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MEIA Gold Charter Members





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MEIA News

Welcome MEIA Silver Charter Member

MEIA welcomes a Silver Charter Member:



New MEIA Board Elected at AGM

The MEIA Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, April 16 at the Victoria Inn. We welcome our new president and board of directors:

President:

Vaughn Bullough	Vice President and General Manager Miller Environmental Corporation
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Board of Directors:

Re-elected:

Paul Bauer	Vice President, Central Region Hazco Environmental Services Ltd
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Marnie Kolach	Operations Manager, Winnipeg Operations Cantest Ltd.
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Sheldon McLeod	Principal SLMcLeod Consulting
Bob Partridge	Vice President, Sales CWB Group
Mark Saidi	Sr. Account Manager, Commercial Financial Services RBC Royal Bank
Greg Stevens	Sustainable Development Coordinator (Prairies) Canada Revenue Agency

New Board Members:

Charlene Gladue	Environmental Management Systems Coordinator Manitoba Hydro
Norman Halden	Dean, Faculty of Environment, Earth & Resources University of Manitoba

Associate Member:

Mike Gilbertson	Manager, Environment Section Manitoba Conservation
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Our good-bye and thanks to the outgoing board members:

Paul Deprez – Nordevco Associates – now Past President
Judy Dalmaijer – ALS Laboratory Group
Don Stefanchuk – Pinchin Environmental

MEIA Golf Tournament

May 28, 2009
St. Boniface Golf Club

Tournament Registration:
\$180 per golfer or \$650 per team of 4
Registration [here](#)

This year's tournament will offer new and interesting changes. Instead of having a prize table we will be holding a silent auction with all proceeds donated to the Children's Wish Foundation of Manitoba.

Donations to the silent auction will be acknowledged with a note on the gift donated. Silent auction gifts may be donated in one of three ways:

- By donating a \$100.00 gift or gift basket
- By donating towards a gift basket
- By making a monetary donation toward a gift basket (MEIA will purchase the gift and attach your name and company information).

We will also be offering door prize draws for registered golfers as well as a grand prize draw valued at \$1,000.

Door prize donations are welcome and will be acknowledged with your name and company information.

To view this year's sponsorship opportunities please click [here](#). To sponsor the tournament contact the MEIA staff at 783-7090. Hole sponsorships are still available!

Click [here](#) to see What's New in 2009!

Register [here](#)

Environmental Sampling

MEIA will host an Environmental Sampling session in May.

Watch the website for date, time, and registration information.

General News

Local Interest

Government Investment Supports Development of World Class Cold Weather Testing Centre in Northern Manitoba

April 16, 2009

Manitoba and the world's aviation industry will benefit from the development of the new Canadian Environmental Test Research and Education Center (CanETREC) in Thompson, thanks to a major investment by the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada.

"We are pleased to support this leading edge testing facility," Premier Gary Doer said. "Research and innovation are catalysts for new business opportunities and job creation, and we are pleased to be a part of a project that will help generate new education, training, and job opportunities right here in Thompson."

"Our Government is proud to be investing in the largest, and most advanced cold weather testing and research facility in the world," said the Honourable Vic Toews, President of the Treasury Board on behalf of the Honourable Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification. "A facility of this magnitude will be a Northern Canadian flagship centre of excellence that will receive global recognition and usage, helping to attract and retain students, researchers, and industry so they can conduct leading-edge aerospace research right here in Thompson."

CanETREC will be a year-round research facility that specializes in supporting engine icing certification and research and development of new, more efficient and advanced aerospace designs. Through partnerships with secondary and post-secondary educational institutions, CanETREC will offer a wide variety of aeronautical sciences and aerospace research and maintenance programs to attract, develop and retain highly-qualified professionals within Canada. The testing technology used will also be applicable in other sectors, such as bus and automotive manufacturing.

CanETREC will be co-located with industry in a new facility being built by the Global Aerospace Centre for Icing and Environmental Research Inc. (GLACIER). This state-of-the-art facility is a new joint venture between Rolls-Royce Canada Limited and Pratt & Whitney.

The National Research Council Canada (NRC) will supply, own and operate the icing system in GLACIER. It will also be partnering with CanETREC. For more than

50 years, NRC has been a pioneer in the development of icing simulation technology for aircraft engines and wings, as well as ice detection equipment for aircraft and atmospheric measurement of icing conditions.

"Our government supports science and technology because they create jobs, improve the quality of life of Canadians and strengthen the economy," says Gary Goodyear, Minister of State for Science and Technology. "This facility is an excellent example of how government and industry can work together to build Canada's aerospace capabilities through Canadian research."

"The CanETREC research and educational initiative is a showcase of industry and government partnership in every respect. There is absolutely no doubt that the Government of Canada's vision and innovation has enabled the realization of this very significant enterprise," said Bob Hastings, Executive Director, CanETREC. "The strong and continued support of the Province of Manitoba and City of Thompson has likewise been crucial to making this project a reality. While the facility initially focuses on icing research and builds on NRC's extensive expertise in this domain, plans already exist to extend CanETREC's reach into areas of noise and emissions reduction, as well as, alternative fuels and lubricants."

"Ice testing and research are important for the aviation industry and we are delighted to be working with Pratt & Whitney to take the lead in this important area. This new state of the art facility has been planned for a number of years and will be at the cutting edge of new technology, which will deliver benefits to the wider aviation industry," said Michel Toutant, President and Chief Operating Officer, Rolls-Royce Canada Limited. "The facility will also play a role in developing local skills and expertise. We look forward to working with the Canadian Environmental Test Research and Education Center to support educational and research activities."

"This initiative will benefit the entire northern Manitoba community and provide valuable opportunities for young people in the region in high-tech aviation. It will also help the aerospace industry develop innovative solutions in the area of icing," said Walter Di Bartolomeo, Vice-President Engineering, Pratt & Whitney Canada. "As a leader in collaboration efforts between industry and educational institutions, Pratt & Whitney is greatly looking forward to contributing to the success of CanETREC and GLACIER."

An investment of \$13.4 million from the Government of Canada and of \$9.0 million secured, repayable loan from the Province of Manitoba towards this major northern initiative will create value-added economic activities in northern Manitoba as the knowledge and technology developed in Thompson emerge into commercial opportunities.

Western Economic Diversification Canada works with the provinces, industry associations and communities to promote the development and diversification of the

western economy, coordinates federal economic activities in the West and represents the interests of western Canadians in national decision-making.

The National Research Council (NRC) is the Government of Canada's premier organization for research and development. NRC is composed of more than 20 institutes and national programs, spanning a wide variety of disciplines and offering a broad array of services. NRC is located in every province in Canada and plays a major role in stimulating community-based innovation.

For background and additional information, please see:

www.wd-deo.gc.ca.w

Governments Make Major Infrastructure Investments in Inland Port

April 14, 2009

The governments of Canada and Manitoba today committed more than \$212 million to build CentrePort Canada Way. This priority infrastructure project will be fast-tracked to support the development of CentrePort Canada, Manitoba's 20,000-acre inland port.

Premier Gary Doer made the announcement today with Prime Minister Stephen Harper at an event at the Winnipeg Airports Authority.

"I would like to thank the prime minister for his support and the business community for their vision - one that we all share and agree is important to continuing to build our province for the future," Doer said.

"These improvements will help ensure further private sector investment in CentrePort Canada by enhancing access to the site, which is already a desirable location for warehousing, distribution and other industrial activity that depends on convenient and efficient access to transportation services including air, road and rail."

The funding will develop CentrePort Canada Way, a four-lane divided expressway linking the inland port to the Perimeter Highway. The high-speed corridor will connect Inkster Boulevard (PR 221), the James A. Richardson International Airport and the CP Weston rail intermodal facility to the Perimeter Highway near Saskatchewan Avenue.

CentrePort Canada is a co-operative effort of the Province of Manitoba and the federal government together with the City of Winnipeg, RM of Rosser, business and

labour. It builds on Manitoba's strategic location in the heart of North America and is expected to serve as an international transportation, trade, manufacturing, distribution, warehousing and logistics centre, the premier said.

The \$212.5-million expressway is being funded jointly by the provincial and federal governments, with the federal share coming from the Provincial Territorial Base Funding Agreement (\$68.35 million) and the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative (\$33.25 million). Manitoba will match the federal funds and contribute an additional \$9.2 million for land acquisition.

CentrePort Canada is a private sector-led corporation, created by provincial legislation last fall, to develop and promote the inland port and build on Manitoba's well-established infrastructure network of air, rail, trucking and sea routes. CentrePort Canada's 15-member board is led by Kerry Hawkins as chair and Art Mauro as vice-chair.

"CentrePort Canada Way is critical to the development of our inland port," Mauro said. "It will provide an efficient and unimpeded link to the Perimeter Highway for the inland port area and its major assets including the James A. Richardson International Airport and intermodal rail facilities."

The governments of Manitoba and Canada have supported CentrePort Canada through a variety of recent joint-funding initiatives including \$85 million to upgrade PTH 75, Manitoba's key trade route to the U.S., and \$48 million for upgrades to the Hudson Bay rail line and the port of Churchill.

The province also introduced legislation to allow tax increment financing to support development in the inland port area and Budget 2009 expanded the fuel tax exemption for international cargo flights to include direct and indirect flights to the U.S.

Source: www.gov.mb.ca

National Interest

Canada And U.S. Work Together To Cut Air Pollution From Shipping

OTTAWA, Ont: April 9, 2009

Canada's Transport Minister, John Baird, and the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of the Environment, today announced federal government support for a joint Canada-U.S. proposal to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to establish an Emission Control Area (ECA) in North American coastal waters.

The proposal will help reduce air pollution, smog and acid rain and benefit human health in coastal areas and further inland.

The proposed Canada-US ECA will subject large ships operating in the designated areas to stringent standards. Specifically, the measures will reduce their nitrogen oxides emissions by 80 per cent and sulphur oxides by 96 per cent. Emissions of fine particles will also be reduced.

"Since we share waterways, economic ties and an environment, it just makes sense that Canada and the United States work together to reduce pollution from shipping and keep people healthy," said Minister Baird.

" This proposal is of particular importance to Canada-U.S. cooperative efforts to reduce transboundary air pollution and its effects on the health of Canadians and our ecosystems," said Minister Prentice. "An Emission Control Area will significantly reduce air pollution levels on our coasts, which means cleaner air to breathe and fewer pollutants deposited in our forests, wetlands, lakes and rivers."

An IMO committee will review the proposed ECA this July, with formal adoption expected in March 2010. Once approved, Transport Canada will develop supporting regulations under the Canada Shipping Act, 2001. The Government of Canada is confident that these stringent emission standards will improve the environment and the health of Canadians.

The government has consulted with stakeholders in the marine industry, provincial governments, environmental groups and community groups in both countries over the last three years. Stakeholders can also provide comments as the proposal makes its way through the international approval process at the IMO.

Source: www.ec.gc.ca

Pulp Mill Convicted In Environmental Enforcement Case

Kitimat: April 9, 2009

West Fraser Mills Ltd. (West Fraser) today received a penalty totalling \$130,000 after pleading guilty in Kitimat Provincial Court to one count of depositing a deleterious substance into water frequented by fish, contrary to subsection 36(3) of the federal Fisheries Act. Crown and defence counsels jointly filed an agreed statement of facts with the court.

The \$130,000 penalty to West Fraser includes fines of \$5,000, a payment of \$65,000 to the University of Northern British Columbia for the purposes of conservation and protection of fish and fish habitat in north-western British Columbia, and a payment of \$60,000 for deposit into the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund of British Columbia.

Environment Canada's enforcement officers conducted an investigation with the assistance of members from the British Columbia Ministry of Environment Conservation Officer Service of a spill at the Eurocan mill June 21, 2007. West Fraser owns and operates the Eurocan pulp mill located at Kitimat, British Columbia. The investigation revealed that West Fraser had not been duly diligent in the maintenance of the effluent treatment systems, specifically the main effluent line, at the Eurocan mill. This resulted in a spill of untreated pulp mill effluent into an oxbow (a U-shaped bend in a river) connected to the Kitimat River, waters frequented by fish. Untreated pulp mill effluent has a number of characteristics such as high pH and resin acids that are lethal to fish and other aquatic life.

As a result of the investigation, charges were laid against West Fraser on June 27, 2008.

Environment Canada enforcement personnel investigate potential offences under a number of Acts and Regulations. These include the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999; the Species at Risk Act (SARA); the pollution provisions of Canada's Fisheries Act; the Migratory Birds Convention Act and Regulations; the Canada Wildlife Act and Regulations; and the Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act (WAPPRIITA). They help ensure that companies, government employees and the public comply with legislation and regulations that protect Canada's environment.

Source: www.ec.gc.ca

Premiere Issue From Clean Tech Law & Business

Editors in Chief Nancy Floyd and Robert O'Connor are happy to announce publication of the first issue of Clean Tech Law & Business. The first peer-reviewed journal dedicated to clean technology, Clean Tech Law & Business (<http://www.cleantechlawandbusiness.com>) officially launched today with the release of its first issue. The quarterly journal will devote the mainstay of each issue to a primary theme in the cleantech space.

Contributions will be solicited from thought leaders in business, academia, policy and law to explore the most topical and strategic issues facing the commercialization

of cleantech. The inaugural issue explores various dimensions of the evolving debate over cap-and-trade, but also includes articles on trends in solar-energy finance and intellectual property. Future issues will focus on water, green building, renewable-energy and international technology transfer among other topics.

Source: www.iisd.ca

International Interest

Six Greenhouse Gases Harmful to Health: EPA

First step to regulating them under U.S. law

The EPA said carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases 'endanger public health and welfare.' (ADAM ROUNTREE / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS ARCHIVES) WASHINGTON

The EPA on Friday declared that carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases sent off by cars and many industrial plants "endanger public health and welfare," setting the stage for regulating them under federal clean air laws.

The action by the Environmental Protection Agency marks the first step toward requiring power plants, cars and trucks to curtail their release of climate-changing pollution, especially carbon dioxide from the burning of fossil fuels.

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson said while the agency is prepared to move forward with regulations under the Clean Air Act, the Obama administration would prefer that Congress address the climate issue through cap-and-trade legislation limiting pollution that contributes to global warming. Limits on carbon dioxide and the other greenhouse gases would have widespread economic and social impact, from requiring better fuel efficiency for automobiles to limiting emissions from power plants and industrial sources, changing the way the country produces energy.

Jackson said the EPA analysis "confirms that greenhouse gas pollution is a serious problem now and for future generations."

While EPA officials said the agency may still be many months from issuing such regulation, the threat of dealing with climate change by regulation could spur some hesitant members of Congress to find another way to address the problem.

"The (EPA) decision is a game changer," said Representative Ed Markey (D-Mass.), whose energy subcommittee is crafting broad limits on greenhouse emissions. "It's now no longer doing a bill or doing nothing. It is now a choice between regulation and legislation."

Senator Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), chairwoman of the committee responsible for climate legislation, said EPA's action is "a wake-up call for Congress" -- deal with it through legislation or let the EPA regulate. The Bush administration opposed using the Clean Air Act to address climate change.

By: H. Josef Hebert
-- The Associated Press

Source: www.winnipegfreepress.ca

Financing REDD: How Government Funds Can Work With the Carbon Market

Deforestation accounts for roughly 17 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions. So it is no surprise that in the runup to the December 2009 climate talks in Copenhagen, REDD – reduced emissions from deforestation and degradation – is emerging as a strategy with big potential for mitigating climate impacts. With REDD, local communities can be rewarded for conserving their forests, so the approach works for poverty alleviation as well as emissions reduction. Evidence is showing that REDD is simple and workable. Funding is an altogether more complex issue, however. Looking at the roles of market and government, is a combined approach to financing REDD feasible?

Download: <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=17053IIED>

Source: www.iied.org

Oxford Institute for Energy Studies

Additionality in the Clean Development Mechanism: Why and What? by Benito Müller.

This OIES Energy and Environment Paper looks at the controversial additionality criterion of the Clean Development Mechanism, and discusses some of the

arguments for and against it. The paper concludes with an alternative interpretation of additionality which may overcome some of the key concerns that have been raised about the current interpretation.

Available at

www.oxfordclimatepolicy.org/publications/mueller.html

Business and Career Opportunities

Local

Red River College – Civil Engineering Technology Co-operative Education Program

Connecting Students with Industry

Architectural/Engineering Technology
Environmental Engineering Technology
Geomatics Technology
Municipal Engineering Technology
Structural Engineering Technology
Building Design CAD Technology

Students interested in the Three-year Technologist Program, or the Two-year Technician Program click [here](#) for further information.

Employers may receive wage incentives and tax credits when hiring a student through the Co-operative Education program.

More information on the benefits of the Cooperative Education program for employers is available [here](#)

Employers interested in hiring a student through the Co-operative Education program may access the form at www.rrc.mb.ca/civilcad/coopform.htm

National

Hazardous Materials Technician Saskatoon, April 27 - May 08, 2009

Monday, April 27, 2009 8:00 am -
Friday, May 08, 2009 4:00 pm (Eastern Time)

Saskatoon Training Center
230 Marquis Drive
Saskatoon, SK

Hazardous Materials Technicians are personnel who respond to the release of hazardous materials with the purpose of stopping the release and reducing losses.

For more information click [here](#)

The Canadian Society for Civil Engineering

New CSCE course
Recent Advances in Bridge Engineering
and Structural Health Monitoring
Toronto, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver
April/ May 2009

Description

This two-day course presents the latest advances in the field of small and medium span bridges with emphasis on the monitoring of their health by means of state-of-the-art electronic and photonic sensors and the use of FRP.

It is based on the new book Recent Advances in Bridge Engineering written by Baidar Bakht, Aftab Mufti and Leslie Jaeger. A copy of the book is included in the registration fee.

Speakers

Baidar Bakht, D.Sc., P.Eng., FCSCE, FCAE
President, JMBT Structures Research Inc.
Adjunct Professor of Civil Engineering, Universities of Toronto and Manitoba

Aftab Mufti, Ph.D., P.Eng., FCSCE, FCAE
President, ISIS Canada Research Network
Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba

Shamim Sheikh, Ph.D., P.Eng.
Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Toronto

[Click to view the brochure and to register](#)

Upcoming Conferences/Events/Trade Show

Local

Capturing Opportunities

April 23 and 24
Brandon, Manitoba

The MEIA will be participating on a panel at Capturing Opportunities, hosted by the Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI).

Watch this website: <https://www.capturingopportunities.ca> for further details of the conference to be held on April 23 and 24, 2009 in Brandon, Manitoba.

National

ONEIA 9th Annual Environment Industry Day

Ontario's Environment Industry – Open for (Green) Business.

Registration is now open for the 9th annual Environment Industry Day, held at Queen's Park each year by the Ontario Environment Industry Association (ONEIA). This year's theme is "Ontario's Environment Industry – Open for (green) business."

A popular feature of EID has always been the afternoon roundtable discussions with senior staff from various ministries. This year's roundtable topics are as follows:

Green Energy

Approvals Reform

Waste Management / Waste Diversion Act

Brownfields

Sustainable Procurement

Climate Change/Emissions/Cap-and-Trade

The day will also include meetings between teams of select ONEIA members, Ministers and MPPs. The evening reception, co-hosted with Environment Minister the Hon. John Gerretsen, is an excellent business networking opportunity, featuring a "who's who" of government and the environment industry.

WHAT: Environment Industry Day at Queen's Park

WHEN: April 29, 2009

WHERE: Ontario Legislature, Queen's Park, Toronto

COST: For ONEIA members, the fee of just \$150 (unchanged from last year) provides access to all or any parts of the day. Those who are friends of the Association or not yet ONEIA members pay \$150 to attend the reception.

TO REGISTER:

[ONEIA Member Registration](#)

[Non-Member Registration - Evening Reception](#)

Plus - new for 2009! In partnership with the Ministries of Environment, Economic Development and Research and Innovation and the Ontario Centres of Excellence, we will release the Deloitte-ONEIA research report. This groundbreaking study will look at how our province's environment industry can grow and prosper in coming years.

Pre-registration is highly recommended to avoid disappointment and because tighter security procedures at Queen's Park may not accommodate walk-in registrants.

Geo-Environmental Engineering (GEE 2009) conference in Vancouver

The BCEIA, in concert with the University of British Columbia, will co-sponsor this year's Geo-Environmental Engineering (GEE 2009) conference in Vancouver | June 10-12.

[GEE 2009](#) is an international forum involving 5 universities from France, Korea(2), Japan and Canada --the main purpose of which-- is to bring together industry,

regulatory and academic professionals from the geotechnical, geological, hydrogeological, mining, chemical, environmental engineering, biology and toxicology disciplines, to seek new solutions to technical and regulatory issues regarding geo-environmental engineering and contaminated sites.

Call for abstracts from commercial operations/operators from across Canada.

Readers/Visitors can be directed to www.bceia.com for further information re: abstract samples and templates, registration details etc.

Hydrogeology Symposium

June 4-5, 2009
University of Saskatchewan.

This symposium highlights the work of Jim Hendry on aquitard hydrogeology but includes pre-eminent hydrogeologists from across the world including John Cherry himself.

For symposium information, click [here](#)
Registration form [here](#)

Design of Machine Foundations (1.4 CEUs)

Edmonton A: 21 May - 22 May 2009

Description

Soil dynamics is the branch of soil mechanics that deals with the behaviour of soil under dynamic loads. Different types of foundations are used to support structures subjected to dynamic loads or vibration producing machines. This course will focus on the analysis and design of these foundations. Topics to be discussed include:

Introduction

Design objectives, design procedure, basic notions, mathematical models, DOFs, types of dynamic loads, foundation types, excitation forces of machines, dynamic soil properties.

Shallow Foundations

Definition of stiffness, damping and inertia, circular shallow foundation, non-circular foundation, embedded footings, impedance functions of a layer on half-space.

Pile Foundations

Pile applications, mathematical models for pile analysis, stiffness and damping of piles, pile groups, interaction factors, impedance functions of pile groups, pile batter. Dynamic Response of Machine Foundations

Response of rigid foundations in 1 DOF, effects of vibration, response of rigid foundations in 2 DOF and 6 DOF, response of structures on flexible foundations.

Dynamic Response of Hammer Foundations

Types of hammers and hammer foundations, design criteria, mathematical models, impact forces, response of one and two mass foundations, impact eccentricity.

Vibration Damage and Remedial Measures

Damage and disturbance, problem assessment and evaluation, remedial principles, examples from different industries, sources of error.

Computer Workshop –DYNA5

Types of foundations, types of soil models, types of load, types of analysis and types of output, practical considerations, computer work on DYNA5.

For full course details and registration please check this link:

<http://www.gic-edu.com/coursedetail.aspx?id=285>

EPIC: The Vancouver Sun Sustainable Living Expo

May 8 - 10, 2009

EPIC: The Vancouver Sun Sustainable Living Expo is Vancouver's largest green consumer show and eco-marketplace. Visit EPIC to learn about environmentally-friendly products and companies that mix style and quality with sustainability.

Greening your life is easy - all you need is a little education and inspiration. EPIC has lots of both. Join us for this three day celebration of green living, and surround yourself with truly inspiring people and environmentally innovative products.

Learn how to live a healthier, more sustainable life from experts in everything from eco traveling to green weddings. Reveal your inner treehugger and spend the day shopping in our marketplace of over 200 organizations offering the latest green products that are earth-friendly, ethically sourced, and better for your health. Let EPIC inspire you to 'Shop and Th!nk'.

International

Environmental Law Expert Meeting: The European Position Towards Copenhagen: A Global Outlook

Maastricht University, together with the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, is organizing a high-level environmental law expert meeting entitled 'the European position towards Copenhagen: a global outlook', which will take part at the faculty of law of Maastricht University on 20 May 2009.

A global team of environmental law professors, representing every continent of the world, will discuss the proposals set out by the European Commission in its Communication of 28 January 2009, "Towards a comprehensive climate change agreement in Copenhagen", and the subsequent decisions of the European Parliament and the Council. The experts will present their views on the possible further design of the international climate change framework, particularly from the perspective of the specific situation of their region, and will examine from those perspectives the feasibility of the position set out by the European institutions.

This expert meeting is designed for environmental lawyers and scholars, including students, and also for other persons active with climate change policy and law such as representatives from NGO's, governments and industry. The programme is attached. Those that wish to attend, please send a short motivated request for registration with bio statement to Javier de Cendra de Larragán: javierdecendra@facburfdr.unimaas.nl.

Registration is limited to 60 persons.

For further details, see the following link

<http://www.unimaas.nl/default.asp?template=werkveld.htm&id=3DRU4752BXE0NR72Q>

Canadian Pavilion at Designbuild 2009 in Sydney, Australia

May 21 – 23, 2009

There will be a Canadian pavilion at Designbuild 2009, an international building and design exhibition, for the building, construction, building products and design sectors. The tradeshow will be held May 21-23, 2009 in Sydney, Australia.

Opportunities for Canadian building products exports exist in the provision of innovative building products and materials. Some of the products in demand include insulation materials, energy-efficient and environmentally friendly green building products, wood-based building products and Do-It-Yourself home improvement components.

<http://www.international.gc.ca/canadexport/articles/90121d.aspx>

Clean Technology Conference and Expo 2009

May 3 – 7, 2009
George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, Texas

Our Mission: Advance the development, commercialization and global adoption of clean technologies and sustainable industry practices.

Powerful Community: Clean Technology 2009 brings together over 5,000 [technology and business leaders](#) and experts from academia, investment, government, startups and Fortune 1,000 companies.

Delivering Results: Identifying latest clean technologies and commercial sustainable solutions, driving advanced research insight and best practices, matching buyers and sellers, enabling strategic partnerships, and providing IP licensing, venture capital, corporate financing and customer acquisition opportunities.

For more information click [here](#)

International Mine Water Conference

Pretoria, South Africa
19 to 23 October 2009

For more information go to:

<http://www.wisa.org.za/minewater2009.htm>

350 Climate Conference w/ Dr. James Hansen at Columbia University

May 2, 2009
Columbia University, New York City

Members of the Columbia University Masters in Climate and Society program are pleased to announce an upcoming conference on climate change, "The 350 Climate Conference," (www.350conference.org) that will be hosted at Columbia University, New York City on May 2nd, 2009.

The 350 Climate Conference will bring together significant figures from within the climate debate including keynote speaker Dr. James Hansen, Director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies. This conference will critically examine the question of "What is the safe upper limit of atmospheric carbon dioxide?" as well as explore the top strategies for reducing atmospheric carbon dioxide.

We are presently soliciting sponsorship for the conference. If your organization, business, or school is interested in becoming a sponsor, please see the attached information sheet that describes the opportunities available or contact us directly. Additional information can be found on our website.