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14TH WORLD CLEAN AIR AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONGRESS

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA
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Opening of Registration

Registration for the Congress, one of the premier events in the international environmental meetings programme, opens in March. Take advantage of beneficial early registration and hotel rates.

Abstract Submission:

Although submission of abstracts through the website has now closed, late submission is still possible. They should be forwarded as soon as practicable to the Organising Committee (Natalie@katestone.com.au) In case of difficulty, please consult Andrew Martin, Secretary of the organising Committee (andrew.martin@dme.qld.gov.au) or the International Secretariat (lmurley@nsca.org.uk)

Programme and Keynote Speakers

The Congress scientific programme will be wide-ranging and challenging. Keynote speakers who have already accepted invitations include:

Alan Lloyd, formerly Secretary of the Californian EPA,

Joel Schwartz, the international authority on Health Effects

Professor V.Ramanathan, Director of the Atmospheric Brown Cloud Programme.

Special Sessions:

In addition to the comprehensive general programme, special sessions are likely to include:

- transport – in conjunction with IUAPPA's international seminar programme;
- local government issues and community engagement;

- modelling slow wind speed dispersion;
- risk assessment;
- Inter-regional co-operation - a major meeting of the Global Atmospheric Pollution Forum is also planned in conjunction with the congress.

MAJOR GRANT TO GLOBAL FORUM ANNOUNCED



In November 2006 the Swedish International Co-operative Development Agency announced a grant of nearly \$2 million to support the work of the Forum.

The grant is for a major programme of research and policy development on mitigating the impacts of air pollution on poverty, health and economic development in developing regions. The grant is over three years commencing November 2007.

The project will focus in particular on the impact of air pollution transported at regional scale, and will cover three principal areas:

- the development of inter-governmental networks to address such pollution
- technical cooperation and harmonization of good practice among regional air pollution organisations in key areas of air pollution assessment and management;
- Consensus building and policy development among regional organisations on key issues in regional air pollution policy.

In addition to the International Union, lead participating organisations in the programme will include UN Environment Programme, the UNECE Convention on Long-Range Trans-Boundary Air Pollution, the Regional Clean Air Initiatives, the Air Pollution Information Network for Africa, the Inter-American Network for Atmospheric and Biospheric Studies and the Stockholm Environment Institute.

Initial development of the Forum has relied upon smaller grants from a number of organisations, including the BOC Foundation, Environment Canada, the US Environmental Protection Agency, and government bodies in Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Commenting on the award, Richard Mills, IUAPPA Director and Forum Joint Convenor, said:

“ The International Union and its partners in the Forum are most grateful to Sida for this award. It recognises the critical importance of the issues with which the Forum is dealing - both for the global environment and for development – and confidence in the contribution which the Forum can make to tackling them, through bringing together all the key organisations dealing with regional air pollution.”

Regular reports on the progress of the project will appear on the Global Forum website, www.gapforum.org

NEW STAFF APPOINTMENT AT IUAPPA HEADQUARTERS

At the end of January, the Union welcomed Jeff Clark to its International Headquarters Team

Jeff is currently on secondment to the Air and Waste Management Association from the US Environmental Protection Agency. Air and Waste Management is the Union's U.S. affiliate. Jeff has more than 25 years'



experience in working on national and international air pollution issues for the US Congress and USEPA.

Jeff will, in particular, support work on the assessment and communication of major international environmental issues and help expand the work of the Global Atmospheric Pollution Forum.

Commenting on Jeff's appointment, IUAPPA Director-General, Richard Mills, said:

"As IUAPPA's programme expands, it is essential to widen the range of advice and support available to the International Board and Secretariat. Over the next few years we therefore hope to welcome secondments to the Secretariat from around the World.

"Jeff Clark's secondment is an invaluable first step in that process and will greatly strengthen the Union's ability to contribute to understanding and consensus on international environmental issues."

In the last few years the Union's commitments have steadily widened, in particular through the foundation of the Global Atmospheric Pollution Forum and the further expansion of the International Seminar Programme on Air Quality and Transport in Mega-Cities. Meanwhile the International Board has decided that membership of the Union should no longer be restricted to one organisation in each country that but should be opened generally to relevant organisations.

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