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FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

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May 2013

Dear IFIP Friends,

We hope you will enjoy this month's e-newsletter and take advantage of all of the opportunities that are available in New York City during the [United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues](#), May 20-31.

IFIP is holding its annual board retreat at Ford Foundation this year and will also hold a reception on May 29th From 6-9pm. More info to come soon!

We also welcome you to join us in Copenhagen on June 1 and June 3 for our very first European regional meeting, see details below.

We are working to meet the Oak Foundation challenge and ask our members to renew today. If you're interested in becoming a [Member](#) or you are not a donor but still want to be part of the network, see [Affiliate](#) level.

And finally, we feel very grateful to have Yumi Sera onboard as one of our newest board members, see her own words below.

Thank you for your support!

Peace,
Evelyn Arce-White, M.A.T.
IFIP Executive Director



Aqqaluk Lynge
Chair of the Inuit
Circumpolar
Council will
open IFIP's
European
Regional
Meeting with the
Blessing



IFIP MEMBERSHIP

***YES! I Want to
Begin or Renew
My Membership***

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IFIP NEWS



**India's Dayamani
Barla selected for
Cultural Survival's
Ellen L. Lutz
Indigenous Rights
Award**

Our very own Executive Director Evelyn Arce served on the Selection Committee for this Distinguished award out of 60 nominees. Congratulations Dayamani for your incredible work and being chosen as this year's Ellen L. Lutz Indigenous Rights Awardee. [Story here](#)

An interview with Yumi Sera, new IFIP Board Member

Evelyn: How did you get involved in IFIP?

Yumi: It was years ago when you and I connected, I interviewed donors for IFIP's "Grantmaker's Guide; *Strengthening International Indigenous Philanthropy.*" I loved hearing the passion in peoples' voices when they spoke about their work with Indigenous Peoples. They also talked about the tactical strategies they used to fund Indigenous communities – including being in tune with Indigenous principles and having respect for their "life plans."

Evelyn: How is your organization working with Indigenous Peoples?

Yumi: We were inspired by IFIP's conference that we attended on the Oneida Nation Territory in 2011. I managed the operations of the [Disability Rights Fund](#) - a grantmaking collaborative that empowers persons with disabilities to advocate for equal rights and full participation in society according to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). Our portfolio includes grants to [Indigenous persons with disabilities](#).

Both the international indigenous rights and the international disability rights movements have achieved great advances in recent years. While both movements have been active on the rights of sub-groups within their constituencies and although both the UNDRIP and the UNCRPD include protections for indigenous peoples with disabilities, the rights of indigenous persons with disabilities have not been addressed centrally by either movement. However, there is a growing effort to change this.

In May 2013, at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPF II), the Disability Rights Advocacy Fund and the International Disability Alliance will join UNPF members Myrna Cunningham and Paul Kanyinke Sena to present a report: "Study on the situation of indigenous persons with disabilities, with a particular focus on challenges faced with regard to the full enjoyment of human rights and inclusion in development."

Evelyn: What can you contribute to the vision of IFIP?



**Yumi Sera
New IFIP Board
Member**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The 11th Hour Project's Climate and Energy Program is looking to fund solutions-oriented communications activities. We are issuing a [Request for Proposals](#) which is open to any non-profit organization that is not currently a grantee of our program.

Submissions are due by May 31st.

**Oak Foundation RFP
For the Establishment of a
BURMA DONOR-ADVISED FUND**
Read full proposal [here](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Bay Area

Goldman Environmental Foundation

Seeks new Executive Director. See Position Description [here](#)

Other

The Alaska Conservation Foundation

Currently seeks to hire a Program Officer. This position is geared towards movement building in Alaska and will focus on ACF's role in supporting a Collective Conservation Strategy with Alaska conservation organizations and the innovative work of the Alaska Native Fund. For full position description and application information [click here](#)

2013 Emerging Leaders International Fellows Program & U.S. Diversity Fellowship

(September 16 - December 6, 2013)

Application deadline (extended):
Friday May 17, 2013

Yumi: With IFIP's recent move to San Francisco and expanded outreach to donors, I hope to support IFIP to build its capacity and increase donor engagement so that we can expand resources globally to Indigenous Peoples.

IFIP Events

IFIP European Regional Meeting Copenhagen, Denmark, June 3rd , 2013

Join us for our first European Regional Meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark on Monday, 3rd June 2013. This one day meeting will enhance your understanding of the complex problems in the world today on climate change and food resilience, and present practical and inspiring solutions from Indigenous scholars, activists and community leaders that include representatives from the Skolt Saami and Indigenous Inuit tribes such as **Lars Anders Baer – Saami Parliament** member and **Aqqaluk Lyngø, Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council**.

While European international philanthropy is only ten percent of total global giving, it is growing. IFIP will build on this momentum since it is time to bring key European funders and Indigenous leaders together.

Also mark your calendars for a special 90 min reception on June 1st right after the EFC conference 3:00-4:30pm at the Bella Sky Hotel in Copenhagen. Please RSVP to Arnie Montes at arnie@internationalfunders.org.

FUNDER EVENTS

Friday, June 28 2013 9am – 5:30

[Free event: Residential Schools, Reconciliation and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)

[Here is a link with all the info:](#)

Edge Funders Alliance Just Giving Conference May 21 – 23, 2013 Washington, DC

Just Giving 2013 will continue providing a unique space for us to deepen our understanding of the current landscape of grassroots and transnational initiatives addressing structural injustice in key areas. The conference will also highlight ways in which global social change philanthropy can – and should – make a difference.

Plenaries and workshop sessions will focus on strategies making significant and actual change happen, and caucuses

The Center is seeking motivated **community foundation or grantmaking** professionals who

- aim to strengthen community foundations and place-based philanthropy
- want to increase your sector's impact in your local community
- seek networking opportunities with Third-sector colleagues worldwide
- aspire to lead your sector in new directions
- [Program description and application guidelines](#)
- [Online application](#)

Indigenous & Community Lands & Seas

Call for Abstracts, Oral Histories, Cultural Displays and Session Proposals

Deadline for [submissions](#) is May 17

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and working groups will prioritize ways of increasing funder involvement and collaboration, by expanding opportunities for networking, sharing and building relationships among grantmakers around the world. Register [here](#)

**24th Annual EFC General Assembly and Conference
Sustainable Cities, Foundations and Our Urban
Future
May 30-June 1, 2013 Copenhagen , Denmark**

Today more than half of the world's population lives in cities, no doubt due to the fact that 70% of the world's GDP is generated within urban areas. A further two billion people are expected to become city or urban dwellers in the next 30 years. This rapid growth in urbanization brings many challenges, not least around housing, employment, education, cultural heritage, mobility, urban planning and the environment. Register [here](#)

Open to All

**The Christensen Fund, the Ford Foundation and the
Tamalpais Trust are organizing
, From Aspiration to Implementation: Practical Lessons on
Using UNDRIP and Advancing Indigenous Peoples' Rights
May 24, 2013
Ford Foundation
320 East 43rd Street
New York, N.Y. 10017
*Read invite [here](#)
Space is limited***

**India's Dayamani Barla selected for Cultural Survival's
Ellen L. Lutz Indigenous Rights Award
May 23 :Cultural Survival will honor Barla at a ceremony at the
Museum of the American Indian in New York. RSVP **Agnes
Portalewska, Communications Manager, agnes@cs.org****

**INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S FORUM
"Honoring indigenous women's vision and creativity"
FIMI Leadership AWARD 2013 Ceremony
24 May 2013
Columbia University
*Read more [here](#)***

**The International Forum on Globalization and
Pua Mohala I Ka Po present:
[TEACH-IN]

MOANA NUI 2013— [Moana Nui is Polynesian for “Great Ocean”]

Peoples of the Pacific---Confronting Militarization,
Resource Theft, Globalization & America’s “Pacific Pivot”
45 SPEAKERS/ 20 NATIONS: JUNE 1 & 2
[Berkeley, Martin Luther King Auditorium, 1781 Rose St.]

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