



Present society resembles an inverted pyramid, with anthropocentric attitudes threatening the stability of the entire structure. Since its inception in 1985, the BIO has been taking action to "reinvert" the pyramid, with the aid of biocentric building

blocks, in hopes of achieving a balanced and harmonious future. The goal is for society to shed negative attitudes and practices and to place respect and appreciation of the precious gift of bios - life - at the core of every human endeavour. A world-wide bio-assess-

ment of technology can help to bridge the gap between technological progress and societal values that is presently leading to injustice and environmental deterioration. Technological progress will retain its positive aspects and directly contribute to the improvement of quality

of life on a global level. Humanity must soon acknowledge the urgency of protecting life and exit the crisis of values brought on by irresponsible, short-term thinking. A millennium vision in decision-making and policy planning is the key to a successful future.

Biocentric Building Blocks

Bio-Diplomacy . Bio-Culture . Bio-Economics . International University for the Bio-Environment . Bio-Syllabus . Bank of Ideas . Bios - Olympiads - Bios Prizes . Bio-Assessment of Technology . International Conferences Publications, Internet, CD-ROM . BIO-Policy . Millennium Vision



Proposed Action

The following are proposed:

A Bio-Syllabus and new curricula for every level of education, as well as electronic and audio-visual material on issues related to bios and the environment.

A Green Salary of benefits for the unemployed, with the commitment to contribute to the protection of the environment.

Environmental Action Groups drawing both on the enthusiasm of the young and the experience of senior citizens to tackle

local issues. A Bios-Supporting Economic Strategy to replace destructive policies and promote a world-wide interdisciplinary exchange of information on the appreciation of the environment.

An electronic Bank of Ideas to create a rich repository of information and reflections on bios.

Saving the planet, caring for the environment.

Such movements have been traditionally regarded throughout the world as inspired by romantic ideas. Though their significance is undeniable, they have

dealt with the environment and human rights as separate issues. When decision makers at all levels do not see these movements in terms of political benefit or profit, they do not lend their support. Only if we understand that the environment includes all living creatures in our planet and saving the planet is not a romantic idea but a crucial task can the goal be achieved. Then, profit can be made, and peace may be restored. More information about Biopolitics International Organisation can be found at <http://www.biopolitics.gr> ■

The 1st International Greek Biotechnology Forum (IGBF)

The leading Greek Biotechnology Journal BIO, in collaboration with the National Greek Science Foundation, are holding a world class yearly forum, which will foster knowledge exchange and encourage biotechnology transfer in Greece and in the whole of Southeastern Europe.

The 1st International Greek Biotechnology Forum (IGBF), (10-12 June 2004, Athens, Greece) will consist of the following 3 Sections:

- * Plant, Food & Animal Biotech; (day1)
- * Human Disease Biology & Medicine (day2)

* Technology Transfer, Biofinance & Medicines Development (day3)

Panelists and Speakers are selected from top-notch Academic, Research, and Industrial Institutions. For example, the science side will be represented by: Nobel Laureate R.Zinkemagel (Zurich), M.Karin (San Diego), C.Marshall (Imperial), W.Heiss (Cologne), G.Chrousos (NIH), G.Canellos (Harvard). The following are expected to attend from the technology and business sector: W.Kuett (EU), L.Lerer (INSEAD), J.Reichert (Tufts), as well as several executives from the local and foreign Bio-

Pharmaceutical Industry.

Up to 800 participants are expected to attend the Forum, while many more will visit the commercial IGBF's EXPO of Biomedical Products and Services.

With its GDP growing by over 4% in the Olympic Games year alone, its stable microeconomic environment and its highly skilled workforce, Greece provides the perfect foothold for companies to expand their business in Southeastern Europe.

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