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April 4, 2005

Dear IFIP Members and Friends,

Please join International Funders for Indigenous Peoples in its inaugural presentation of the IFIP Award, bestowed upon an individual that has demonstrated efforts to increase philanthropic support for Indigenous Peoples around the world. The very first recipient of this prestigious award will be presented to Susan Berresford, President of the Ford Foundation, for her leadership in increasing a greater commitment from a philanthropic institution for international Indigenous development projects and communities. All are welcomed to attend and take part in this momentous event. Refreshments will be provided. Anthony Pico, Chairman of the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, will perform a ceremonial blessing and will speak about giving in native communities.

Speakers: Chairman Anthony Pico of Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians and Rebecca Adamson, President of First Nations Development Institute and Founder of IFIP International Funders for Indigenous Peoples Inaugural Award Reception (Recipient Susan Berresford, President of Ford Foundation)

Date & Location: April 9th, Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM The Manchester I Ballroom at the Council On Foundations (COF)

**IFIP Session at the Council On Foundations (COF):  
A look at the Challenges and Opportunities to Funding Indigenous Peoples**

Sunday, April 10th 9:30 am to 11:00am Point Loma, Marriott-Level 1, South Tower, San Diego, CA.

This workshop will discuss innovative approaches and successful models that combines the the intellectual and scientific prowess of the modern world, with the deep and ancient wisdom of traditional cultures. Hear about how the Achuar, a nation of approximately 3,500 people occupying nearly 2 million acres of pristine tropical rainforest are developing sustainable economic enterprises based on the renewable resources of the land and have successfully implemented an integrated resource management plan for their territory. We will also discuss how The Christensen Fund has implemented a funding strategy that



Award Recipient  
Susan Berresford, President  
of the Ford Foundation

**IFIP's Linking Circle  
IV May 19 and 20 in  
NYC**

Go to IFIP's new website [internationalfunders.org](http://internationalfunders.org) (still under construction) to download [Agenda](#), [Registration Form](#), [Session Descriptions](#).

Last Day for Early  
Registration Rate is April  
14th-Space is Limited!

**SAVE THE DATE!  
NNG 2005 Annual  
Conference October  
8, 9, 10, 11, 2005**

Rebecca Adamson, President of First Nations Development Institute will be honored with The Louis T. Delgado Distinguished Grantmaking Award from Native Americans in Philanthropy at COF Annual in San Diego, April 9, 2005 9-Noon. For more info see [nativephilanthropy.org](http://nativephilanthropy.org)

adapts indigenous systems for managing landscapes that sustain cultural and biological value and diversity. Recommendations and guidelines will assist funders in their support of Indigenous sustainable development.

**SPEAKERS:**Moderator: Rebecca Adamson, President of First Nations Development Institute  
Santiago Kawarim, Achuar Indigenous leader, Amazon basin in southeastern Ecuador.  
David Tucker, Executive Director of Pachamama Alliance  
Enrique Salmon, PhD., Program Officer, The Greater Southwest and Northwest Mexico, The Christensen Fund.

**IFIP encourages funders to sign-up on Sat April 9th for free off-site visit April 10th**

**Crossing the Cultural and Economic Divide: Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians Sun April 10th 2-5:30 pm**

View the real life effects of economic development within the Viejas reservation. Explore how gaming and other business endeavors have been able to provide this sovereign tribe waste and water treatment plants, education, senior centers, a fire department and other necessities. Attendees will converse with Tribal leaders and elders about national issues such as the journey from poverty to prosperity, the economic future beyond gaming and Native American philanthropy.

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