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A Week in Review...

Canadian Scientists Warn of the Devastating Impacts of Climate Change

Canadian scientists who participated in the April 6th release of the IPCC Working Group 2 report "Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability" gave a press conference in Ottawa to report on Canadian findings including:

- Worsening heat waves in major cities.
- Increased flooding from storm surges in coastal areas sensitive to sea-level rise, such as Charlottetown and the Fraser Valley delta in B.C.
- Water shortages in the Prairies, the result of rising temperatures increasing evaporation rates and affecting glacial sources of water.
- Lowering of the Great Lakes from evaporation, with implications for marine transportation, sewage and water-intake systems and marine ecosystems.
- Changes in the Arctic climate affecting the region's unique ecosystem, threatening many of the species in the North, particularly the polar bear.

CBC news summary:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/background/climatechange/unreport-2007-pt2.html>

For the full IPCC Working Group 2 technical report, go to:

<http://www.ipcc-wg2.org/index.html>

Saying Goodbye.....

(From the Chair) Dear CAN-RAC Members:

I am writing to inform you that John Bennett will be leaving his position as the Executive Director of CAN-RAC at the end of this month. He has decided to move on to new challenges.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I want to extend our sincere thanks to John for his leadership in building CAN-RAC into the organization it is today. When he took over as network coordinator in 1998, CAN-RAC was an ad-hoc network of groups across the country. Today it is a non-profit organization with a staff of three, a vibrant website, a growing membership, and widely recognized by both federal politicians and the national media.

John was CAN-RAC's first Executive Director and helped ensure that our organizations worked effectively together to secure Canada's ratification of the Kyoto Protocol. He has worked hard to ensure that Canadian environmental groups have been able to participate effectively at every major conference of the parties to the United Nations Climate Change Convention, culminating in an overwhelming presence at the COP-MOP in Montreal.

I am sure you will join me in wishing John the best of luck in his new position at the Canadian Centre for Policy Innovation where he will continue to work to advance climate action in Canada.

CAN-RAC's Board of Directors will initiate the search for a new Executive Director shortly. In the meantime, please feel free to contact our Executive Coordinator Ruth Edwards (redwards@climateactionnetwork.ca) or myself concerning the work of CAN-RAC.

Sincerely

David Coon
President
CAN-RAC

Inside Ottawa...

Wagging the Election Dog

The Hill Times, April 9th, 2007
By Simon Doyle and Abbas Rana

Tories unveil war room to demonstrate winning, slick campaign. Conservatives' massive, new campaign headquarters sets a higher notch in 'rapid response' in next election campaign.

Read more: <http://www.thehilltimes.ca/html/index.php>

Heads UP!

Vancouver climate change rally April 14th

11am-2pm Vancouver Art Gallery,
info: www.stepitup2007.ca

Al Gore coming to Regina

April 23rd, 11 am - Brandt Centre

More info: <http://www.gov.sk.ca/news?newsId=80a5a8b-7bc7-4a38-842e-feae662d3fc7>

Earth Day April 22nd

Street Demonstrations in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa to send PM Harper a wake up call about the climate crisis.

Ottawa: 2:00 PM, Parliament Hill

Toronto: 1pm Metro Hall Square at King and John and parading to Trinity Bellwood Parks for a picnic from 3pm-6pm.

Other Earth Day Events

Montreal: 1:30pm Grande marche « KYOTO, POUR L'ESPOIR »
au parc Lafontaine (coin Calixa Lavallée et Rachel)
<http://quebec-vert-kyoto.org>

Saskatoon: 2 pm Frances Morrison Library

Please join us in a viewing of the Al Gore movie An Inconvenient Truth followed by an open discussion of practical actions we can do in our everyday lives to reduce greenhouse gases. Free admission. All are welcome. The event is co-sponsored by Saskatchewan Environmental Society and Saskatchewan Eco-Network. For more information, please call 665-1915.

Send us your EARTH DAY event details for the next Climate Action News!

Is your organization releasing a good report? Do you want to publicize an upcoming event? Announce it through the Climate Action News! Send your details to Andrew at adumbrille@climateactionnetwork.ca