Dear IFIP Friends,

IFIP’s 2006 Annual Conference reached a new milestone, the May 16th and 17th gathering was a historical event held at both Ford Foundation and the United Nations Headquarters. It has become the largest gathering of international donors that explores ways to form and strengthen lasting partnerships between funders and Indigenous Peoples. IFIP brought 85 donors together along with 45 Indigenous Leaders/NGO’s from all over the world to discuss critical issues. The conference provided a rare opportunity for donors to meet directly with Indigenous People and discuss specific concerns.

I would like to extend IFIP’s appreciation to Phrang Roy, Keynote Speaker and Assistant President on Special Assignment for Indigenous and Tribal Issues of the International Fund for Agricultural Development. Roy helped echo the overall feeling of conference participants that partnerships between donors and Indigenous Peoples is a necessary requirement for true change. You can view his complete speeches at www.internationalfunders.org.

IFIP’s award ceremony was held during the conference and recognition was bestowed upon the Kalliopeia Foundation for their oneness, intuition, spiritual wisdom and support for Indigenous Peoples is presented with the Annual IFIP Award. (l to r, Emmanuel Vaughan-Lee, Evelyn Arce-White, Barbara Sargent, Lisa Kleger, Rebecca Adamson and Barbara Cushing)
Peoples. Last year, the first recipient of this prestigious award was Susan Berresford, President of the Ford Foundation, for her leadership in increasing a greater commitment from a philanthropic institution.

Barbara Sargent, Executive Director of Kalliopeia Foundation accepted the IFIP Award along with her staff stating, "We at Kalliopeia are honored to receive the 2006 IFIP award. This is a lovely acknowledgement of our mission and what we believe to be its import for this day and time when so many of the world's peoples, and the Earth itself, are suffering desperately. We are deeply honored to receive the beautiful soapstone sculpture by Oneida artist Cheyanne Doxtador, 'Western Wind' which has powerful strength that cleanses the Earth of all negativity. May that spirit reside and work in all of us." Please check our website in the coming weeks for IFIP’s Conference report and pictures from the event.

Respectfully,
Evelyn Arce-White
IFIP Executive Director

REPORTS & ARTICLES

The Leading 500 New Foundations Funding Conservation, Wildlife and the Environment

Environment. This groundbreaking directory provides in-depth profiles on the new foundation leaders in environmental and wildlife philanthropy, including sample grants, Boards of Directors, contact information and indexes that will help researchers identify targeted sources of support. Contact Bernie Jankowski @ 301-696-0797 or bjankowski@grantsdirect.com for additional information.

Indigenous Peoples’ Center for Documentation, Research and Information
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This 23rd session confirmed the interest for studies drafted jointly by members of the WGIP and indigenous organizations. It also emphasized the human-rights nature of the various aspects of indigenous issues, therefore agreeing in its conclusions with the 2005 World Summit Outcome, which closely ties human rights and development. Click here for more information.

The Color of Wealth: The Story Behind the U.S. Racial Wealth Divide

Organized by five key members of the nonpartisan United for a Fair Economy organization based in Atlanta, the book handily dismantles the Horatio Alger myth, especially for minority members, by detailing how economic predation has persisted even as significant strides have been made in the far more discernible civil rights arena. The co-authors - Executive Director Meizhu Lui, Communications Director Betsy Leondar-Wright, current board member Bárbara Robles, past board member (until 2005) Rose Brewer, and Rebecca Adamson of the First Peoples Worldwide - have assembled not only a comprehensive history but also a fulsome, current picture of the economic discrimination that has festered pointedly against four different groups - African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos and Native Americans. Click here for the Amazon.com listing.
GRANTS and AWARDS

Funding For Repurchasing Their Land Base
Deadline June 30th, 2006

Cottonwood Foundation invites applications to be considered as a Cottonwood Partner organization only from indigenous peoples' organizations who are seeking funding for repurchasing their land base in order to preserve their culture and their environment. Applications should be received by Friday, June 30, 2006. Please visit this page for the necessary application forms. Click here for details.

The Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship
Deadline July 18, 2006

The Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship support social entrepreneurs whose work has the potential for large-scale influence on critical challenges of our time: sustainability, health, tolerance and human rights, institutional responsibility, social and economic equality, peace and security. These issues are at the heart of the foundation’s vision: empowering people to create a peaceful, prosperous, sustainable world. Skoll social entrepreneurs are innovators who have achieved proof of concept, are poised to replicate or scale up toward systemic social change and have a message that will resonate with those whose resources are crucial to advancing large-scale, long-term solutions. The Skoll Awards are designed for leaders who will find and contribute value in a peer network committed to continuous learning and in adding their stories to the foundation’s ongoing celebration of the power of social entrepreneurs. Complete an online application click here.

Diversifying Leadership for Sustainable Food Policy
The Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation announces a new, three-year initiative, Diversifying Leadership for Sustainable Food Policy, to build the capacity of ten organizations to promote policies that help communities of color benefit more fully from food and agricultural systems. This initiative, in partnership with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, encourages people of color led groups to apply for funding to affect food policy change in the public or private sector and at the local or state level. The organizations will received general operating support, training and technical assistance, and networking opportunities. The Request for Proposals is available at www.noyes.org and the deadline for responding is Tuesday, July 18, 2006.

Microsoft Unlimited Potential (UP) Grants

Microsoft Unlimited Potential (UP) grants provide nonprofit organizations with funding to support technology training programs ranging from learning basic computer skills to using advanced business productivity applications. Donations of cash, software, curriculum, and technical expertise enable individuals to learn about technology and gain the information technology skills needed for employment in the IT field or other industry sectors. UP grants are made through Microsoft's U.S. and international subsidiaries, which work closely with local organizations to identify Community-Based Technology Centers (CTCs) where IT skills training is a primary focus Eligible Organizations: The following types of Community-Based Technology and Learning Center (CTLC) organizations are eligible to request funding from Microsoft Community Affairs: Nonprofit—in the United States, 501(c)(3) designation—or a nongovernmental organization that holds charitable status in their country ; School-based—a nonprofit or governmental organization that provides services to the community outside of school hours, such as evenings and weekends ; Government funded and operated—a nonprofit organization that receives government funding or is a partner with a governmental organization to run its programs To find out where is a local microsoft office worldwide please click here.
The forms for representatives of IPs to apply to the Voluntary Fund for travel grants to the 2007 sessions of the:

- Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- Working Group on Indigenous Populations
- Working Group on the Draft Declaration

are available on the OHCHR’s website.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

FOR FUNDERS ONLY

IHRFG Meeting

July 10-12, 2006
Columbia University
New York City

IHRFG will be joined by esteemed panelists who will share their expertise on the nexus of human rights and armed conflict based on their experiences in Chechnya, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Colombia. Each day will also include several breakout sessions, and multiple opportunities to work with other funders. Finally, IHRFG will have a special plenary entitled "Moving the Mountain: Can the UN Uphold Human Rights?" Click here for more info.

EGA 2006 Fall Retreat

October 7-11, 2006
Asilomar Conference Center
Pacific Grove, California

IFIP would like to present "Indigenous Approaches to Conservation and Territorial Defense" This session will include a cross-cultural
panel of Latin American indigenous leaders that will discuss indigenous approaches to conservation and, with participants, explore ways in which funders and the international conservation community can better understand and support their environmental goals for their territories. Click www.ega.org for more details.

Communities Unbound:
Claiming the Power of a Just Society

October 14 - 17, 2006
Loyola University
Chicago, IL

In 2006 NNG will travel from the ancient and sacred traditions of the Coast Salish communities to urban Chicago cityscape. Join NNG at Loyola University Chicago, just off Chicago's Magnificent Mile to explore philanthropy with an inner city perspective. Conference participants will put on a criminal justice lens in the 2006 analyses of our philanthropic roles and strategies. For more info click here.

Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS) c/o European Foundation Centre

November 16-18, 2006
Bangkok, Thailand

The WINGS network is getting ready for the landmark event that the network organizes every four years: the global WINGSForum. After IMAG in Mexico in 1998 and WINGSForum in Sydney in 2002, the third global meeting is scheduled for 16-18 November 2006 in Bangkok, Thailand. It will convene approximately 200 people from organizations in Europe, the Americas, Asia Pacific and Africa. For details click here.

Barry Gaberman Lecture on Global Philanthropy Initiative, which will be inaugurated later this year at WINGSForum 2006 in Bangkok and then organized each time WINGSForum is held: each lecture will be by a world leader in the development of philanthropy, beginning with Barry himself. We believe this is a perfect way to honour Barry's role in founding WINGS, and to provide an occasion
to reflect on his long and important career in the field. To contribute, please [click here].

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Indigenous Environmental Network
14th Annual Protecting Mother Earth Conference

July 6-9, 2006
Veterans Memorial (Pow-Wow and Camp) Grounds
Cass Lake, Minnesota

Hosted by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Division of Resources Management
Plenary Sessions on: Sacredness of Water, Toxics & Environmental Health, Energy & Climate Justice, Forests, with workshops and Native youth leadership activities
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe 4th of July Traditional Pow-Wow, July 1-4, 2006, Veterans Memorial Grounds – Come early, camp and Pow-Wow!

For more info contact the IEN Bemidji Office, Tel: (218) 751-4967, Fax: (218) 751-0561 or Email: simone@ienearth.org.

International Symposium on Indigenous Healing & Chronic Disease Africa First

July, 12 - 15, 2006
Ted Mann Hall
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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24th session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations: "Utilization of IPs' Lands by Non-Indigenous Authorities, Groups or Individuals for Military Purposes"

July 31- August 4, 2006
Geneva, Switzerland

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WINHEC 2006 Conference

August 7-9, 2006
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
Cloquet, Minnesota

World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium would like to invite you to register for their annual conference.

Click here for more info.
Click here for the registration form.

International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples

August 9, 2006
Celebrated Throughout the World

Know How Conference 2006

August 21 - 26, 2006
Pena Pachamama Restaurant
1630 Powell St.
Mexico City

Know How 2006 has the following objectives:

- To establish strategies that will promote the use of women's information to improve women's lives.
- To develop a strategic plan aimed at narrowing the information/digital gap for women.
- To share strategies that address the accessibility and availability of information for indigenous, excluded and rural women.
- For more info, E-mail and see our website.

International Symposium on Indigenous Women,
Territoriality and Biodiversity in the Latin-American Context

September 6 - 8th, 2006
Natura Foundation Colombia
Bogotá, Colombia

The Natura Foundation Colombia is pleased to invite women supporters to participate in the organization of the Second International seminar on Indigenous women, territoriality and biodiversity, taking place on the 6th, 7th and 8th of September in Bogotá, Colombia. This second round aims to continue with the initial objective of gathering researchers from different academic backgrounds, indigenous leaders and activists, and indigenous women from different communities, to reflect on the complex relationships that indigenous women have with their surrounding and to analyze the situations (political, social and cultural within others) affecting them. For any further information about the project or the Foundation please visit www.natura.org.co (in Spanish) or contact Paula Bueno at pbueno@natura.org.co.
Young Women’s Institute on Money and Movements

November 5 - 7, 2006
Oaxaca, Mexico

Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) is bringing together 35 young feminist activists, primarily from the Global South and Eastern Europe who have experience with either youth organizations or women's rights organizations. This meeting is a key follow-up to AWID's action-research initiative, "Where's the money for women's rights?" has found that funding has shrunk in the past 10 years for women's rights. As such women's and feminists movements need to reenergize their collective strategies to increase the amount and quality of funding. At this meeting, AWID will engage young feminists around their strategies for movement-building, organizational strengthening and resource mobilization. A web-based application form is available here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2006. For more info contact info email: Rushana Du Toit of Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) rdutoit@awid.org Website: www.awid.org

13th Native American Film + Video Festival

November 30 - December 3, 2006
NMAI's Film + Video Center
New York City, New York

The NMAI's Film + Video Center announces the 13th Native American Film and Video Festival, to be held November 30 - December 3, 2006, in New York City. The 2006 Festival will feature outstanding Native independent and community productions in film, video, radio, and new media, produced after May 2003. The Festival also marks the celebration of the Film + Video Center's 25th Anniversary.

To see who attended opening night of the 2003 Native American Film + Video Festival, click here.
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