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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

<http://www.internationalfunders.org/english/membership/>

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

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As part of our goal to match our challenge grant from the Oak Foundation, we are pleased to share with our members and extended network a way that each of you can offer support. Last Spring, IFIP was featured in the Indigenous Wisdom & Modern Science Summit, a full day virtual event hosted by the largest, three month virtual sustainability educational and engagement initiative, the Spring of Sustainability.

In its second year, Spring of Sustainability 2013 is bringing together over 60 sustainability leaders and visionaries once again in virtual interviews and panels from April 2 to June 14. These programs are free for the global community live via phone or internet and up to 48 hours afterwards -- and are available for anyone interested in owning the downloads as a collection for purchase.

As a special support for IFIP this year, when our members and supporters purchase any of the Spring of Sustainability collections offered:

- 50% will be donated to IFIP and
- you will receive a download of last year's extraordinary Indigenous Wisdom & Modern Science Summit

To support IFIP and experience a rare collection of interviews and panels with indigenous leaders, scientists, and sustainability visionaries, register free to the Spring of Sustainability to listen to this year's program by [clicking here](#) on our link and review the available collections. Then, send a copy of your receipt for any downloads purchased to [arnie@internationalfunders.org](mailto:arnie@internationalfunders.org) to receive the special download of the Indigenous Wisdom & Modern Science Summit.

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 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 (SAIC) 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**

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Position Announcement

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

The Executive Director reports to the Executive Committee of the elected Board of Governors, serves as an ex-officio member of the Board, supports the activities of the committees of the Board, and manages the SCB Executive office and its staff and contractors in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere.

We seek outstanding candidates who have a background in a conservation-related field, strong managerial and administrative experience, a proven, significant, successful track record in program development and fundraising, experience with governing boards, and the ability to respond to the needs of a diverse and global membership. Experience and connections in the international community of conservation are strongly desired.

Applicants should submit electronically a cover letter along with a *curriculum vitae* and names and contact information (phone, email, Skype) of three references, addressed to:

Rodrigo A. Medellin, Chair, SCB Executive Director Search Committee

Please send all materials to: Lauren Krizel, at [lkrizel@conbio.org](mailto:lkrizel@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](http://www.conbio.org). Review of applications will begin March 8, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled

## **VOLUNTARY FUND FOR INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS Call for Applications July - September 2013**

Dear all,  
Please note that the deadline to submit applications to attend the **24<sup>th</sup> 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**.

## Events

### Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs): an issue at the heart of the food/ag/health nexus

April 15, 2013

12-1:30 pm PT / 3-4:30 pm ET

**RSVP to [huyen@safsf.org](mailto:huyen@safsf.org) by April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Genetically modified organisms (GMO) in food have potential implications for human health, as well as negative effects on justice and food sovereignty. Two issues at the center of GMO debate are farmers' ability to own seeds and consumers' ability to know what is in their food. Despite these important issues, it has not been easy to gain legislative traction around GMOs.

This call will share a farmers' perspective on GMOs, highlight where the science stands and describe why GMOs are a concern for many working in public health. It will debrief outcomes from California's Proposition 37 and highlight other GMO policy initiatives underway around the country. Participants will gain a clear understanding of how this issue exemplifies the possibilities and urgency for working together at the food-ag-health nexus.

### Climate Change, Carbon, and Sustainable Futures

- Reindigenizing Economics

A talk by author Winona

LaDuke

April 11 in Bozeman

Winona LaDuke (Anishinaabe), executive director of Honor the Earth, will speak at Montana State University on April 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Gaines Hall Room 101. A graduate of Harvard and Antioch Universities with advanced degrees in rural economic development, LaDuke has devoted her life to protecting the lands and life ways of Native communities. In 1994, Time magazine named her one of America's fifty most promising leaders under forty years of age, and in 1997 she was named Ms. Magazine Woman of the Year. This talk is open to the public and it is free-of-charge.

To unsubscribe [email us](#) with "remove" in the subject line.

### The 24<sup>th</sup> session of the Human Rights Council will have a full day dedicated to the human rights of indigenous peoples.

The agenda of the session will be available at [www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/HRCIndex.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/HRCIndex.aspx).

The **Human Rights Committee** is planning to hold meetings on the draft general comment on article 9 relating to liberty and security of the person. Applications from indigenous representatives wishing to contribute and participate in the discussion are encouraged.

**This information might be subject to changes.** Therefore, we would strongly advise that you check the OHCHR webpage on a regular basis to have updated information:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/Pages/HumanRightsBodies.aspx>

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/UPRMain.aspx>

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/HRCIndex.aspx>

The **application forms** for these meetings are available on the following web link:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/IPeoples/IPeoplesFund/Pages/ApplicationsForms.aspx>

**Applications need to be signed, dated and sent with all the supporting documents to the following email:**

[indigenousfunds@ohchr.org](mailto:indigenousfunds@ohchr.org)

**Please mention the mechanism you wish to attend in the subject header of your e-mail**

Please also verify the new criteria for selection established by the members of the Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund to make sure that you are eligible to apply to attend the sessions you are interested in. The new criteria are available on the following web link:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/IPeoples/IPeoplesFund/Pages/criteria.aspx>

For any other additional information, you can consult our website:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/IPeoples/IPeoplesFund/Pages/IPeoplesFundIndex.aspx>

(You can also view this job post at [resourcegeneration.org](http://resourcegeneration.org) - <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?ResourceGeneration/98e9d6bd4b/4c3fd8ccf1/427461a621>)

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