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MEIA

MEIA Events

Water Workshop

October 21, 2009
1000 Waverley Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Registration: 11:30 a.m.
Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Presentations: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The MEIA will be hosting the final of its three half-day workshops on October 21, 2009. The workshop will address the following issues:

WASTEWATER

Topic #1: Nutrient Removal in Cold Climate Lagoon Systems
Speaker: Martin Hildebrand, Nelson Environmental

Topic #2: Treatment Plant Removal: The Nitrogen Debate
Speaker: Nicholas Szoke, City of Winnipeg

Registration Fees:

Members:	\$ 75 per session (plus GST)
Prospective Members	\$125 per session (plus GST)
Student Members	\$ 25 per session (plus GST)

Prospective Student Members \$ 50 per session (plus GST)

Registration fee includes lunch.

To register, click [here](#)

Mould Identification, Cause and Remediation

Presented by Terry Mitchell, Environmental Coordinator Mould & Asbestos,
Manitoba Family Services and Housing, Province of Manitoba

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Greenwood Inn & Suites

1715 Wellington Ave

Registration: 7:30 a.m.

Breakfast: 7:30 – 8:00 a.m.

Presentation: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Members: \$40.00

Non-members: \$50

Student members: \$15

Student non-members: \$25

To register, click [here](#)

Emerging Issues Conference:

“Enhancing Our Environment through Innovation and Responsibility”

Date: Thursday, November 26, 2009

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Fort Garry Hotel, 222 Garry St., Wpg., MB

To view the draft agenda, click [here](#)

Registration Fees:

Early Bird – until October 31, 2009

Members: \$200 (plus gst) Prospective Members: \$275 (plus gst)

After November 1, 2009

Members: \$250 (plus gst)

Prospective Members: \$325 (plus gst)

Student Members: \$25 (plus gst) Prospective Student Members: \$60 (plus gst)

For sponsorship opportunities, contact the MEIA office at 783-7090 or admin@meia.mb.ca

To register, click [here](#)

Remediation and Prevention

The MEIA Remediation and Prevention conference will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at the Victoria Inn.

Mark your calendars!.

MEIA News

Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils

The Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils (AMSC) is offering a series of courses through Building Better Workplaces. As a member sector of the AMSC, MEIA is pleased to pass on the following course opportunities to MEIA members:

Problem Solving

Fri. Oct. 23, 2009

All sessions take place at 1000 Waverley, from 8:30 – 11:30 am, at a cost of \$40.00 per session.

For more information or to register, please call the AMSC at 272-2962.

Manitoba Career Week

The MEIA is a sector council of the Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils. If your company is a member of the MEIA, we would be happy to include information on your company at the MEIA booth which will be set up at the following events.

Take Our Kids to Work Day

The Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils will hold an event at 1000 Waverley Street to celebrate Take Our Kids to Work Day 2009. The event will include activities such as AMSC's Industry Awareness Game, WEST games and activities, Career Information Booths, Career Exploration on the web (career cruising, job futures, etc). All parents are invited to drop-in with their grade 9 students and learn about the 1,000's of exciting careers in Manitoba.

November 4, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Career Information and Awareness Evening

In celebration of Manitoba Career Week, the Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils will host an evening event filled with information booths, workshops and presentations geared toward Manitoba citizens who are going through a transition, looking for second careers, re-entering the workforce, new to Manitoba, etc. The evening workshops will include:

- PLAR Information
- Skills Portfolio Development
- Resuming Writing
- Job Searching
- Preparing for Interviews
- Volunteering
- And many, more

November 5, 2009 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Opening Doors Parent Expo

An annual event hosted by the Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils and the 17 sectors that they represent. This all day come-and-go event provides parents and caregivers with the tools and resources they need to guide their children in their career decision making. The event will include information booths, hands-on demonstrations and presentations and much, much more.

Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For more information, or to provide information about your company, please contact the MEIA office at 783-7090, or admin@meia.mb.ca

General News

Local Interest

Government of Canada Invests Over \$129,000 in Community Environmental Projects in Winnipeg

October 13, 2009

Winnipeg South MP Rod Bruinooge, on behalf of Canada's Environment Minister, the Honourable Jim Prentice, announced today \$129,798 of funding through the EcoAction Community Funding program for 3 projects in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The 3 innovative projects work with various communities to affect real change in several areas: composting and waste management, community gardens, and the conservation of nature in our urban setting.

"The EcoAction Community Funding program is a concrete example of how the Government of Canada is helping communities and their citizens enjoy cleaner air, water and land. We are supporting projects under this program because we believe on-the-ground activities like these can and will make a difference," said Mr. Bruinooge.

"The Government encourages Canadians to make better environmental choices and to adopt sustainable behaviours. It also supports community groups taking on-the-ground action to preserve and enhance the quality of the natural environment in line with the Government of Canada's environmental agenda", said Minister Prentice.

"Thanks to EcoAction funding, we will engage immigrant communities in a special Master Composter training course," said Randall McQuaker of Resource Conservation Manitoba. "People who speak languages other than English will learn about backyard composting in Manitoba. Organic waste will be diverted, greenhouse gases will be reduced, householders will produce free compost, plants will be happy and communities will be strengthened."

"EcoAction is helping inner-city residents in Winnipeg take action on environmental issues that matter," said West Broadway Development Corp's Executive Director Molly McCracken, recipient of the Growing Together project funds. "Thanks to EcoAction, we are able to support community gardeners to grow food locally, learn new skills and build community."

"The EcoAction grant will help us spread awareness of this important cause by funding the development of interpretive signs and brochures", said program co-ordinator Laurel McDonald of the Manitoba Chimney Swift Initiative (MCSI).

"Without the generous support of EcoAction, the MCSI would not be in the position it is to make a significant contribution towards the continent-wide effort to reverse the decline of the Chimney Swift."

Each year, Environment Canada funds various groups which help to deliver real results for Canadians and our environment. Environment Canada's EcoAction Community Funding Program provides financial support to locally-based, not-for-profit organizations to undertake community-level projects that have positive, measurable results for the environment. The program assists these organizations in initiating projects that result in cleaner air, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, cleaner water, and the conservation of nature at the local community level.

More information about the EcoAction Community Funding Program is available on Environment Canada's website at the following address: www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction.

For more information, please see attached backgrounder or contact:

[Ecoaction Projects in Western Canada](#)

[Backgrounder 2009-10-13]

Source: www.ec.gc.ca

Province's War on Phosphorus Moves Forward with New Rules for Livestock Waste Management: Struthers

Actions to Improve Water Quality also Include New Phosphorus Research Funding:
Melnick

October 16, 2009

The province is implementing comprehensive new rules for livestock waste management in response to recommendations made by the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) and the auditor general, Conservation Minister Stan Struthers announced today.

"When we entered office, we recognized that decades of poor planning, abuse and neglect of our lakes, rivers and wetlands had to stop," Struthers said. "These new rules for industry build on our recently announced regulations for human sewage and funding for wetlands restoration."

The new regulations include a complete ban on winter spreading of manure on Manitoba farms by 2013, a requirement that all new pig producers register manure management plans with the province and a minimum capacity for manure storage.

In addition, University of Manitoba scientists will use a provincial grant of \$300,000 to study the relationship between phosphorus buildup in the soil and how it later gets into Manitoba's waterways, Water Stewardship Minister Christine Melnick announced today.

Over-applying phosphorus to the land, whether from manure, fertilizer or municipal biosolids, increases the risk that the phosphorus will make its way into rivers and lakes, where it contributes to algal blooms, said Melnick.

"I am pleased to provide this support to the University of Manitoba to conduct this far-reaching research," Melnick said. "This fulfills the Clean Environment Commission's recommendation the province undertake further studies to examine the impact of nutrient loading in our lakes and rivers."

The new rules and research funding follow significant action already taken to reduce phosphorus loading to provincial lakes and rivers, said Melnick, noting Manitoba was the first jurisdiction in Canada to pass legislation to control phosphorus in cleaning compounds, first to pass a regulation banning application of nutrients to buffer zones along streams, rivers and lakes, and first to regulate the content of phosphorus in fertilizers used in urban and rural residential areas for cosmetic purposes.

Source: www.gov.mb.ca

National

SEIMA is doing it again!

The Saskatchewan Environmental Industry and Managers Association (SEIMA) is once again producing its member Directory and Buyers Guide – the definitive source of information about the environmental industry in Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan is the market in which you need to be visible! Click the following link for a great marketing opportunity: http://www.seima.sk.ca/directory_buyers_guide

Government Appoints Members to the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy

OTTAWA, Ont.: October 7, 2009

Minister of the Environment Jim Prentice today announced two appointments to the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy (NRTEE).

The new appointment of Robert Mills and re-appointment of Pauline Browes are effective immediately.

"The knowledge and talent that these individuals have will greatly advance the progress the Round Table has made on issues of concern to Canadians," said Minister Prentice. "Their experience will assist the Round Table in the challenge of balancing economic prosperity with environmental conservation."

NRTEE's members are drawn from distinguished leaders in business and labour, universities, environmental organizations, Aboriginal communities and municipalities who offer different perspectives on issues of environmental concern. They are appointed for up to three years.

The Round Table undertakes research based on sound knowledge, advises governments and stakeholders on key issues and promotes practices on sustainable development. Results of their research and discussions are disseminated both nationally and internationally.

Source: www.ec.gc.ca

Business and Career Opportunities

Local

CCME - Development of a Protocol for the Derivation of Canadian Groundwater Quality Guidelines

CCME is now accepting proposals for the following contract opportunity:

Project 481-2010 –Development of a protocol for the derivation of Canadian groundwater quality guidelines. Proposals will be accepted until November 2, 2009, 12:00 Noon CST. Please click on the following link for details:

<http://www.ccme.ca/contracts/index.html#457>.

The 2009 Whiteboard Challenge

We have put a call out to all entrepreneurs and inventors with brilliant ideas or innovations that just need someone to listen. Participants are given 10 minutes, an audience, and a whiteboard to pitch their idea. The best pitch wins \$5000 cash and \$1000 of legal services to get their idea off the ground.

Where: 435 Ellice Avenue
NRC
Parking available

When: Thursday, November 19, 2009
Registration at 3:30pm
Pitches at 4pm

Pitches will range from back of the napkin ideas to companies earning less than \$100,000 a year, so be prepared to see some the freshest ideas Manitoba has to offer. Space is limited so please RSVP to:

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Presented by The Information and Communication Technologies Association of Manitoba (ICTAM) and
Biomedical Commercialization Canada Inc. (BCC)

ICTAM is an industry-focused association representing Manitoba's ICT sector. Their goal is to accelerate the growth, prosperity and sustainability of the industry through relevant programming, advocacy and collaboration.

BCC provides people and resources to help innovators, entrepreneurs and start-up companies build science and technology based business opportunities.

International

Consultations on Possible Free Trade Agreement Negotiations with the Kingdom of Morocco

In June 2009 Canada held exploratory discussions with the Kingdom of Morocco to examine the possibility of engaging in negotiations towards a Free Trade

Agreement. Subsequent to these discussions, the Government of Canada has published a notice in the Canada Gazette announcing consultations on possible Free Trade Agreement negotiations with the Kingdom of Morocco.

All interested parties are invited to submit their views by November 2, 2009 to: consultations@international.gc.ca. Please be advised that any information received as a result of this consultation will be considered as public information, unless explicitly stated otherwise. Submissions should include :

1. the contributor's name and address, and, if applicable, his/her organization, institution or business;
2. the specific issues being addressed; and
3. precise information on the rationale for the positions taken, including any significant impact that it may have on Canada's domestic or foreign interests.

The Canada Gazette notice can be found here: <http://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2009/2009-10-10/html/notice-avis-eng.html#d118>

These consultations are an opportunity for you to share relevant information with negotiators, including with respect to particular products of export interest, products sensitive to import competition from Morocco, or commercial market access issues you have encountered in the course of past dealings with Morocco. We strongly encourage you to share any views or information you have on this matter.

Upcoming Conferences/Events/Trade Show

Local

LEED for Sub Contractors: Understanding the Paperwork and Getting It Right

Sub Contractors, Manufacturers and Suppliers often struggle with understanding their vital role in successful LEED projects. There are some very specific requirements for material handling and documentation which you need to follow and plan for.

This session will be presented by local Prime Contractors with first hand knowledge of LEED projects and experience with problems related to trade and supplier specific

responsibilities. If you are a subcontractor or supplier to a LEED project—you need to attend this seminar.

Date/time: Wed., Oct. 21, 2009 7:45 am – 10:00 am
Location: 1000 Waverly, room 104, Manitoba Construction Sector Council
Registration: [Registration form](#)
Fee: MBCaGBC Members \$50 (plus GST)

Robotics 101

Introduction to Robots in Manufacturing

October 28, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Looking to automate your manufacturing processes? Think that robots are mostly for the “big guys”, but still wonder if robots might be the best way to go for you? Join us for a live 1-hour webinar presentation by ABB Robotics that will help answer your questions.

For further detail, go to:

<http://www.itc.mb.ca/downloads/events/RoboticsEventBulletin.pdf>

There is no cost for this event; however, space is limited, so register early! To register, send e-mail to tech@itc.mb.ca.

Event Location: Industrial Technology Centre

Foundation Design Workshop (1.8 CEUs)

Global Innovative Campus
Winnipeg, MB - November 23-November 25

Global Innovative Campus
For more information click [here](#)

The Manitoba Green Show

February 9–10, 2010
Victoria Inn, Winnipeg

For more information see www.landscapemanitoba.com

National

Environmental Employer of the Year Awards

There are only 3 weeks left to make your company a candidate for this unique award.

The Environmental Employer of the Year Awards are designed to both recognize excellence and inspire advancement and innovation for outstanding HR practices. Participating companies can evaluate their HR practices through an employee engagement survey, and finalists become recognized as employers of choice through widespread media coverage.

To apply today, visit [ECO Canada's website](#).

Awards applicants also get an opportunity to have their innovative human resource strategies highlighted in next year's HR Best Practices Report.

Learn what organizations such as Golder Associates, Stratos, Rescan, EcoMetrix, Maxxam Analytics, and many more are doing in the areas of: Recruitment and Orientation, Training and Development, Communication, Performance Management, Organizational Development, Compensation and Benefits, and Culture and Engagement.

To purchase this valuable report for only \$100, or for more information [click here](#) .

Environmental Site Assessment Phase 1 and 11 (1.2 CEUs)

November 6 - 7, 2009
Hilton Garden Inn Toronto/Mississauga

Global Innovative Campus
For more information click [here](#)

Climate Change: Legislation, Regulation & Emissions Reporting

Change of Date: November 9 - 10, 2009
Courtyard Marriott, Toronto Ontario

Climate Change has affected the way we live, and the way we do business.

The Canadian Standards Association, a not-for-profit membership-based association, is presenting a forum in downtown Toronto, Canada on September 21-22, 2009 for organizations who are interested in learning about the new trends in standards, legislation, policies, regulation and emissions reporting of Greenhouse Gases in Canada and the U.S.

Hear directly from government, industry and standards experts on the new direction for business planning, how to reduce and report emissions, and the tools you need to create an effective Greenhouse Gas Management Plan that will benefit your organization.

For the full brochure as well as to register, please go to:

https://learningcentre.csa.ca/lc_site/be.asp?gid=50016245&tid=50041499

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Canadian Standards Association
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"CSA - Making Standards Work for People and Business"

Climate Change –Measuring and Reducing Your Carbon Footprint in a Changing Regulatory Environment

November 9 - 10, 2009
Courtyard Marriott, Toronto Ontario

The impacts of climate change are inescapable. Businesses and organizations face the realities of new provincial, federal and North American regulations, enhanced reporting and verification requirements, and the need to demonstrate a renewed sense of corporate responsibility. In this rapidly-evolving environment, "Business as Usual" is no longer an option.

CSA Standards has assembled a panel of leading North American climate change professionals, including key representatives from the federal and provincial government, to guide you through two intensive days designed to foster understanding of the changing regulatory and reporting requirements, as well as how to position YOUR business to become carbon neutral while capitalizing on the

opportunities this new environment will inevitably create.

Climate Change WILL impact your business; join us to gain the tools and learn the strategies that will allow you to prosper within this new reality.

Register TODAY for the Early Bird price, until September 25th! MEIA Members will receive a 10% discount.

Note: Quote "Climate Change" at hotel booking for a preferred rate until October 5th
Duration: 2 days



[Download PDF Brochure](#) for a full course information

Linkages 2010

January 12, 2010.
Radisson Hotel, Saskatoon

The Forum provides a unique networking opportunity for technology researchers/innovators, private sector firms and investors to collaborate in developing and commercializing technology in the sustainable infrastructure domain.

GLOBE 2010: Conference Outline Now Available

International Conference and Trade Fair on Business and the Environment

March 24-26, 2010
Vancouver, Canada

Our high-level program features over 200 expert speakers and 50 educational sessions on topics relating to: corporate sustainability, energy priorities, climate change and carbon management, sustainable finance, water, clean(er) technology, and building greener cities.

In addition to the conference, a closely integrated Trade Fair will showcase over 450 eco-efficient technologies for emissions reduction, alternative energy, transportation systems, and more.

You will be in very good company at this world-leading event, joined by 11,000 attendees from 70+ countries representing some of the most forward-thinking

organizations from around the world who will converge at GLOBE to network and discuss the business case for sustainability.

For further information on GLOBE 2010, please visit the event website:
www.globe2010.com.

International

Adaptation to Climate Change: The Role of Ecosystem Services

November 9 – 13
Costa Rica

For more information see:
<http://www.unisdr.org/english/events/v.php?id=3298>

4th Annual Cellulosic Biofuels Summit 2009

November 16-19, 2009
Almas Temple Club, Washington D.C.

The Summit has established itself as the major gathering place where all the communities in the cellulosic biofuels value chain assemble each year to help advance the development of the nation's cellulosic biofuels industry. In November, leaders from the feedstock, industrial biotech, biofuel technology, plant developer, finance, oil and transportation communities will return to Washington, D.C. to report on their activities, consider the next steps forward and share their perspectives on the progress in reaching the commercial production of cellulosic biofuels. The Summit provides a rich opportunity for offline discussions where everyone has the chance to meet other groups in the value chain and establish ongoing relationships. For more information click [here](#)

Ökoindustria - Environmental expo in Hungary

Budapest
November 18-20, 2009

Canadian Companies are welcome to attend an international environmental expo in Hungary. The professional organizer is the Association of Environmental Enterprises (www.kszgysz.hu) and the patron of the event is the Minister of Environment and Water, Mr. Imre Szabo. For more information visit:

<http://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/eng/events.jsp?cid=205&oid=100> or
www.okoindustria.hu

The program includes conferences on biogas, waste, energy efficiency, recycling, drinking water, wastewater, another workshop will try to find solutions on how to reduce Europe's ecological footprint, and as a wonderful networking opportunity, the Enterprise Europe Network will offer an international business meeting with environmental experts from all over the region.

For those interested companies, associations, universities, clusters etc. who are not able to attend in person, you can take part in a catalogue show. Information can be sent to the Embassy for display at the event.

If this event is of interest to you, please contact Kayla Burechailo for more information.

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United Nations Climate Change Conference

December 7 – 18
Copenhagen, Denmark

For more information see www.unfccc.int

Forest Day 3

December 13, 2009
Copenhagen, Denmark

Forest Day 3 will be held on 13 December at the Radisson SAS Falconer Hotel, Copenhagen, Denmark. It will take place alongside the 15th Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and will be hosted by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, the Government of Denmark and CIFOR.

For more information see www.forestday3.org

Energy Transitions in an Interdependent World Conference

February 25 & 26
University of Sussex

The Sussex Energy Group at SPRU (Science & Technology Policy Research), University of Sussex is organizing and hosting an international conference to discuss and debate emerging research agendas in energy social science.

The conference will be held at the University of Sussex, near Brighton, on the 25th and 26th February 2010 and is open to academics, policy makers, industry and non-governmental organizations working in the field of energy transitions. We welcome abstracts that outline theoretically robust and empirically informed contributions to one or more of the following themes:
low carbon energy innovation; secure and resilient energy systems; the politics of sustainable energy transitions.

Further details including the full conference call and application guidelines are available from the conference website:

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/sussexenergygroup/conference>
<<https://exchange.lse.ac.uk/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://www.sussex.ac.uk/sussexenergygroup/conference>>