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Brisbane, Australia
November 29 to December 3, 2004

Do you want to know how to get involved in projects like the ones outlined in IYPF News? Do you want to meet some of the inspiring young professionals in the following pages? Apply for the International Young Professionals Summit 2004 (IYPS 2004).

IYPS 2004 will bring together 200 young professionals from around the world to create a better world for current and future generations through local and global action.

Summit coordinator Tamara Price said applications were now open to young professionals who are or want to be positive change makers in their local and global community.

"Delegates will learn from other young professionals about the importance of the Summit's twin themes of Sustainable Livelihoods and Science & Technology, as well as discover ways they can be actively involved in these areas. The program will also provide opportunities to develop and refine practical skills, useful in their day-to-day professional life, such as public speaking and financial management," she said.

IYPS 2004 is entirely coordinated by young professionals from around the world, who volunteer their time, skills, and resources to the event. Business and professional organisations are also invited to help sponsor the event, or donate to the bursary fund to assist delegates from developing countries to attend.

Applications close August 15, 2004. More information and application forms are available on the IYPS 2004 website at www.iyps.org, or by contacting the Summit team on iypf@iypf.org.

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The IYPF staff and Board work hard behind the scenes, but what do they do?

In this edition we will get some insight into how the Board members contribute to IYPF and what else they get up to, and also look at some of the things other IYPF staff and members have been involved with recently.

Regards,

Nicole Randall
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IYPF Board

Board News

This month, we are sad to say goodbye to Charlie Hargroves. Charlie resigned from his position as IYPF President this month to take up a new job in the USA.

This was a difficult decision for Charlie, as he has been a volunteer with IYPF for more than two years. He will however maintain contact and looks forward to working on projects in the future. We wish him all the best and will be recruiting a replacement over the coming month. Watch this space!

IYPF is in good hands with the remaining five Board members and an amazing team of dedicated volunteer staff.

As the Board regards our responsibility towards our stakeholders seriously, we are setting up working groups to look at key strategic issues in: Memberships; Governance; and Financial Management.

We are recruiting IYPF staff, members, and external experts to participate in these working groups. If you wish to contribute or have any thoughts, please contact me.

One life. Live it.

Sincerely,
Martha Lee
IYPF Director
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IYPF at IYP

Cameron Neil will be running skills workshops on "From idea to impact: action planning for better communities" at the International Youth Parliament in Sydney from July 4 to 12. IYPF staff member Irfan Khan and member Alan Wu will also attend as delegates. On Saturday July 10 they will be joined by Tamara Price, James Moody, Andrew Stanton and others to run an information stall on IYPF as part of the IYP Community Expo, showcasing local and global initiatives to IYP delegates.

Director Joins tt30 Lockey White

IYPF Director Lockey White was recently accepted into the Club of Rome's tt30 (think tank 30) group.

"The Club of Rome is a global problem-solving think tank that gathers the best minds from all over the planet to focus on identifying and solving some of the world's greatest problems," explains Lockey. "I have wanted to be a part of this since high school, when I bought their book 'Beyond the Limits' and began my work on global sustainability issues. It's a huge honour!"

The Club of Rome's mission is to act as a global catalyst of change free of political, ideological or business interest. The group aims to contribute to solving the crucial problems facing humanity, whether they be political, social, economic, technological, environmental, psychological or cultural in origin.

The Club of Rome's 'young think tank' program was formed in 2001. It is composed of independent men and women around the age of 30 (thus tt30) concerned about the problems of today and committed to working towards solutions to these challenges. Lockey believes her strong background as a leader and advocate for sustainability combined with experience as a tech business innovator and entrepreneur helped to show her balanced and no-nonsense approach to problem-solving.

The think tank provides the Club of Rome with the perspective of a younger generation to strengthen its position as a global, non-government catalyst for change. It works out an agenda of topics central for the future development of the world, and develops strategies to meet those challenges.

Four projects are now in progress:

- Web of the Problematique - working out an agenda of the central challenges for humankind for the coming years;
- Overcoming Technological Divides - to evaluate existing divides in society concerning the use of new technologies and to work out appropriate strategies for overcoming the divides;
- Knowledge Transfer Across Cultures - reviewing methods and mechanisms of knowledge transfer between and within cultures, specifically focussed on how this impacts upon development trends;
- Acceleration as a Threat to Sustainable Development - looking at how the "speed" of living affects our psyche and environment to find ways to create mechanisms allowing humans to continue to develop in a sustainable manner.

"I am excited to begin tackling some of these interesting problems!" said Lockey. "I truly believe that there does not exist a problem that humans cannot solve in this world, as long we have a sincere commitment towards implementing the solution. We need to empower all people, so that everybody knows how and why they make a difference."

Lockey will be travelling to Amman, Jordan this September for the Club of Rome annual meeting.

This month she was also elected to the Board of Directors for SustainUS, a group representing the United States' youth voice for sustainable development. She is currently travelling Europe with her new husband, taking a much needed break from her web services business, and looking for new opportunities for making a difference. She can be reached at lockeywhite@iypf.org.

New Staff

Choudhary Arif

Membership Participation Coordinator

New Membership Participation Coordinator, 36-year-old Choudhary Arif from Pakistan, has 12 years of experience in management. He is currently working as Executive Secretary to a Managing Director in one of the leading business groups of Pakistan.

Choudhary is married with three kids and loves to work for the community in his spare time. He said he joined IYPF to contribute his skills and experience and also to learn through this international platform.

Tadiwa Muradzikwa

Membership Recruitment Assistant

Zimbabwean born Tadiwa Muradzikwa is the new Membership Recruitment Assistant. The 23-year-old has a BA in Psychology and Sociology and a Diploma in Personnel Management.

He has been working for United Nations Children's fund in Zimbabwe as a Human Resources Intern for the past year and believes he is ready for the challenge of working for IYPF. Tadiwa hopes that his role in IYPF will be an eye opening experience.

Member Achievements - Corporate Volunteering

Sarah-Jo Lister has recently been involved in an exciting project. This year Unilever (Home and Personal Care Europe) have pledged to support the local communities around their factories over "The Summer of Vitality 2004".

"I have been organising the Leeds Unilever Community Fortnight... over 200 people from the company going out to do 27 diverse projects over two weeks. These range from school health fairs to conservation work to gardening and decorating for the elderly and disabled," she said.

She said each employee could take one day away from work to take part in these activities. With 29 sites across Europe, this adds up to more than 2000 person-days of work.

"Just imagine if every company allowed its employees to do the same. With levels of volunteering dropping by 10% in the UK over the last three years, corporate volunteering must be the way forward to bridge this gap and get young professionals reconnected with their community," she said.

Representation - How Rotary International Can Assist Youth

IYPF CEO Cameron Neil recently visited the District 9820 Rotary Conference held in Bendigo in Victoria, Australia.

The conference focus was Youth, and Cameron delivered a session called "Youth for the Future: Rotary's Investment for the Next Generation", where he spoke about how members of this international service group could assist young people to effect global change.

He said Rotary club members, as individuals and groups, could invest in the future of their local young people by providing coaching and advice, mentoring, seed capital and support. He also explained to the members how IYPF and its partner organisation YES (the Youth Employment Summit) operate, and the projects they were working on.

"Rotary and Rotarians can play a major role in nurturing the next generation of young local and global leaders," he said. "Together we can create common wealth - a global community creating a better world for current and future generations".

New Members

www.iypf.org/membership.htm

We would like to welcome our newest members

Toure Mandjouh, Côte d'Ivoire
 Arthur Yegiazaryan, Armenia
 Abel Hodomihou, Benin
 Alkaa Shankernarayan, India
 Catherin Buelva, Philippines
 Choudhary Arif, Pakistan
 Surya Kiran, India
 Yuwen Dai, Australia
 Fred Clark, USA
 Viglo Komlan, Togo
 James Gachihi, United Kingdom
 Katrina Schipper, Australia
 Richard Cowley, Australia
 Sanjeeve Paramendiran, Australia
 Weng In Lei, Australia
 Abolanle Sipeolu, Nigeria
 Katamba David, Uganda
 Muhammad Khuram Gull, Pakistan
 Kim Farrant, Australia
 Late Lawson, Togo
 Mariyah Siddiqi, Pakistan
 Ogunyemi Oluyemi, Nigeria
 Eleftherios Sardelis, Netherlands
 Abraham Olusegun, Nigeria
 Saber Razmjooei, United Kingdom
 Sylvanus S. Murray, Sierra Leone

Partner Events

YES Mexico 2004

www.yesweb.org

Yes Mexico 2004, running from October 4-7, will be an important milestone for evaluating global progress on youth employment. Cameron Neil is working with members of the YES-Australia and the IYPF to organise an Australian delegation to YES. Cameron will also be facilitating information sessions on YES Mexico at IYP. Visit the YES website for more information.

IYPF Partner Initiatives

YES Zambia Strides Towards Youth Employment Creation

Zambia was among several countries represented at the launch of the decade long YES Campaign at Alexandria, Egypt. At the close of the Summit, Zambia, along with the other countries in attendance, endorsed the Alexandria declaration highlighting the six Es (Employment Creation, Empowerment, Employability, Environmental Sustainability, Equity and Entrepreneurship) adopted in the framework of action.

Zambia is now working within the framework of action to

contribute to employment creation amongst young people in Zambia. This Year alone YES Zambia has launched two major projects: the Mentorship and Renewable Energy Projects.

The Mentorship Project was launched on June 2, 2004. The first phase of the mentorship project is implemented in Zambia as a pilot project in partnership with the Youth Development Network, South Africa. It aims to allow young entrepreneurs to learn from experienced and established business owners,

technical and managerial personnel from private sector enterprises, who understand what it is like to run a business. The pilot project will run for about nine months.

On June 4, 2004 YES launched the Renewable Energy Project, supported by UNIDO and the YES Secretariat in Boston. The project is designed to contribute to youth employment through exploitation of renewable energy as an alternative and environmentally friendly source of energy.

Seed Awards

www.seedawards.org

The Seed Initiative is looking for innovative or entrepreneurial ideas for partnership projects that may contribute to sustainable development, bring together people and organisations from different background, pool resources and allow partners to meet otherwise unattainable goals.

Submissions are now open for the biennial Seed Awards - an international competition to seek out promising ideas for action through partnership, and make those ideas work. The award is an individually designed package of support, training, connections, and facilitated access to potential funding sources, to give winning partnerships every prospect of success.

These fledgling partnership projects will involve at least three partner organisations from different stakeholder groups and relate to the three pillars of sustainable development. They should also have the potential to contribute towards the

Opportunities

Millennium Development Goals and/or the Johannesburg Summit Plan of Implementation.

Deadline for submissions is August 15, 2004.

African Summer School

www.pioneersofchange.net/suimmerschool2004

The Pioneers of Change Summer School will be held in South Africa from October 4 to 10, 2004, with pre-programmes running from October 1.

The Summer School is the annual global meeting of Pioneers of Change. It is an opportunity to gain deeper wisdom and experience from Pioneers from many countries through living and learning together.

Summer School provides an experimental space within which to improve the impact of your work and life. For more contact Sera or Danielle at apply@pioneersofchange.net

Youth Leadership And Peace Building Camp

www.nicenepal.com

Peace Making, Peace Keeping, and Peace Building
November 6 to 9, 2004
Kathmandu - Nepal

A course designed for youth leaders across the world working for the youth, development, ICT and other sectors will provide a chance to share experiences and ideas of improving their communities and making a better world. Four main topics are peace building and governance, ICT for Development, civil society, and capacity building vs. organisational development.

Resources

Norbert's Bookmarks for a Better World www.betterworldlinks.org

More than 30,000 well organised links in English and German covering topics such as peace, disarmament, non-violence, human rights, environment, third world social justice, education, economics, democracy, politics, news – in particular critical background information on current world issues.

IYPF Involvement

Commission for Sustainable Development

A number of IYPF members attended the twelfth meeting of the Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd) held in New York in April. The CSD was created in December 1992 to follow the promises made and goals set during the Earth Summit and World Summit on Sustainable Development at the local, national, regional and international levels.

Official delegations from many countries brought representatives of nine major groups; Youth and Children, Women, Indigenous Peoples, Workers and Trade Unions, Local Authorities, Business and Industry, Scientific and Technological Community, Farmers and NGOs. Talks focussed on water, sanitation, and habitat. A summary of the meeting is available at www.iisd.ca/vol05/enb05211e.html.

IYPF member, Giselle Weybrect, attended as part of the Canadian delegation. She said education and the upcoming Education for Sustainable Development was the primary concern for youth who attended, representing six countries.

Founding member and former President of the IYPF, James Moody, attended as part of his role on Taskforce 10, one of the taskforces working to address the Millennium Development Goals. Through James' relationship with the IYPF and the CSD Youth Caucus, and the encouragement and lobbying of the IYPF's Patron Dato Lee who is also on Taskforce 10, there is now movement towards involving youth in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (see below). This will occur through the CSD Youth Caucus, which is currently chaired by IYPF member Catherine Kamping.

Youth and the Millennium Development Goals

At the CSD12, Dato Lee Yee Cheong, IYPF Patron and member of the Science and Technology CSD Major Group, organised a side event on the Millennium Development Goals. A key outcome of this meeting was the initiation of a process to facilitate input and involvement from the CSD Youth Major Group in the MDG Taskforce process and the UN Millennium Project more broadly. As Dato Lee, a champion for youth and young professional participation says, "The MDGs are for youth ... the year 2015 is for youth."

In recognition of the vital role youth and young professionals have in achieving the MDGs, a subgroup within the CSD Youth Caucus have taken up the opportunity created at CSD 12 and are now working to develop a report explaining the UN Millennium Development Goals in terms of youth and young professionals.

The IYPF is joining with the Youth Caucus and IYPF partners TakingITGlobal and the Global Youth Action Network, to create a paper on Youth and Achieving the MDGs, and to explore local implementation projects around the globe.

Following on from an initial teleconference held on June 16 2004, generously hosted by the UN Program on Youth, the goal now is to construct a 50 page report that builds on related research done by the Millennium Project, and the vast knowledge inherent in various youth and young professional organisations around the world.

The longer term goal is to create a solid youth paper that forms a central part of the Millennium Project (UN), which will serve as a platform to emphasize youth participation in decision making processes to achieve the MDGs throughout the entire MDG campaign until 2015 and beyond, as well as providing a framework to mobilize youth to work together at all levels as actors to achieve the MDGs.

The task at hand for now is to compile the paper over the next 2 to 3 months. And while there are many great people and organisations already involved, with Global Youth Action Network (GYAN) playing a coordination role in pulling together the various contributions, your input is also needed. If your youth or young professionals organisation is addressing the MDGs in some way, please complete the submission form at <http://www.youthlink.org/4gyan/mdgform.doc> to help GYAN showcase youth and young professionals' contributions to the MDGs in the CSD Youth Caucus paper. And don't forget, the IYPS will be looking at achieving the MDGs also! So we expect to draw on this paper to help inform our deliberations later in the year. We encourage you get involved and get informed.

You can find out more information on the MDGs at www.unmillenniumproject.org, including the scope of the project and some of the interim reports from the various taskforces.



IYPF Regional Initiative

Submission to the International Commission for Africa

The International Young Professionals Foundation (IYPF) has initiated a discussion process with its African membership and stakeholders to provide a submission to the International Commission for Africa.

The International Commission for Africa (ICA) was launched in February 2004 by the British Prime Minister in order to heal “the scar of the conscience of the world”. The objectives of the Commission are to focus on poverty eradication in Africa and to draw the attention of richer nations to addressing the African continent’s unique challenges.

The IYPF recognises that African young professionals – and their businesses and organisations – will be key actors and partners in the achievement of the Commission’s goals. It is therefore important that they have input to the Commission’s deliberations and are given the opportunity to contribute as vital resources and drivers for a better Africa for current and future generations.

To facilitate the development of the formal submission to the ICA, a discussion paper has been created, and we are seeking the views of all African young professionals on the issues raised. The paper raises many issues pertaining to poverty eradication, foreign aid, sustainability of donor funded initiatives, and neo-liberal policies. It includes questions that recognise the tough choices ahead regarding the purpose, scope and objectives of aid for development, such as:

- *Are donor conditionalities for aid meeting the felt (not perceived priorities) of African nations?*
- *Who determines whether a government is efficient and democratic?*

There have already been some very insightful input from members of the IYPF’s African regional online community (IYPF-Africa@yahoo.com), and we are very keen to develop the submission further.

All African young professionals – and anyone else interested – can download the discussion paper from the IYPF website (www.iypf.org/Downloads/DraftPaperICA-approved.PDF) and submit their thoughts and comments to Eddy Orinda via e-mail eddyorinda@iypf.org. To be included in the drafting of the formal submission, they must be received by July 20, 2004.

A draft submission will be circulated to the IYPF’s African regional online community and selected African organisations, and the final submission will be made available at the IYPF’s website.

Your responses and contribution as African young professionals and young professional organisations is vital to this process and we look forward to your involvement.

What is the IYPF?

The International Young Professionals Foundation (IYPF) is a not-for-profit public company working in the fields of human rights, poverty eradication, environment and social capital, within the broad context of sustainability.

It utilises and promotes the resources, skills and knowledge that Young Professionals can bring to this arena in order to create a better world for current and future generations.

The Foundation intends to be a premier avenue through which Young Professionals from all countries can promote and participate in projects that work towards a sustainable future for the world.

We see the term 'young professionals' as inclusive of a wide variety of groups, but particularly those who are at the beginning of their careers.

Specifically, the objects of the Foundation outlined in its constitution are:

- To promote and encourage the work done by young professionals in effecting positive global change.
- To facilitate the implementation of projects developed by members to address the issues of concern in the global community, which are consistent with the objects of the company, including the raising of funds where necessary.
- To further the networks formed during the International Young Professionals Summit 2001 and provide an ongoing platform for organisation and convening of future events and Summits and projects.
- To promote recognition of, mobilise and enhance the capacity of Young Professionals internationally to provide leadership and take action on global issues
- To undertake research and advocacy in regards to issues identified by members as vital to the creation of a preferred global future.

Focus: Fighting Global Poverty

James Wolfensohn, president of the World Bank, recently shared his opinions in The International Herald Tribune on global poverty – what he described as one of the greatest forces of instability.

Only one percent of the six billion people on earth own 80 percent of global wealth. One billion people struggle to survive on less than a dollar a day, two billion people have no clean water and 120 million children have no schooling.

Through the "millennium development goals", the world was committed to cut poverty in half by 2015, but recent reports indicate that most countries would not meet this deadline

According to Wolfensohn's article, about two billion people would be added to global population over the next 25 years, but only 50 million of them would be in the richer countries. The vast majority would be born with the prospect of growing up in poverty and disillusioned with a world that they would inevitably view as inequitable and unjust. He said this would potentially cause civil and global unrest.

He said, almost half the people of the world today were under 24 years old, nine out of 10 of who live in developing countries. A billion of them would need jobs in the next decade and an ever-increasing number would leave their home countries to find work.

Wolfensohn believed that three major actions could improve this result: Pushing forward world trade, increasing aid and using it more effectively, and relieving the debt burdens of the poorest countries through grants rather than loans.

"Today, the developed countries spend just over \$50 billion on aid to developing countries. By comparison, they spend about \$900 billion on defence. If the numbers were reversed, there probably would be no need to spend more than \$50 billion on defence", Wolfensohn said.

IYPF's Poverty Eradication e-community

If you are interested in global poverty and what can be done to eradicate it, join the IYPF's Poverty Eradication e-community.

To sign up, visit <http://projects.takingitglobal.org/Pov-Campaign> and join the e-mail group by mailing IYPF-Poverty-Campaign-subscribe@yahoo.com.

The group shares information, research, opinions, thoughts, ideas, and opportunities with the goal of informed and effective action.