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Welcome

In the lead up to IYPS2004 we will be including focus articles relating to the Summit themes. This month we focus on Fresh Water, the lack of which is an issue that effects developed and developing nations alike. For information on the Summit themes, visit www.iyps.org/Program/key_theme_s.html

The members of IYPF's Freshwater Campaign also invite you to take part in their discussions on one of the most important resources in the world.

We also look at projects around the world that aim to help young people effect positive change. The articles and resources in the IYPF newsletter are designed to inform and inspire. If you would like to share your own informative and inspiring stories, please contact me on the address below.

Regards,

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IYPS2004 Update

The Delegates Team is powering along – and we need your help.

There has been an overwhelming response for IYPS2004, with questions flooding in from all around the world. By August 16 we had received hundreds of applications from keen delegates in 62 countries - from Algeria to Zimbabwe! The quality of applicants is exceptional, representing every continent in the world (except Antarctica). It is great to see strong representation from the African nations.

Our average applicant is 26.5 years old and works in universities, NGOs, multinationals, hospitals, various levels of government, and the United Nations. This should provide a fantastic cross-section of input to discussions and workshops from their fields of employment. Delegates will be able to network with project managers, medical doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, fashion designers, bankers, students, flight attendants, architects, volunteers, geologists, accountants, journalists, psychologists, clergy, creative artists, and economists – to name a few.

The next stage of the process is to send delegates their invitations and information kits. We would like as many people as possible to attend the Summit, including those who may have difficulty in meeting the costs of getting to Brisbane. This is where you can help. Please visit our [website](http://www.iyps.org) to help raise funds for our delegates, and encourage others in your community to give generously. Just \$5 from each person receiving this newsletter would pay for 20 registrations. Please let us know if you can help fundraise, sponsor, make a donation or just spread the word.

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IYPF ORGANISATIONAL NEWS

Board News

Greetings from the IYPF Board of Directors!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the IYPF members, staff, officers, directors and supporters for doing such terrific work. I never cease to be amazed at how much can be accomplished with few resources as long as there exists a team of quality, dedicated people with vision. I am both honored and humbled to serve as the new President of the IYPF and I look forward to working with you.

This month the Board has been busy positioning the IYPF for smooth operations now and into the future. We are making good progress on the Working Groups, which will perform in-depth reviews and make recommendations regarding membership, governance, and financial management issues. If you would have experience and qualifications in these fields and would like to be a part of these groups and help to prepare the IYPF for future success, please contact Martha Lee at marthalee@iypf.org. There are still a few vacancies.

So far we have finalised the IYPF Financial Management Policy and formed the Financial Working Group to work on integrating the policy into our operations. We have elected Andrew Stanton as Treasurer. Congratulations Andrew! Although we have done a lot with very little funding, just think of how much more we can accomplish with strong financial support. For this reason, we are currently formulating a comprehensive strategy for making the organisation more attractive to large donors.

Speaking of fundraising, if you or any people or organisations that you know would like to provide support for IYPF, please contact us immediately. Tamara Price is doing an outstanding job of attracting quality delegates to this year's IYPS and we need to do our best to make sure that everyone has the funding to attend.

Thanks again for your involvement. I look forward to serving you!

Respectfully Yours,

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New Members

www.iypf.org/membership.htm

We would like to welcome our newest members:

Adegbuyi Kehinde, Nigeria
Tam Nguyen, Australia
Rizwan Khan, Pakistan
Rateb Ahmad Salim, Australia
Olusegun Olowu, Nigeria
Olawuyi Akanbi, Nigeria
Noman Khan, Pakistan
Nana Boafo Koranteng, Ghana
Kishor Chandra Sekhar Panda, India
Donnasian Ishenda, Tanzania
Devotha Mandanda, Tanzania
Cephas Anaka, Nigeria
Camilla Noble-Warren, United Kingdom
Benjamin Adeyemi, Nigeria
Anna Nadgrodkiewicz, Poland
Andrew Ashiofu, Nigeria
Adedayo Thomas, Nigeria

Resources

Case Studies on Poverty Reduction

www.worldbank.org/eca

Eleven summaries of case studies, prepared for the Conference on Scaling Up Poverty Reduction, are now available on the Internet. Case studies include Albanian water and sanitation reform, basic education reform in Turkey, trade and transport facilitation in Eastern and Southern Europe, and others.

Poor People's Knowledge

Poor People's Knowledge: Promoting Intellectual Property in Developing Countries is a new World Bank publication looking at how the international community can help poor people use modern methods to benefit from the commercial value of traditional knowledge. The new book explores the way poor people can commercialise indigenous knowledge. To order contact Oxford University Press, email books@worldbank.org, or visit publications.worldbank.org/eccommerce/

IYPF REPRESENTATION

International Youth Parliament

www.iyp.oxfam.org

IYPF joined its partner, IYP, at the International Youth Parliament 2004

IYPF CEO, and IYP 2000 Action Partner, Cameron Neil, was one of 450 amazing youth and young professionals involved as delegates, facilitators and volunteers in the 2004 International Youth Parliament in Sydney, Australia, from July 4 to 12.

"What an uplifting, life-affirming and hope inspiring event it was", reflects Cameron. "The energy, the stories, the commitment to making a lasting, powerful and positive change to the world demonstrated by the delegates - and also the facilitators, staff and volunteers - wow. Of course, the challenges we all face in achieving our goals are many. In spite of these obstacles, I left IYP 2004 with a rekindled fire in my belly and the strong hope that this generation will leave the world in a better shape than when we arrived."

Cameron was one of about 60 facilitators working alongside the more than 300 delegates to develop the skills, networks, and understanding of the issues they needed to implement effective social change projects in their home communities. Due to his involvement with the Youth Employment Summit, the fair trade movement, and his work with the IYPF and other groups on youth entrepreneurship, Cameron was one of four facilitators of the Labour and Employment Action Area Group.

"The Labour and Employment Group were an outstanding collection of social change activists from around the world", says Cameron. "Whether they were fighting for labour rights in Scotland, Bangladesh or Thailand or working to generate employment in various countries throughout Africa, the Pacific, Asia and even Palestine, each recognised the common struggle to get a fair deal for young people and to realise their right to decent and meaningful work. As an IYP 2000 Action Partner myself, and with the IYPF a proud partner of IYP, it was certainly an honour and a great opportunity to be part of this event. I commend the IYP team for putting on such an important event and I am excited to be working with both the IYP Team and the IYP 2004 delegates towards the

more just and sustainable world we are all striving to create".

Many other people involved in IYPF were also at IYP 2004, including IYPF Chief Memberships Officer Irfan Khan (Pakistan), and IYPF member Alan Wu (Australia) as delegates; IYPF member Toby Roxborough as a volunteer; and Nick Moraitis (from IYPF partner TakingITGlobal) as a facilitator.

To find out more about what happened, and who was at IYP 2004, check out: www.iyp.oxfam.org/news/iyp2004.asp. While there, you can download the pre-release version of 'Local Solutions, Global Impact - the communique for IYP 2004. You can also read the daily newsletter produced during the event, the IYP Voice.

To read profiles of the delegates: www.iyp.oxfam.org/partners/index.asp

World Population Very Different by 2050

www.prb.org

Wild swings in population will occur in the next 50 years according to a study by The Population Reference Bureau (PRB) in the United States.

It predicts that the world's population will grow from 6.3 billion today to 9.3 billion by 2050. While the world's few developed countries are expected to grow about 4% to over 1.2 billion, population in developing countries could rise by 55% to more than 8 billion. Asia and Africa could account for 90% of this growth. India could overtake China as the world's most populous nation by 2050, while some countries would shrink by nearly 40% and the US would grow by nearly 50%.

These seemingly inevitable changes will transform geo-politics and fundamentally affect the world's economies, people's lifestyles and global resources. These trends are causing growing alarm among experts, who believe sustained growth in developing countries can only be managed with economic help from rich countries. Furthermore, climate change and ongoing land degradation are widely expected to encourage further widespread movements of people and pressure for migration away from rural areas towards cities and richer countries.

IYPF MEMBER PROJECTS

International Summer School Experience

www.younginfluencers.com

*IYPF Board member **Rima Kohli** attended the “Young People Change the World” International Summer School in South Wales (United Kingdom) in July.*

The International Summer School is an objective of the wider Young People Change the World initiative, a rapidly developing social enterprise which works to engage young people to tackle the problems that face them, their communities and the wider world.

The mission is to unite young activists from around the world in relaxed environments to share cultures and ideas, break down international barriers, and create more effective social change through learning and skills sharing.

This summer I was invited to teach summer school at Atlantic College, South Wales, part of the United World Colleges. The 2004 event is the third annual Summer School that brought together 220 young people aged 16 to 25 from nearly 50 countries ranging from Albania to Sierra Leone, Bangladesh to Egypt, and Switzerland to Uganda.

The week ran parallel workshops centred on themes and skills. Themes ranged from globalisation to HIV/Aids to Education and Democracy. Skills varied from fundraising to leadership workshops. I conducted workshops on Impact of Globalisation and Youth in Conflict.

The objective of the workshops was not to load the participants with information but more to create a window to the world of globalisation or to the youth in conflict. The idea was to create awareness and facilitate a conducive and fertile space for them to network, brainstorm, and nurture ideas and thoughts that they could take back and build on in their respective countries or cities.

Apart from running workshops, my role was to monitor and evaluate the summer school. There is a growing trend and need for evaluating projects and programs around the world and the aim to conduct the same for this initiative is to build competence by bringing people together in cross-functional, cross-hierarchical groups for open exchange.

In very general terms, evaluation is a tool and a process which helps determine organisation capacity, to identify divergent viewpoints to foster growth and arrive at a consensus to look ahead and forward.

1. It helps to monitor and assess impact. It is important for the organization in setting standards and future goals, as well as holding the team and board accountable to their donors.
2. Helps in effectively targeting participants for future summer schools and making it a more fulfilling experience for both the participants and the organizers.
3. Determining sustainability of this endeavour. Once we have all the above in place, one can determine if there is sustenance and then look at the way forward.
4. Give policy recommendations to future summer schools and share best practices and create a strong network.

Through this evaluation, the organisation can work towards making the Summer School even more relevant and useful to future participants.

The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just - Abraham Lincoln

IYPF MEMBER PROJECTS

Using Art in Environmental Advocacy: The Young Artists Fellowship for the Environment

By Laiden G. Pedriña, IYPF volunteer

Founding President of the Young Artists Fellowship for the Environment (YAFE), Laiden Pedriña, presented a paper on "Empowering the Youths through the Art" to the International Conference in Youth Empowerment held at City University in Hong Kong in May.

One criticism of art is that it stands at a distance from the masses. It has been accused as being a servant of elite society. The importance of the arts seems to take a backseat amidst the more pressing concern of poverty. In the face of economic downturns, while the wealthy regard the arts as leisure or possible alternative investments, the rest of society understandably equate art exhibits, plays and the like with luxurious living.

Meanwhile, popular art forms such as comics and modern music have been equated to "low art", while art forms usually performed in the orchestra or exhibited in high-class galleries are seen as "high art". Indeed, factors such as poverty and inveterate beliefs on elite arts have always prevented the common people from recognising the beauty of the arts – whether in music, drawing or in any of its other forms.

The Young Artists Fellowship for the Environment would like to take the Arts from that pedestal and use them for the betterment of the environment. The YAFE was established in early 2004 to encourage youth to recognize and appreciate the beauty of art — whether it is popular art or classic art, and eventually break the invisible wall that separates art from the issues of common people.

Facilitated by a group of young professionals and college students with a background in arts, the YAFE works to help their fellow youth make use of their creative skills in different social advocacies.

The YAFE is focusing on the integration of art appreciation and environmental advocacy, but also takes a stand on a number of social issues such as women, poverty, education, and human rights. For instance, YAFE tries associating the women's rights and environmental preservation through dances. YAFE also trains youth and invites other young artists to share their skills to the community by using art in presenting their messages.

Although it is a young organisation, YAFE already has two chapters and 80 members. It has already conducted free Enviro-Art workshops attended by more than 100 young people, and has continued to provide series of seminars to its beneficiaries. In September YAFE will try to evolve its advocacy into actions by providing free-solid waste management workshops to its adopted communities.

For more information about YAFE, email yafe2004@swissinfo.org or saint_laiden@yahoo.com

IYPF's Freshwater Campaign

<http://projects.takingitglobal.org/FW-Campaign>

IYPF's Freshwater Campaign allows young professionals to share knowledge, research, and information on current freshwater issues, and to use this knowledge to create and implement new solutions to local, regional, and international problems.

The global campaign draws on research and resources from throughout the world to further this aim. If you have an interest in one of the world's most precious resources, you are invited to join the discussions.

To join the campaign, send an e-mail to IYPF-Freshwater-Campaign-subscribe@yahoogroups.com, and visit the website and join.

**MDG 7
Target 10**

FOCUS ON FRESH WATER

Young Professionals and Water Problems

By Laiden G. Pedriña, Philippines

Young professional women working for highly respected companies may have already mapped their life five years from now. They will have attended training and seminars, and earn similar income as men in the workplace. They are competent and hard working, can afford to wear the latest fashions and can be seen at the gym, beauty salon or mall. This is how many of us live — with gender equity, financial freedom, career, and comfort.

As we live our lives to the full, elsewhere in the world there are disempowered women whose lives are the complete opposite. Meet one of these women – she doesn't have time to upgrade her skills and knowledge. Her dreams have been buried many years ago. She cannot afford to buy expensive clothes. Her life is a daily struggle for water. The four gallons of water spent in a foot spa session is equivalent to her day's supply for domestic activities and personal use.

She spends her life carrying pails of water from a communal source hundreds of meters away from her house. She has been doing this at the expense of her education, job and personal growth. An adequate water supply is a prerequisite to empowering these women. Availability of water both directly and indirectly influences the status of their lives. Women need more water than men in their traditional role as homemakers.

Just imagine one Monday there is no water from your tap. Expensive perfume is not enough to compensate for a bath - irritated and uncomfortable you may decide not to go to work. Or imagine if there was a sudden scarcity of potable tap water at work - how might this affect the productivity in your workplace?

Globally, water is not only a women's problem; it's a human problem. According to [World Water Actions - Making Water Flow for All](#) (2003) "at least 1.5 billion people lack access to an improved water supply and at least 2.4 billion lack acceptable sanitation". It said one in six of the world's population is deprived of acceptable water supplies and two in five of sanitation. As international summits have constantly declared water as a human right, billions of people are being deprived of that right. Despite rapid urbanization around the globe, people in developing countries find themselves battling for water.

Most of the people that still lack access to safe water come from Asia and Africa. [Global Environmental Outlook 3](#) states this problem has caused hundreds of millions of cases of water-related diseases, and more than five million deaths every year. In Africa not less than 13 countries are suffering from water scarcity, and this number is expected to double by 2025. [Asian Environmental Outlook 2001](#) states one in three Asians has no access to clean water. Asian Development Bank described Asia's water situation as "human

tragedy". Based on its 1999 Annual Report some 830 million people in developing Asia and the Pacific have no access to safe drinking water and more than two billion lack sanitation facilities.

Ironically, while developing regions around the globe are suffering from the scarcity of safe drinking water, people in developed countries use water extravagantly - for bath tubs, car washes, or vanity purposes. Water consumption per capita in developed countries is a number of times larger than in developing countries. Thus, the water problem is also an issue of economic divide. Any actions from the government or non-government organisations to bring safe water close to the lives of poor people will be futile exercises while the rich do not practice sensible water management.

While the provision and management of water is the domain of government, every citizen can work towards solving water problems. As young professionals, we may have overlooked this problem. We have been more focused on our careers and as such, refuse to be accountable for water problems.

There is great potential for young professionals to help address water issues, yet this has not been fully explored. We need not resign from our jobs and choose a career specialising in water. As the next leaders of our nations, the world will heed our campaigns. We have the resources and networks to contribute to solve water issues through advocacy. Whether you are a young professional from a developed or developing country does not matter to initiate advocacy. Water problems cross boundaries - the action of young professionals will defy borders.

We can start small - every time we turn on our taps, ask: "am I using too much water?" Solving water problems will start from our dramatic lifestyle change. Instead of baths, use the shower. Recycle water used for washing clothes. Learn to conserve water when washing the car or in beauty procedures. Fix water pipe leaks immediately.

Eventually we must take vigilant steps, and not leave the responsibility of lobbying on water issues to full-time environmentalists, students, or social workers. We must take action now as young professionals. We should not be focused on a self-centred development - we should be part of the solution now, as the future CEOs, stockbrokers, senators, university presidents or socio-civic leaders. When we become the senior officers or leaders of private institutions, government agencies or NGOs, we will inevitably see these problems from different perspectives. If we remain apathetic as young professionals, our future environmental decisions in these positions may not be prudent, and could pose a threat to society.

OPPORTUNITIES

World Bank Young Professionals Program

www.worldbank.org/careers

The World Bank is looking for highly qualified and motivated young professionals to join their Young Professionals Program (YPP), which forms a starting point for a career in the World Bank. Successful applicants will demonstrate a commitment and passion for international development, supported by academic success, professional achievement, and potential for leadership.

Applicants must be 32 years of age or younger, have at least a masters degree (or equivalent) with a minimum of three years of relevant professional experience, or continued academic study at the doctoral level and be fluent in English. They should also specialize in a field relevant to World Bank's operations such as: economics, finance, education, public health, social sciences, engineering, urban planning, and natural resource management.

Applications can be submitted on line until September 30, 2004.

International Congress of Nanotechnology

www.nanotechcongress.com

An international conference and trade show in Nanotechnology will run from November 7 to 11, 2004, in Oakland, San Francisco, USA.

Speakers and professionals from around the world will discuss topics such as Nanoelectronics, Nanobiotechnology, Nanomedicine, Bio-Defense, Molecular Engineering, Societal, Environmental and Health Impacts, and other related topics in Nanotechnology.

Global Stakeholder Panel Survey

www.2020Fund.org/gsp3

Young Professionals are invited to contribute their perspective to the Global Stakeholder Panel (GSP) Survey now underway worldwide.

The GSP is a high-profile series of surveys of leaders from public, private, academic, and civil society organizations worldwide on topics including UN reform, the role of civil society organizations, the challenges of sustainable development, achieving the UN's Millennium Development Goals, and related issues.

"I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."

Thomas Jefferson

Green Drinks International

www.greendrinks.org

Every month, a group of people who work in the environmental field meet up for a beer at informal sessions known as Green Drinks.

A mixture of people from NGOs, academia, government, and business find it a great way to network. Everyone invites someone else along, so there's always a different crowd, making Green Drinks an organic, self-organising network.

The events are very simple and unstructured, but many people have found employment, made friends, developed new ideas, done deals, and had moments of serendipity. The website contains information about Green Drinks around the world.

Taking It Global Fosters Open Forums

d48.takingitglobal.org/2208/action/openforums/

IYPF's partner organisation Taking It Global is encouraging people to create a space in their communities where young people can come together to share their thoughts and perspectives about issue affecting them.

Open Forums will bring young people together in an offline platform to discuss their ideas of how solve their local issues. They can help develop a sense of solidarity among young people in a community and develop alternative ways to combat their shared problems. Taking It Global offers a Guide to Facilitating an Open Forum.

Delegates to the upcoming IYPS2004 may consider running an Open Forum to gather information and ideas to bring along to the Summit and share with other delegates.

Millennium Development Goals: Civil Society Takes Action

www.undpingoconference.org

The 57th Annual Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), entitled Millennium Development Goals: Civil Society Takes Action, will take place at United Nations Headquarters in New York from September 8 to 10. The Conference is the premier NGO event held at the United Nations each year.

An interactive web site will allow interested citizens around the world to view the plenary sessions live. There is also a public hearing on September 10, where Conference participants will interact with expert respondents on key concerns.

ABOUT IYPF

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 people, but particularly those who are at the beginning of their careers.

The IYPF is governed by an international board of outstanding young professionals and is growing an impressive list of patrons on its Advisory Council including the President of the World Federation of Engineering Organisations, the Chair of the Commonwealth Engineering Council, the Executive Director of the Youth Employment Summit, and the Director of Friends of the Earth (Hong Kong). The company is staffed by a dynamic volunteer team of talented and dedicated young professionals.

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.

How You Can Help

Volunteer

www.iypf.org/employment.htm

The IYPF regularly has opportunities for those future-thinking young professionals who wish to further develop their professional skills and contribute to local and global efforts to create a better world for current and future generations.

If this is you, we invite you to join the IYPF's team of amazing young professionals - mostly volunteers - working around the world.

Join

www.iypf.org/membership.htm

Become an ordinary member and help IYPF develop a worldwide network of young professionals who catalyse positive change in their lives, communities, organisations, and ultimately the world.

Donate

www.iypf.org/payments.htm#donations

The IYPF recognises that some young professionals across the world may have difficulty in covering the membership fee required to become an ordinary member of the organisation.

To assist in overcoming this barrier, the IYPF has formed the IYPF Memberships Donations Trust Fund, in order to subsidise potential members who otherwise would be prevented from joining.

Support

www.iypf.org/member-projects.htm

IYPF has a number of endorsed projects and supports its members to turn their ideas for creating a sustainable future into successful projects and ventures.

The IYPF regularly receives new project proposals and there are always opportunities for skilled young professionals to get involved. If you are interested in working with a member project or offering in-kind assistance, please email nathanfabian@iypf.org for an introduction.

Contribute to the IYPF Newsletter

To contribute your events, resources, articles and stories relevant to young professionals creating a better world for current and future generations, send your content to nicolerandall@iypf.org.