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 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

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 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

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
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.

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.

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 to get more information.

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
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
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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, or 212-273-
1630.

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