

May 2000

NEW RELEASES

CIELAP's new releases on environmental accountability; production, consumption and waste; and biological systems for the months of February to May include:

Environmental Accountability

[CIELAP writes to Hon. D. Anderson on Renewal of the Canada-Ontario Agreement on the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem](#)

[CIELAP writes to Hon. Dan Newman on Renewal of the Canada-Ontario Agreement on the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem](#)

[Canada - Ontario commitment to Great Lakes clean up expires tomorrow](#)

[CIELAP writes to Hon. D. Anderson on Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste](#)

Production, Consumption and Waste

[Mining's Many Faces: Environmental Mining Law and Policy in Canada](#)

[Submission to the Works Committee and Economic Development and Parks Committee Regarding the City of Toronto New Sewer Use By-Law](#)

[CIELAP writes to the Ministry of Environment on Hazardous Waste Regulations](#)

[Comments on the Commission for Environmental Cooperation Discussion Paper on the 1998 Taking Stock Report](#)

[Environmental Assessment and Mining: A Submission to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act Five Year Review Process](#)

[The Ontario Ministry of Environment's Response to EBR Applications for Review 99EBR005.R: A Commentary](#)

Biosafety

[Signing of the Protocol on Biosafety under the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity: Letter to the Hon. David Anderson and the Hon. Lloyd Axworthy](#)

[Reflections on the Biosafety Protocol Negotiations in Montreal](#)

[Commentary: The Biosafety Endgame comes to Montreal](#)

[Biosafety Protocol Backgrounder](#)

Biotechnology

[Petition to the Auditor General Regarding GM Foods, May 9, 2000.](#)

STAFFING

Jack Gibbons, CIELAP's Senior Economic Advisor has moved to Pollution Probe. Jack remains the chair of the Ontario Clean Air Alliance and continues that work from Pollution Probe.

We would like to welcome three new staff at CIELAP.

Karen Clark LLB MA is CIELAP's Legal Analyst. She is a lawyer with extensive research experience in provincial, federal, US and international environmental law.

James Yacoumidis, MA (Environmental Studies) is CIELAP's Research Officer. He has extensive research experience in provincial, international and ENGO's environmental issues including environmental assessment, public participation and hazardous waste issues.

Jessica Mendes, Special Projects Coordinator, brings an eclectic style to CIELAP that includes a background in media, promotions and event coordination. She is organizing our 30th Anniversary Fundraiser.

VOLUNTEERS

We, at CIELAP, welcome three new volunteers: Thank you Micki Honkanen, Megan Mills and Carol Chung for your help.

April Brousseau who volunteered between the months of January to April has now left for Ottawa on a summer job, we wish her very best in her new job.

Catrina Duong started working for CIELAP as an intern from Innis College, University of Toronto from September 1999 to April 2000. She was researching the legislation on agricultural products of biotechnology in the US, Australia and the European Union. This information will be useful for us in Canada and for our partners in Costa Rica. Catrina has completed her undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies and is applying to law schools. We wish her very best in her future endeavours.

SPECIAL EVENTS

This is CIELAP's 30th year of operation. To mark the occasion, we are beginning our celebrations with the Winds of June, sailing on Lake Ontario on the Challenge, a three masted schooner.

Outing includes:

- Outstanding Scenery
- Raffles for CIELAP publications/ 30th Anniversary tickets, etc.
- Great Food (vegetarian selection available)
- On board cash bar

Date: Thursday June 15, 2000

Time: 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm

Where: Queen's Quay

Just \$100.00 (dinner included; \$50.00 tax receipt)

Call now and reserve your seat before this seat sail ends!

Contact Kumarie Khadoo @ (416) 923-3529 ext. 28 before it's too late.

CIELAP's 30th Anniversary Fundraiser!

October 26, 2000

Our Future: The Next Seven Generations

Featuring Keynote Speaker, Janine Benyus on the subject of The New Science of Biomimicry:
Our Means to A Sustainable Future

A new term coined by Janine Benyus, Biomimicry, is a new science that studies nature's models- photosynthesis, self-assembly, natural selection, self sustaining ecosystems – and then imitates or takes inspiration from these designs and processes to solve human and environmental problems. It is a survival strategy for the human race.

Tickets and location yet to be confirmed; for more information please contact Jessica Mendes, Special Events Coordinator or Anne Mitchell, Executive Director.

FUNDRAISING

CIELAP is known in Canada and internationally for its research in the public interest on environmental law and policy issues. We are an independent Institute. We do not receive core funding from any government agency. We are privileged to include many, many individuals, some corporations, foundations and governments as our sources of financial support. If you would like to know how to financially support CIELAP, please contact the Institute's Executive Director, Anne Mitchell, at anne@cielap.org.

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