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Did you know, you don't have to wait for our newsletter to learn about CIELAP's new publications? Visit the "What's New" section of our website weekly to find out what we are working on and view our latest publications – <http://www.cielap.org/whatsnew.shtml>.

Thanks to our donors

Dear Friends,

CIELAP would like to extend its warmest thanks to all of our friends who made a donation to our recent fundraising drive. Our donors understand that CIELAP is not a core funded organization. We rely on the support of our friends to continue producing quality reports and recommendations on urgent environmental issues. Like us, our donors believe that policy is one of the most powerful ways to accomplish long-term change.

Every dollar of your donation goes toward our research work. To learn more about CIELAP's work visit our website, read our newsletters and read our reports.

If you would like to join other like minded people who donate to CIELAP, please contact us at (416) 923-3529 ext. 26, or write to us at: 130 Spadina Avenue, Suite 305, Toronto, ON M5V 2L4. You can also make a donation through CIELAP's website www.cielap.org - just look for the *Canada Helps* button.

Water

Managing water demand in the Great Lakes

CIELAP has received a small grant from the Gordon Foundation to mentor a graduate student conducting research on water demand in the Great Lakes. Over the next year, we will be working with Tim Morris, a PhD student at UBC, on researching the policy framework governing groundwater demand in the Great Lakes.

CIELAP's recent publications on water include:

*Spotlight on Sustainability: Managing Sources of Municipal Wastewater
Public Participation in Water Management in the Great Lakes*

Find all our recent publications on water at <http://www.cielap.org/airandwater.html>

Biotechnology

Informing biotechnology decisions

Anne Mitchell, CIELAP's Executive Director, participated in the New Directions meeting in Ottawa this month. The New Directions group is a consortium of NGOs and industry that aims to provide alternative views to the biotechnology debate in Canada. ***CIELAP is one of only a handful of Canadian NGOs that conduct research and contribute recommendations on a biotechnology policy for Canada.***

CIELAP's recent publications on biotechnology include:

GMO Statutory Liability Regimes: An International Review

The report is available for free at <http://www.cielap.org/foodandbiotech.html>

Pollution Prevention

Citizens' Guide to P2 most popular download in March and April

CIELAP's updated edition of the *Citizens' Guide to Pollution Prevention (P2)* has been the most downloaded publication on our website (www.cielap.org) since its release in March 2005. Inside the guide you can learn about what industry and governments are doing to reduce and eliminate pollution, not just transfer pollutants to a different location or a different medium. The guide also offers ways for you and your community to contribute to pollution prevention. Includes resources for further information.

Download this report for free at <http://www.cielap.org/citizensguides.html>.

Free hard copies of the report are available for pick up from our office (see address at the end of the Newsletter). You can also order hard copies (\$10 plus shipping and handling).

Available also in French.

Sustainability

Last but not least in our series on Partnerships for Sustainability

In March, CIELAP released four publications in the series *Partnerships for Sustainability*. This month we release our final paper of the series. *Evaluating Two Partnerships* looks at two real world examples of partnerships – one that works well and one that has run into difficulties – and uses the partnership evaluation framework developed in this series to investigate how differences in the structural components of the two partnerships may have led to differences in performance.

Partnerships for Sustainability series:

Developing Canada's Federal Partnerships: Policy Considerations in the Resource and Environmental Fields

Getting the Most out of Partnerships

How to Make a Partnership Work

A Guide to Policy for Partnerships in Canada

Download these publications from <http://www.cielap.org/whatsnew.shtml>.

3rd Partnering for Sustainability Conference

CIELAP is planning its 3rd Partnering for Sustainability conference to be held on October 27 and 28, 2005 in Toronto. The focus of this year's conference is Urban Sustainability. Read more about it further in this newsletter.

Recent publications on sustainability include:

Sustainable Development in Canada: 2005 Update

You can download this 2005 update on sustainable development in Canada for free on our website

<http://www.cielap.org/whatsnew.shtml>. A 4-page brochure highlighting achievements and recommendations is also available. Available also in French.

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Hazardous Waste

Mapping Hazardous Waste in Ontario – Where do you live?

CIELAP has been working with GIS students from Niagara College to develop a series of maps illustrating the release, transfer and incineration of hazardous waste in Ontario. Based on publicly available data from the Ministry of Environment, the maps are of interest to anyone concerned with the quality of air and water in their community.

The maps will be available on our website <http://www.cielap.org/whatsnew.shtml> shortly.

Recent publications on hazardous waste include:

Teacher's Guide to the National Pollutant Release Inventory

Download a copy of the Guide at <http://www.cielap.org/citizensguides.html>.

Setting up the first Environmental Legal Aid Centre in South Africa

From January 27 to February 12, CIELAP's Executive Director Anne Mitchell was in South Africa contributing advice and expertise in setting up the first environmental legal aid centre in South Africa. This is not the first time Anne has helped bring about change in South Africa. Prior to her work with CIELAP, Anne was involved in abolishing the Apartheid regime in South Africa.

CIELAP is currently seeking funding for the realization of this project.

Upcoming Projects

CIELAP is currently working on:

Pharmaceuticals and personal care products in water;
Chemical liability regimes;
Our 35th Anniversary; and
Our 3rd Partnering for Sustainability conference (P4S3).

CIELAP's New Website

CIELAP's current Webmaster Marta Hernandez has offered to redesign our website *pro-bono!* We are very excited about this project and are working closely with Marta. We aim to streamline our website, inform you upfront about new research and developments at CIELAP, and offer easier access to CIELAP's numerous publications. Expect the launch of the new CIELAP website just in time for our 35th Anniversary.

CIELAP's 35th Anniversary

Yes, CIELAP is 35 years young! Over the years CIELAP has contributed to vital and significant changes in environmental policy in Canada.

Many of you reading this newsletter are alumni – volunteers, staff, and board members – of the organization. Come and celebrate with us. Tell us what you have been up to since your days at CIELAP.

CIELAP is celebrating its 35th Anniversary on October 27, 2005 at the King Edward hotel in Toronto. All are invited. We would especially be interested to reconnect with all our alumni.

For more information about our 35th Anniversary, please contact Lana Nikolova at (416) 923-3529 ext. 26 or interns@cielap.org.

If you would like to contribute financially to the 35th Anniversary celebration or to CIELAP, please contact us at (416) 923-3529 ext. 26, or write to us at: 130 Spadina Avenue, Suite 305, Toronto, ON M5V 2L4. You can also make a donation through CIELAP's website www.cielap.org - just look for the *Canada Helps* button.

3rd Partnering for Sustainability conference

UNEP, World Bank, OECD, Suncor, and the Auditor General are only a few of the organizations, companies and government departments who presented at CIELAP's 2nd P4S conference. Conference attendees also liked our media panel discussion led by Joe Chidley, Evan Solomon, and Sergio Jellinek.

Following the success of our 2nd *Partnering for Sustainability* conference, we have decided to host our 3rd *Partnering for Sustainability* conference a year earlier on October 27 and 28, 2005 in Toronto. This year's focus is Urban Sustainability and will feature panels on transportation, waste, growth and energy.

The 3rd *Partnering for Sustainability* conference is planned as a stepping-stone for the 2006 World Urban Forum.

To get an idea of what CIELAP's *Partnering for Sustainability* conferences are like:

Download the program from *Partnering for Sustainability 2* – <http://www.cielap.org/sustainability2004.pdf>.

View the proceedings from our 2nd *Partnering for Sustainability* conference at <http://www.cielap.org/p4s1.html>

View the proceeding from our 1st *Partnering for Sustainability* conference at <http://www.cielap.org/partnering/>.

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