

Protection of Nature, Way of Peace Greenaccord Media Forum - Rome

The environment was the main topic of this year's Third International Forum organised by Greenaccord held in Rome from October 12 through 15. The purpose of the forum was to link the protection of nature with the path of peace. Greenaccord addresses the national and international media community and aims to provide a setting for reflecting, training and the exchange of ideas for international journalists interested in the protection of the environment.



ner and President of the Green Belt Movement, gave her lecture via a videoconference presentation. Dr. Maathai emphasised the importance of making peace with the environment in order to build peace between peoples.

The beautiful Villa Mondragone in Monte Porzio, where the Gregorian calendar was adopted in the sixteenth century, was the location of the forum. The forum convened distinguished participants including: **Arundhati Roy**, author; **Tenzin Gyatso**, 1989 laureate of the Nobel Peace Prize; and Professor **Michael Renner**, of the Worldwatch Institute. Professor **Julia Marton-Lefevre**, Rector of the University for Peace in Costa Rica stressed that peace should be achieved through the most valuable and effective resource that man possesses: education. Following his presentation Dr. **Caleb Fundanga**, the Governor of the Bank of Zambia, proposed that the Greenaccord Forum take place in Zambia next year. The event inspired vital debate and discussion around environmental issues and journalistic responsibility.

On the first day, **Loic Fauchon**, President of the World Water Council, gave a speech on 'International cooperation and the right to water'. Dr. **Agni Vliavianos Arvanitis** addressed the 'Protection of Nature as an Instrument for Peace - the Role of the Media'. Particular emphasis was placed on the power of the media to raise awareness, provide correct information, empower citizens, encourage action, emphasise the urgency of a situation and affect decision-making in environmental issues. From Nairobi, Dr. **Wangari Maathai**, 2004 Nobel Peace Prize win-

Major Issues of the 21st Century - London

The Fourth City of London Biennial Meeting is to be held on the 6th and 7th of December at the International Maritime Organization in London. The B.I.O. president has been invited to attend the event alongside leading businessmen, politicians, diplomats and senior academics from the UK and overseas.

Chaired by Professor **Costas Grammenos**, Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University, the event will feature a number of talks on 'World Economy and Business' and 'Financial Markets'.

Speakers include: The Rt. Hon. **Lord Mayor of the City of London**, Professor **David Rhind**, CBE; Dr. **Supachai Panitchpakdi**, Secretary General, UNCTAD; Mr. **Andrew Gowers**, Editor of the Financial Times; The Hon. **Apurv Bagri**, Director, Metdist Ltd; Dr. **Robert Ting-Jieh Chu**, President, Taiwan An Feng Steel Group; **Lord Griffiths** of Fforestfach, Vice-Chairman, Goldman Sachs Ltd; Dr. **Stelios Haji-Ioannou**, Chairman, easyGroup; and Professor **David Blake** of the Cass Business School.

Aurelio Peccei Lecture Club of Rome meeting at the Royal Academy of Belgium

The President of B.I.O. will be delivering the twenty-fifth Aurelio Peccei lecture at the Royal Academy of Belgium in Brussels on the 14th of December, 2005. The Aurelio Peccei lectures are organised by the EU Brussels Chapter of the Club of Rome and have been delivered in the past by distinguished scholars including **Ernst von Weizsacker**, Founding President of the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy; **Augusto Lopez-**



Claros, Chief Economist and Director of the Global Competitiveness Programme of the World Economic Forum; **Vandana Shiva**, and



many others. The theme of the lecture will be *Biopolitics - Building New Values for the Millennium*. The speech will emphasise the fact that winning the battle against world-wide poverty requires a renaissance of val-

ues. To embark on a millennium of hope, we need to avoid the mistakes of the past and create a society that respects and promotes bios - all living beings on the planet.

Hammarskjold Memorial Ceremony Backakra, Sweden



This year marks the centenary of the birth of Dag Hammarskjold, Swedish peace-maker and second Secretary General of the United Nations (1953 to 1961). In celebration of the birth and memory of this important leader in international diplomacy, an official ceremony was held on the 29th of July at Dag Hammarskjold's countryside home in the village of Backakra in Southern Sweden. This special event was held under the auspices of their majesties the King and Queen of Sweden, and was attended by many prominent international figures.

The President of B.I.O., attended this ceremony and concert at their invitation of the Foreign Ministry of Sweden.

THE CONFERENCE BOARD

The Biopolitics International Organisation and the European Council on Environment and Product Stewardship jointly organised a

conference on corporate social responsibility on October 19 and 20 in Athens, in the headquarters of Alpha Bank and IBM. The purpose of the conference was to promote environmental management and corporate social responsibility as a priority in business strategy. The event was attended by distinguished senior corporate executives from multinational companies including Akzo Nobel Chemicals, IBM, ExxonMobil, L'Oreal, Abbott Laboratories, Procter & Gamble and Borealis.

Dr. Vliavianos-Arvanitis, President and Founder of B.I.O. addressed the immediacy of the need to take action in her keynote speech. "The UN Millennium Development Goals have set an international agenda for correcting the inequities of the past. Protecting and managing the global environment rationally will be the most challenging task for

the new millennium. The advance of technology must be tempered with a solid base of fundamental values in order to

lead to a better future. We must rethink the concept of profit to include the environment and ways of protecting and maintaining this gift of life. We must move away from destruction into new patterns of international cooperation; and we need to act today, not tomorrow."

The European Council on Environment and Product Stewardship, existing since 1991, responds to public, government and corporate concern about the environment and sustainability as well as product stewardship issues.

The council offers a forum to senior executives from multinational companies, who are responsible for managing environmental and sustainability affairs at the strategic level and allows them to network and share experiences on issues related to environment and human health in order to help them improve their businesses.



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Biopolitics International Organisation

Interregional Ecological Club of Post-Graduates, Students & Schoolchildren of the Baltic-Ladoga Region

XIth Youth Bios Olympiad 2006
and
International Youth Conference
on the Bio-Environment

September 15-18, 2006
St. Petersburg, Russia

Xth Youth Bios Olympiad - St. Petersburg

The Annual Youth Bios Olympiad celebrated its tenth anniversary with great success in St. Petersburg on September 20 through 24. The events were attended by 800 children from cities throughout Russia and eastern Europe.

To mark this special occasion, the Biopolitics International Organisation honoured Professor **Alexander Shishkin**, head of the Laboratory of Ecological Standardisation at St. Petersburg State University for Plant Polymers, with an Award recognising his commitment to youth and his outstanding contribution in promoting bios values. Thanks to the inspired efforts of Professor Shishkin, 36 bios school projects have been held.

The Youth Bios Olympiad brings together children of all ages in a spirit of creativity and environmental awareness with a view to emphasise the importance of cooperation between technology and the arts in the race to save the environment. Through scientific projects, oral presentations, poster sessions, theatre, dance

and music competitions, the participants develop their skills and are encouraged to think creatively about all aspects of the environment. During the event, participants present a multitude of creative projects on environmental research in eight areas: assessment of the environment; problems of flora protection; problems of fauna protection; hydrobiological and hydrochemical research; medical and social aspects of the environment; research on the state of ecosystems; solid and industrial wastes; international cooperation in

bio-environment. Diplomas are awarded to environmental research projects and creative environmental works.

Youth Bios-Schools

Once again, Biopolitics International Organisation and the



Interregional Ecological Club of Post-Graduates, Students and Schoolchildren of the Baltic-Ladoga Region is inviting young people

between the ages of 15 and 22 to participate in the Bios-Schools (ecological camps) to be held three times this school year in the suburbs of Saint Petersburg. This year's schools will take place within the framework of the international projects "Youth for the environment and sustainable development" and "Bio-culture and bio-environment in the XXI century". Using B.I.O. textbooks, the ecological camp programme provides participants with an introduction to bio-politics and bio-legislation, approaches to environmental observations, practical experiences, international programmes on a variety

of topics, different aspects of environmental problems in the Baltic-Ladoga region and an historical review of interactions between the

bio-environment and humanity. The wide-range of scientific and cultural activities include lectures, field practice, laboratory work and discussions, as well as visits to museums, theatres and the many historical places of Saint Petersburg. In addition, extra-curricular activities, such as sports competitions, environmental games, amateur performances and dance parties, are also organised.

During the camps participants are given the opportunity to prepare material for next year's XIth International Youth Bios Olympiad, which will be held on September 15-18, 2006 in St. Petersburg.

