

## IFIP Annual Conference

### Linking Circles IV: *Transforming the Landscape of International Grantmaking for Indigenous Peoples*

May 19 & 20 in NYC

10 Spaces Left, Register Today!

Please see [www.internationalfunders.org](http://www.internationalfunders.org) for complete session descriptions an **updated** agenda, plus registration form (bottom of first page).

**IFIP Conference Highlight: Joenia Batista de Carvalho, Leads the Legal Department for Indigenous Council of Roraima and is IFIP's Keynote Victory for Indigenous Council of Roraima and Indigenous Peoples in Brazil**

On April 18th, Brazil announced the long-delayed creation of a reserve for some 15,000 Indians who will displace non-indigenous farmers in a hotly disputed remote part of Brazil's Amazon. President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva approved the creation of the Raposa Serra do Sol (Mountain of the Sun Fox) reserve in Roraima state in northern Brazil, according to the Justice Ministry. "Violence has plagued the area, where 20 Indians were killed and scores wrongly imprisoned and threatened through the 1980s," according to the Indigenous Council of Roraima. For more info [www.rainforestfoundation.org/brazil\\_victory1](http://www.rainforestfoundation.org/brazil_victory1)



Joenia Batista  
2004 Reebok Human Rights  
Awardee

IFIP also has a Side Event session at the **United Nations on May 18th from 4:30-6pm** called **"Learning Strategies and Techniques to increase funding for Indigenous Communities"**. We will be presenting Spanish and English complimentary copies of the newly revised version of Indigenous Peoples Funding and Resource Guide, a manual that will assist in proposal writing, researching techniques, list of foundations that fund Indigenous Projects and much more. Email [evelyn@internationalfunders.org](mailto:evelyn@internationalfunders.org) if you want

## Announcing the Establishment of the Fund for Indigenous Rights and the Environment

The Fund for Indigenous Rights and the Environment (FIRE), a new Alaska-based foundation has launched our fund by awarding a series of Inaugural Grants to support a range of outstanding Indigenous initiatives. In total \$65,000 in small and mid-size grants have been awarded. Please also take a moment to visit our newly launched website: [www.FIREfdn.org](http://www.FIREfdn.org)

## 2006 REEBOK HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

Established in 1988, the Reebok Human Rights Award honors young people from the United States and around the world who have made significant contributions to the cause of human rights, often against great odds. A \$50,000 grant is given to further the work of each Award recipient, Contact Reeboks Human Rights office at: tel: 781-401-4910 or 781-401-5061 fax: 781-401-4806

more info.

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**IFIP would like to announce that there are four sessions that discuss Indigenous topics preceding IFIP's big May 19-20 conference, see below for more information on the dates of May 16-18.**

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**May 16, 2005 at  
The Moriah Fund**

Please join EcoLogic Development Fund for a Brown Bag lunch hosted by the Moriah Fund, ***Voices from the Village: A conversation with indigenous leaders working for conservation, social justice, and economic development in rural Central America.*** Please join us for a conversation led by Sebastian Charchalac (Regional Director, EcoLogic Development Fund, Guatemala) and Gregorio Ch'oc (Executive Director, Sarstoon Temash Institute for Indigenous Management, Belize) on innovative efforts by indigenous people to address the global freshwater and biodiversity crises at the local level. **RSVP Gwen Tran Tel: 202-783-8488 for more info or email at [gtran@moriahfund.org](mailto:gtran@moriahfund.org).**

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**May 17, 2005- Noon- 5:00pm  
Funders Meeting at the World Bank**

The World Bank Grants Facility for Indigenous Peoples, the United Nations Development Program / Global Environment Facility / Small Grants Program, and the First Nations Development Institute are organizing an international meeting on grantmaking for Indigenous Peoples. The invitation for this meeting is being sent to international grantmakers, including bilateral agencies, multilateral agencies, and foundations.

The objectives of the event are to promote an exchange of information and experiences about existing grant programs to Indigenous Peoples and to discuss potential opportunities for collaboration among grantmakers. **Please RSVP Yumi Sera at [ysera@worldbank.org](mailto:ysera@worldbank.org) to get more information.**

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**May 18th, 2005- 9:30-2:00pm  
Informational Briefing on Youth Organizing**

IEN and Honor the Earth are organizing a session called "Native Youth Organizers On Issues facing Native Youth in North America". Innovative approaches and methodologies of Native youth organizers in economic, environmental, social justice will be

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**International Forum  
Indigenous  
Peoples August  
11- 14, 2005 Porto  
Alegre, Brazil**

State Cultural Secretary (SEDAC-RS) Anthropological museum of Rio Grande do Sul (MARS), and Studies and research Nucleus for Indigenous Culture (NEPCI) of the Pontificia Universidade Catolica (PUCRS) signed a Technical Cooperation agreement to realize the First International Forum of the Native South American People (I International Forum - Indigenous Peoples). Email for more info [povosindigenas@puccrs.br](mailto:povosindigenas@puccrs.br) and visit their [website](#).

discussed. **RSVP Simone Senogles, (218) 751-4967 or [simone@ienearth.org](mailto:simone@ienearth.org)**

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**May 18th, 2005- 2:00-5:00pm at  
American Jewish World Service**

Session on Funding Social & Indigenous Movements. Please join American Jewish World Service, Center for Economic Justice, and Grantmakers Without Borders for a presentation and discussion on opportunities and challenges to funding social and indigenous movements. Presentation and discussion on opportunities and challenges to funding social and indigenous movements. Presenters include Bertha Caceres Flores of (COPINH) & Monica Aleman, Program Director of MADRE. **To RSVP or more information, contact David Brown at AJWS at [dbrown@ajws.org](mailto:dbrown@ajws.org), or 212-273-1630.**

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