



Our inaugural international gathering themed *Awakening Consciousness & Forming Alliances: Indigenous Peoples and Philanthropy*- Querétaro, Mexico, on January 18-20, 2008. Call for Sessions due Sept 15, 2007

Se:kon/Greetings IFIP Friends,

I hope that this message finds you in good health and strong spirit. It is my pleasure to write you once again and share more exciting news on International Funders for Indigenous People's (IFIP's) latest developments and upcoming events.

On May 7-8, IFIP reached an important milestone by holding its Linking Circles VI Annual Conference at the Levi Strauss Foundation in San Francisco, California. It was the organization's first conference on the West Coast and its first since receiving the designation as a federally recognized non-profit organization. You can view a **NEW** short 6 minute web-clip of the conference at InternationalFunders.org and conference slideshow [here](#). IFIP thanks Toby and Ashley of [Sacred Land Film Project](#) for producing it.

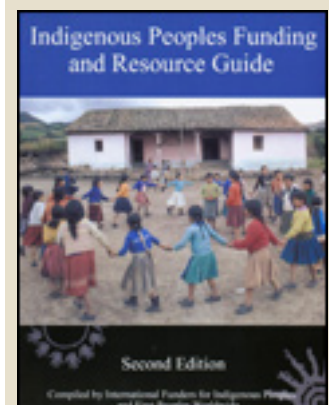
During the conference, IFIP presented its Annual Award to The Christensen Fund in recognition of their efforts to promote and preserve Indigenous stewardships of cultural and ecological heritages. They support international efforts to build a global

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UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Please speak out!

understanding on the need to preserve cultural diversity that sustains and enriches a world faced with great change and uncertainty. See **NEW** Press Release [here](#).

We invite our members to attend and present your important work at our first-ever regional convening scheduled to take place in Querétaro, Mexico, on January 18-20, 2008. Our inaugural international gathering, themed *Awakening Consciousness & Forming Alliances: Indigenous Peoples and Philanthropy*, which will bring donors and Indigenous leaders together to explore new ways to build true partnerships, provide real examples of best donor practices, and raise broader awareness of cultural, environmental and globalization issues in Mexico & Central America. IFIP will offer several pre-conference site visit options and an optional post conference funders delegation to Oaxaca community. See our *Call for Sessions* in [PDF](#) or [WORD](#). For Spanish, please select [PDF](#) or [WORD](#). Applications are due **September 15, 2007**. For more information on the conference, see the announcement in [PDF](#) or [WORD](#) or in Spanish [PDF](#) or [WORD](#). The Indigenous application to attend the conference will be distributed soon.

If you are not yet a member of IFIP, please begin or renew your membership today and support our efforts to increase support for Indigenous Peoples around the world. For Esteem level or higher, a new added benefit includes the addition of the *Cultural Survival* Quarterly Magazine. For our **NEW** Membership application, please select [PDF](#) or [WORD](#).

Ske:nen/Peace,
Evelyn Arce-White, M.A.T.
IFIP Executive Director



REPORTS & ARTICLES

New Report Outlines the Future Community Foundations in a Transatlantic Perspective

(Gütersloh/Germany) – The Transatlantic Community Foundation

Within weeks, the United Nations General Assembly must make a decision on the long awaited and urgently needed UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The petition is online in: [English](#) [Spanish](#)
[French](#) [Russian](#)



IN THE NEWS

Ecuador's Awá Win Nullification of Land Measure

Quito, Ecuador - Traveling some stretches on foot and others by bus, more than 500 members of Ecuador's Awá indigenous community trekked this month from their villages near the country's northern border with Colombia to this high-altitude capital, spears symbolically in hand.
[more](#)

Bolivia: Indigenous and Mestizo Power Flexes Muscles

An immense tide of people demonstrating to keep the Bolivian seat of government in this city took to the streets last week to show support for the indigenous Aymara and mestizo leadership, in the greatest expression of popular power in the history of the country.
[more](#)

Network (TCFN), a project of the Germany-based Bertelsmann Foundation with support from the U.S.-based Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, has released a new report outlining the major trends that will affect the work of community foundations outside the United States . “The Future of Community Foundations. A Transatlantic Perspective” describes what challenges community foundations in Canada , Europe and Mexico are facing and how they can be leveraged to advance philanthropy around the globe. The report can be downloaded at no cost from the Network’s website: www.tcfn.etc.be.



A Spanish-Language Funding Resource Guide for Grantseekers

Impulsando el cambio social – Directorio de recursos financieros para Organizaciones y Movimientos Sociales (Leveraging Social Change – A Directory of funding resources for organizations and social movements) is a valuable, easily-accessible tool that includes help both with identifying prospective funders and with how to go about establishing successful funding relationships. It was created specifically to assist organizations working for positive social change in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Includes:

- Database of funders (primarily U.S.) who fund in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Technical Assistance Tools and other resources for grantseeking organizations.

Produced by: Forging Alliances South and North / Forjando Alianzas Sur y Norte

For more information email directorio@for-al.org or visit us online at our website www.for-al.org.



**Global Oneness Project:
New Video clip of His Holiness the
Seventeenth Gyalwang Karmapa**

New Appointments

The Christensen Fund is delighted to announce the appointment of Catherine Sparks as its new Melanesian Program Officer. [more](#)



EMPLOYMENT

Seva Foundation Expands, Opens Five New Positions

Seva (say-va) is a Sanskrit word for service. Seva Foundation was founded in 1978 with a mission to alleviate suffering caused by poverty and disease. Best known for our sight-restoring eye care programs Asia and Africa, we also work with indigenous communities in Guatemala and Mexico, along with Native American communities — supporting projects in the area of health and wellness, community development, environmental protection and cultural preservation.

Seva Foundation is expanding and have opened 5 job positions in Berkley, CA:

- [Administrative Assistant](#)
- [Development Director](#)
- [Gifts of Service](#)

His Holiness the Seventeenth Gyalwang Karmapa lives at his temporary camp at the Gyuto Ramoche Tantric University in Dharamsala, India, where he teaches and regularly holds public audiences. [more](#)



UPCOMING CONFERENCES

IFIP CONFERENCE EVENTS

Awakening Consciousness & Forming Alliances: Indigenous Peoples & Philanthropy

Mexico and Central America Regional Convening

**January 18-20, 2008
Querétaro, México**

International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP) Invites you to our first international gathering! Join donors as we gather together with indigenous leaders to learn about current issues facing the region: immigration, local migration, cross-border issues, language, culture, preservation of traditions, bio-cultural diversity and more.

Queretaro just north of Mexico City, was the original home of the Otomí people prior to colonization. A 350-meter monolith, watches over the entrance to the Sierra Gorda region, believed to be one of the world's three largest, endowed by locals with spiritual powers. The historical colonial city offers brick-lined streets, museums, an 18th-century aqueduct, beautiful arches and fountains; it is known as the site of major historical events such as planning of the revolution, signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and drafting of the modern constitution. Together, we will visit surrounding indigenous communities, Sierra Gorda and historical ruins with an optional post conference trip to an Oaxaca community..

Informative sessions on issues facing the region by funders and indigenous groups; Networking and Strategy sessions; Learning and

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discussion with indigenous leaders; Mexican history and culture; site visits to local indigenous communities. Call for Sessions are due **September 15, 2007** and can be downloaded in [PDF](#) or [WORD](#) or in Spanish [PDF](#) or [WORD](#). The Indigenous application to attend the conference will be distributed soon.

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FOR FUNDERS ONLY

EGA 2007 Fall Retreat: 20th Anniversary

Sept 23-26 2007

See www.ega.org for registration info.



OPEN TO ALL

**The 13th Commemoration of the International Day
of the World's Indigenous People**

**August 9, 2007
UN Headquarters
New York, NY**

The 13th commemoration of the International Day of the World's Indigenous People will be on Thursday, 9 of August 2007 at UN Headquarters in New York, organized by the Secretariat of the

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues DSDP/DESA and the NGO Committee on the Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples. For more info [click here](#).



**Indigenous Environmental Network
North American Indigenous Peoples Mining Summit**

**August 15-18, 2007
Anchorage, Alaska**

From August 15 through the 18, Indigenous Peoples and their specially invited guests will be gathering in Anchorage to discuss the impacts of mining on Indigenous Lands and communities. This Summit is a follow up to the first North American Indigenous Peoples Mining Summit (NAIPMS) that was held two years ago in Edmonton , Alberta . This year, the Indigenous Environmental Network will convene the Summit with an exciting array of guests and speakers from throughout North America.

A limited number of travel and accommodation scholarships will soon be available for group representatives and individuals to attend. Please contact ienmining@igc.org or call 218-751-4697 for more information.



Third International Seminar on Indigenous Women and Global Warming

**September 3-5, 2007
Universidad Nacional
Bogotá-Colombia**

In this third symposium we will focus on the effects of global warming on indigenous people and particularly women and its effects on their cultural dynamics and relationships with their surroundings. Latin-American indigenous women that work in climate change and are interested in participating can contact Elsa Matilde Escobar emescoabar@natura.org.co as soon as possible. [Click here](#) for more info.



II National Meeting of the Peoples of the Forest

**September 18 to 23, 2007
Brasilia, Brazil**

II National Meeting of the Peoples of the Forest, to be held in Brasilia, Brazil, from September 18 to 23, 2007. [Click here](#) for more info.



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