



AROUND THE GLOBE

some seventy-five percent of uranium mining takes place on the lands of indigenous peoples. The largest uranium reserves are found in Canada and Australia; uranium is also mined throughout Latin America and in Kazakhstan, Niger, Russia, Namibia and Uzbekistan. Exploration for further uranium ore bodies is presently underway in Tanzania, Mali, and the Amazon region of Brazil.

THE IDENTITIES OF INDIGENIOUS PEOPLES

are strongly tied to their environment. Uranium mining adversely affects indigenous cultures by defiling sacred sites, contaminating local natural resources and by threatening the health of coming generations. Open pit uranium mining regularly contaminates water tables; tailings retain up to 80% of the original ore body's radioactivity.

The most common fatal health effect is lung cancer (attributable to the radon released into the atmosphere during the mining and onsite milling processes). Nonrespiratory carcinogenic outcomes include leukemia, stomach cancer, liver cancer, cancer of the intestines, kidney cancer, and skin cancer. Regions hosting uranium mining exhibit collateral spikes of psychic disorders and genetic damage. Though the effects of uranium mining add up to a glaring violation of human rights, authorities and the media fail to take any serious notice.

THIS CONFERENCE

will offer representatives of indigenous peoples endangered by uranium mining a distinguished European venue to tell their stories. They will have the opportunity to strengthen their action networks by meeting with politicians, members of NGOs, and, from around the globe, people struggling around the globe to end uranium mining exactly as they themselves are. A „Talking Stick“ will help make palpable the broad cultural diversity of the conference speakers. Whoever holds the stick has our ears, our attention. The conference will be structured like a journey around the globe: Germany – Canada – USA – Australia – India – Namibia - Niger – South America – Russia. Experts will act as interpretive stewards along our travels by supplementing eyewitness accounts with results from the most recent scientific studies impacting the conference's complex of themes: uranium, radiation, health.

We look forward to welcoming you to Basel.

Günter Baitsch, PSR/IPPNW CH - Frank Uhe, IPPNW D
Claus Biegert, Nuclear Free Future Award – Günter Wippel,
uranium-network – Christoph Wiedmer, GfbV CH
James Albert, GfbV D – Helena Nyberg, Incomindios CH

A JOURNEY AROUND THE GLOBE, 9:00 TO 18:00 H

ATTUNEMENT

by a representative of indigenous peoples

GERMANY Michael Beleites: The Wismut File
CANADA Gordon Edwards, Chairman Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility | Robert Del Tredici, Photographer, Co-Founder Atomic Photographers Guild
USA Manuel Pino, Acoma Pueblo, New Mexico (inv.)
Charmaine White Face, Lakota Nation, South Dakota

AUSTRALIA Rebecca Wingfield-Bear and Dean Mahomed, Australian Nuclear Free Alliance, Arabunna Ulkara Mangement Committee

INTERIM STATEMENT

Uranium, Radiation, Health
Sebastian Pflugbeil, Chairman Gesellschaft für Strahlenschutz | Dale Dewar, MD, Executive Director, Physicians for Global Survival (PGS), Canada and Michael Dworkind, MD, President of PGS

INDIA Punit Raj Kishor Minz, Uraon, Secretary General of JMACC and Coordinator of BIRSA-MMC

NAMIBIA Hilma Shindondola-Mote, Director Labour Resource and Research Institute, Windhoek

NIGER Azara Jalawi, President of commune des femmes, Arlit

MALI Many Camara, ARCF, Professor of sociology and anthropology at the University of Bamako

RUSSIA Oleg Bodrov, Chairman Green World

CONCLUSION

Michael Beleites and all participants affirm the final declaration of the World Uranium Hearing 1992 and call on the world to leave uranium in the earth.

Moderation:

Claus Biegert, NFFA

Conference language: English

RECEPTION

for the congress' participants by the mayor of Basel and IPPNW-board member Dr. Guy Morin, Historical Museum (HMB; Barfüsserkirche), Barfüsserplatz. Afterwards shuttle to Rhine Port Basel, dinner on the „Schiff“.



REGISTRATION

for the Pre-Congress „Sacred Land, Poisoned Peoples“:

either at www.nuclear-risks.org
or by Mail:

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INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

The conference fees are as follows
employed 40 Euro / 60 CHF, student 20 Euro/ 30 CHF.

VENUE

Kollegiengebäude, University of Basel
Petersplatz 1, CH - 4051 Basel

ACCOMMODATION

See www.ippnw2010.org for online hotel reservations. A number of rooms have been reserved at special rates for those booking early.

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