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The Sharing Network is our monthly email service that provides you with updates on IFIP and Indigenous issues around the world.

Dear IFIP Friends,

Now that IFIP has relocated to San Francisco, we are very excited about re-engaging with members, increasing the value of membership and bringing in new foundations to our growing network. To kick start the Membership Recruitment and Retention Campaign, we have received a challenge grant from Oak Foundation that will match new members and any renewals that have lapsed over a 12-month period dollar to dollar. It will also match any new core support grants. With this leverage, the board has revamped our membership benefits and is offering a 30% discount for a three-year membership to IFIP. For those who don't fit our membership criteria, the board has created a new affiliate level, which will be open to philanthropic supporting organizations and individuals. [See here for forms](#)

The Planning Committee has been busy organizing our first European Regional meeting which will take place in Copenhagen June 1 and 3, see [invitation from PC members here](#).

The Copenhagen meeting will follow the [European Foundation Center \(EFC\)](#) annual conference. Our main goal is to expand global collaboration with European donors to advance Indigenous people's rights and enhance donor understanding of the complex problems of climate change and food resilience. Our agenda includes practical and inspiring solutions from Indigenous representatives from the Skolt Sami Parliament, Indigenous Inuit tribes and other northern European Indigenous groups.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our two new board members, Yumi Sera, Operations Director at the Disability Rights Fund, and Nilo Cayuqueo, Vice-President of the La Azotea Mapuche Community, Argentina, and former Director of Abya Yala Fund.



Here is some background:

Yumi Sera is the Operations Director of the Disability Rights Fund and has over twenty years of experience focused on strengthening civil

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Blog by
Galina
Angarova



Back in January I was invited to present at IFIP's regional meeting dedicated to the theme of "Food Sovereignty and Climate Change from Indigenous and Donor perspectives". The topic seemed interesting but very challenging at the same time since the area of my expertise is not exactly related to food; although outside of my work functions I am quite interested and active in food justice and food movements.

[To read more visit here.](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Position Announcements

Executive Director, Society for Conservation Biology

The Society for Conservation Biology, an international professional organization, is seeking an Executive Director. The position serves and promotes the global membership of the Society, oversees the operations of its publications (*Conservation Biology* and *Conservation Letters*), actively engages in development activities, ensures the successful

society organizations and managing innovative grantmaking and learning programs. She was the author of IFIP's grantmaking guide and GrantCraft's international grantmaking guide for intermediary organizations and will make a great addition to our board.

Nilo Cayuqueo (Mapuche), originally from the Los Toldos community in the southwest part of Argentina, has been active in Indigenous rights work for more than 30 years. He was a founding member of the South & Meso American Indian Rights Center (SAIIC) in Oakland, California and was the founder and director of the Abya Yala Fund, which worked to support self-determined Indigenous community projects. He has returned to his native Argentina after 25 years in the United States and in international Indigenous activism in order to work more closely with the Mapuche people. We are looking forward to having him on board. Here are his words:

"As an old-time activist, I'm very glad to see that the world of people working in philanthropy is increasing their consciousness in regard to indigenous issues. For me, coming from Latin America where there are more than 50 million indigenous peoples, my hope is that the alliance between donors and indigenous peoples can be a strong force to save the planet before we exhaust it. IFIP is in a position to build alliances and catalyze consciousness toward that end. It's a very important tool for that." -- Nilo Cayuqueo.



We hope you can support our efforts. Whatever amount you give will ripple into the Indigenous and philanthropic worlds, and ultimately your own. You can quickly give a tax-deductible donation by clicking here, [Donate Now button](#). Thank you for supporting this unique global network for Indigenous communities.

For our Future Generations,

Evelyn Arce
IFIP Executive Director

Events

WEBINAR Happening NOW and tomorrow Fourteenth RRI Dialogue on Forests, Governance and Climate Change

March 21-22, 2013

[Watch it live](#) on March 21-22!

March 21: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm COT

March 22: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm COT

NATIVE PHILANTHROPY INSTITUTE 2013 Native Philanthropy Institute April 3rd – 5th, 2013 at the Hard Rock – Tulsa Hotel & Casino ***Philanthropy Ignited: Relationships. Communities. Innovation.***

When philanthropy is ignited in its approach to investing in Native nonprofits and communities it fortifies the pathway to sustainability. Philanthropy can

organization of the biennial global meeting, supports all SCB programs, and represents SCB before diverse audiences.

Please send all materials to: Lauren Krizel, at krizel@conbio.org, with subject line "Executive Director Position."

Download the [full job description](#).

For information about the Society's goals and objectives, Bylaws, Strategic Plan, Annual Report, personnel, and more, visit their website at www.conbio.org. Review of applications will begin March 8, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled

Intern and Fellowship at Resource Generation
[See link for more info:](#)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Please note that the deadline to submit applications to attend the **24th session of the Human Rights Council as well as the sessions of treaty bodies** taking place in Geneva between **July and September 2013** is: **15 April 2013**.

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September 2014- World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in 2014 - to share perspectives and best practices on the realization of indigenous peoples' rights.

Read more here:

http://www.iwgia.org/news/search-news?news_id=63

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