focus. Multinationals argued that they are better positioned than national governments to lead the movement to sustainability. But we need governance and an accountability structure. There is a great need for government to participate!

White Paper on Watershed Based Source Protection Planning

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment recently issued the White Paper with proposed legislation to protect drinking water at the source. The Paper aims to have watershed source protection plans completed within two years. See CIELAP's comments on our web site.

<http://www.cielap.org>. You still can access the paper on MoE web site:
<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/programs/3585e01.pdf>

Great Lakes Political Caucus

As part of our work on Great Lakes issues, CIELAP, along with CELA and GLU are planning to raise Great Lakes issues with Canadian politicians. We are developing five brief fact sheets on GL issues and plan to hold Great Lakes receptions on Parliament Hill and at Queen's Park.

CIELAP is working with the Blue Group (coalition of US and Canadian environmental groups) to coordinate actions bi-nationally.

Great Lakes Program 2005

Current federal Great Lakes program (GLB 2020 funding) expires in March 2005. Based on a review of current and future directions for the Great Lakes Program, Environment Canada is developing policy and timing options for renewal. CIELAP participated in initial consultations on the program development. Broader public consultations, including those with Aboriginal peoples, on program design will follow, with a view to finalizing the strategic direction and priorities for the next phase of the Great Lakes Program in fall 2004.

Curriculum Development on Environment and Climate Change

CIELAP participated in the program for curriculum development on Environment and Climate change by the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). We contributed three components namely, Policy Primer, Glossary (of Environmental Actions) and Case Studies (of Environmental NGO's) to the Grade Ten Civics curriculum. We described the importance of a clear rationale in developing a policy giving examples of municipal, provincial, federal policies, and international or global policies.

We included examples of contacting politicians by e-mail, fax, letter or telephone, writing letters to the editors of newspapers and magazines, observing special events, biking across the Country, hosting a radio show, and organizing boycotts of products to communicate the message in a very concrete way.

In addition, the cases of the *PollutionWatch*, the *Oak Ridges Moraine*, *Smart Growth*, the *Citizens' Environment Watch*, *Energy Efficient Lighting in Calgary*, *Campaign for Pesticide Reduction*, *Banff National Park*, and the *Earth Keepers Solid Waste Management Planning Program* were included in the glossary of environmental actions. For each of these cases, we described the issue, who were the players, what actions were taken and what was the conclusion.

New Releases

Coming soon...

New report looks at how to raise money for water protection at the source

As of the spring of 2004, funding mechanisms for watershed based source protection and for agricultural participation in nutrient management are current policy debates in the province of

Ontario. The paper is intended to contribute to the discussion in Ontario about funding for water protection. The paper will be on the web site <http://www.cielap.org>

Discussion Paper on the principles for the regulation of food biotechnology in Canada

This paper will be on our website later this month.

CIELAP has also made a submission to the External Advisory Committee on Smart Regulations on principles for the regulation of food biotechnology in Canada. Check this out at www.cielap.org.

Research on Partnerships for Sustainability: Two papers prepared for our Partnering for Sustainability Summit: One of framework for evaluating partnerships; and the second on policy opportunities for partnerships. Check our web site for updates.

The CIELAP intern-connection.

CIELAP would like to thank the Laidlaw Foundation and the Community Experience Initiative (CEI) for providing an MBA intern student under our Youth Leadership Program (YLP). We are currently in the process of selecting the candidate. Appreciation is extended to all the students who participated in the hiring process.

CIELAP is grateful for the following schools, Niagara College Centre for Environmental Training, Innis College (Univ of Toronto) and the Northern Secondary School, for their continued support on CIELAP's Youth Leadership Program (YLP).

The Corner Post.....

My interests in the environmental field have grown ever stronger since I started my work here. The learning experiences I have had at CIELAP are tremendously rewarding. Over the past few months, I have helped with and participated in a variety of CIELAP's projects. One of the most exciting events I assisted was the CIELAP's 33rd Anniversary Cocktail Reception. Through this involvement I was able to meet new people and observed the process of planning such an event. There were two major projects I was involved in, one was on a civics curriculum section for the TDSB where I researched case studies on Ontario NGO's policies for climate change and then on the Source water protection of the Great Lakes and its financial mechanisms and public participation implications. I also assisted with conducting background research and building a political caucus. I was able to watch both projects develop from the beginning. This has allowed me to observe and learn many aspects of research and project development. I look forward to continuing my work at CIELAP. I greatly appreciate CIELAP's patience and willingness in guiding me throughout this journey.

(Olivia Chan, Northern Secondary School co-op program)

Our sincere appreciation goes to our dedicated and hardworking interns and volunteers. Beth Koster, Nicole Worsely, Joyce Yang, Alyson Marjerrison, Bryan Valve and Olivia Chan.

CIELAP Needs You in 2004!

We need your expertise, time and money .

Expertise: We need expertise in the following areas: sustainable development; biotechnology; hazardous waste; water; energy; media and communications. We need your help to develop research ideas and proposals and to help us communicate the results of our research.

Time: To develop proposals, research and writing.

Money: Join a constituency of committed people who care about the environment and future generations.

As a non-profit environmental research organization, our work depends upon the funds we raise through our individual, corporate, foundation and government supporters. Every dollar you give to CIELAP goes directly to advancing the environmental agenda in Canada and helping us to continue the vital work we've been doing for more than 30 years.

Thanks to those of you who have donated to us in 2004. We really appreciate your support.

For those of you who have not yet made a donation to us, you can now donate to CIELAP on-line. Go to our home page – www.cielap.org – bottom left hand corner – donate through Canada Helps. Please do so today. You can also send us a cheque or visa.

If you'd like to talk about ways you can contribute to our work, please call Anicia at (416) 923-3529 x 28.

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Thank you!!