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EMS PROJECTS

Sharing Cities

The following projects can be visited in our website:

"Study of alternatives for solid waste management in the city of Montevideo", Municipality of Montevideo, Uruguay. (See under: Urban Waste Management # 8)

"Diagnosis of hydrographical basins in the Municipality of Viamão for an integrated management programme of micro-basins". Municipality of Viamão, Brazil. (See under: Management of Micro Basins and Urban Pollution # 15).

<http://www.ems-sema.org/english/proyectos/solidaria/Approved.html>

Research Initiative on Public-Private Partnership in Urban Environmental Management

We have upgraded the Programme's database by incorporating new city coastline management experiences. Be reminded that you can also forward information on experiences, projects, reports, documents, experts, references, events and websites related to the specific issues of this programme, so that this information can be included in this easy-to-access database.

The following projects can be visited in our website:

"Municipal Concession to design a Composting Plant to process Organic Solid Waste of Domestic Origin", Municipality of Tomé, Chile.

Impact Assessment in Public-Private Partnerships in the Sustainability of Potable Water and Sanitation Systems, Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Buenos Aires".

<http://www.ems-sema.org/castellano/proyectos/ppp/index.html>

EMS – MercoCities Network

Within the framework of the VII Annual Summit of Mayors and Prefects of the MercoCities (look for more information under Events), the EMS will be presenting projects, as follows: "Diagnosis of priority aspects of urban environmental management policies in the cities of the MercoCities Network" and "Public participation in urban environmental management: the use of the new

information technologies by municipal governments in the MercoCities Network".
 For more information visit: <http://www.ems-sema.org/mc/>

ELECTRONIC FORUM: "Information Technologies in Urban Environmental Management in MercoCities" it will be available as from September 10, 2001.
<http://www.ems-sema.org/cgi-bin/foros-sema/wwwthreads.pl>

EMS – CISPEL

Following talks initiated at the Montevideo International Forum on February 2001 (see: <http://www.ems-sema.org/forolac>), an agreement was signed between EMS and CISPEL. This agreement will enable the distribution of research outcomes and information generated by the EMS, as well as the support provided by this federation to organise training activities for municipal technical experts who provide environmental services. CISPEL is an Italian federation of enterprises and development centres with specialised technology in the provision of environmental services to local governments.

NEWS

We are moving!

The Latin American and Caribbean Regional Office of the International Development Research Centre, where EMS operates, will be as from September 14, 2001 located at:

**Avda. Brasil 2655
 Montevideo - Uruguay
 Tel: (598-2) 709.0042**

Fax: (598-2) 708.6776

ELECTRONIC FORUM: "Energy and urban development in Amazonia" from the research report: "Social and Environmental Impact of Hydroelectric Dams in Amazonia".

Available at: <http://www.ems-sema.org/cgi-bin/foros-sema/wwwthreads.pl>

Within the framework of the agreement between EMS-SEMA, UNEP and DINAMA (National Environmental Bureau of Uruguay), in support of the Regional Centre for Technology Transfer (<http://www.rcctt-lac.org.uy>), we had the pleasure of receiving the visit of Ms. Sachiko Kuwabara-Yamamoto, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention (<http://www.basel.int/>) at the IDRC Montevideo office.

European Commission: Sustainable Cooperation - Urban Environment Decision No. 1411/2001/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on a Community Framework for cooperation to promote sustainable urban development.

http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/lif/dat/2001/en_301D1411.html

The Brazilian Institute of Municipal Administration (IBAM) organised the Workshop "New Challenges to the Adoption of Computer Technologies by the Governments", to promote the development of the computer information technology in the Brazilian Municipalities and the creation of the Information Society Observatory. More information: <http://www.ibam.org.br>

Congratulations!!! The “Reinforced Concrete Tomography” Project, submitted by the University of Buenos Aires, was awarded the First Prize in the MercoCities Network for Science and Technology. It will be presented on the occasion of the VII MercoCities Summit in Valparaiso (see Events). Shortly, the summaries of projects submitted will appear on the website of the Science and Technology Thematic Unit of the MercoCities Network (<http://www.redetec.org.br/mercociudades>).

Professional & Academic Opportunities

Position vacant at UNDP: Natural Resources, Land Use and Livelihoods Policy Advisor for the Bureau for Development Policy (BDP), for New York headquarters. Deadline: September 21, 2001. For more information visit: www.undp.org/jobs (under environment and energy section) or contact Ms. Nadine Smith at: nadine.smith@undp.org

David C. Lincoln Fellowship: “Land Value Taxation”, (Lincoln Institute of Land Policy). Deadline: September 14, 2001. More information: <http://www.lincolninst.edu>

Bentley Fellowship: “Use of Fertility Enhancing Food, Forage and Cover Crops in Sustainably Managed Agroecosystems”, supported by IDRC. Deadline for applications: October 2, 2001. For more information visit: <http://www.idrc.ca/awards>

Specific exchange help scholarships for the year 2001, Inter-university/AL.E Cooperation Programme for university students, under and post graduates and faculty. Deadline: October 10, 2001. For more information visit: <http://www.aeci.es> (under “Subvenciones”)

Hubert Humphrey Fellowship (Fulbright Commission) to extend studies in USA. Fields: natural resources and environmental management; agricultural development; urban and regional planning. Deadline: October 15, 2001.

Contact: Lucía Colombino – lcolomb@fulbright.org.uy. More information: <http://www.iie.org/pgms/hhh/>

Mink'a de Chorlaví Fund Call: Action-Research Projects on “Collective Action and Improvements in the Living Conditions of Rural Populations. Deadline: September 10, 2001.

For more information contact: rimisp@rimisp.cl or visit: <http://www.FondoMinkaChorlavi.org>

Call for applications to participate in the DelNet Programme in support of local development (International Training Centre – ILO). Deadline: September 15, 2001.08.07.

For more information visit: <http://www.itcilo.it/delnet> or contact: infodelnet@itcilo.it

Call for papers for the Regional Seminar “NGOs, Government and Development in Latin America”, organised by MOST Program (UNESCO) and the MOST National Liaison Committee - Uruguay, to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay from November 28 to 30, 2001. Deadline: Sepember 15, 2001.

For more information visit: <http://www.unesco.org.uy/most/seminario/ongs-gobernancia/>

Call for Proposals “Joint Projects on Environment” – URB-AL Network. Deadline: September 30,

2001. For more information visit: <http://www.urbalmalaga.com/> (under “Joint Projects” Section).

Call for papers – Interamerican Congress on Environment “Environmental Management Challenges and Opportunities on a Globalized Economy” to be held in Talca, Chile on December 5 to 7, 2001. Deadline: September 30, 2001.

More information: <http://www.cima2001.cl/>

Call for applications for the Third bi-annual International Human Dimensions Workshop for young developing country scientists “Human Dimensions of Urbanisation and the Transition to Sustainability”, organised by IHDP and START, to be held in Bonn, Germany on June 3-14, 2002. Deadline: November 10, 2001.

For more information: <http://www.uni-bonn.de/ihdp/IHDW2002/firstannouncement.htm>

Call for papers for the Conference “Spatial Inequality and Development” organised by Cornell University, to be held from June 27 to 29, 2002. London, England. Deadline: November 30, 2001. For more information contact Prof. Ravi Kanbur: sk145@cornell.edu

Call for papers on “Local Government, New Actors, New Roles” for the magazine “Territorios N° 8”, published by CIDER Editorial (Regional Studies Interdisciplinary Centre) of the Universidad de los Andes, Colombia.

(<http://icaro.uniandes.edu.co/~co-cacer/Cider.htm#Revistas>). Deadline: November 19, 2001.

Contact: Claudia Carreño – ccarreqo@uniandes.edu.co

Call for nominations for the First Board of New Global Institution – GRI (Global Reporting Initiative). Nine leaders on the areas of: economics, environment, human rights, government, among others. Deadline: September 15, 2001.

More information: <http://www.globalreporting.org/PermanentInstitution/CallForNominations.htm>

Events, Conferences, Workshops and Courses

Electronic Conference: What we understand by “Local Development”? , organized by the Strategic Alliances for the Local Development in Latin America Program of ALOP (Latinamerican Asociation of Promotion Organizations)

Available as from September 3, 2001 on <http://www.desarrollolocal.org/conferencias/>

VII Annual Summit of Mayors and Prefects of the MercoCities, organised by the MercoCities Network. September 3 and 4, 2001. Valparaíso, Chile. For more information contact: Gustavo Paulsen - gpaulsen@cormuval.cl

International Congress “Urban Renewal, Recyclig versus Land Consumption”. Organised by IFHP (International Federation of Housing and Planning). September 9 to 13, 2001. Barcelona, Spain. For more information visit: <http://www.bcn.es/urbanisme/congres2001> <http://www.ifhp.org> or contact: ifhp.NL@inter.NL.net

44 ACODAL International Congress: “Urban Environmental Conflict: Solutions and Opportunities in Latinamerica. September 26 to 28, 2001. City of Medellín, Colombia. For more information visit:

<http://www.acodal.org.co/eventos/44congress.htm>

Sustainable Information Society (SIS) – Values and Everyday Life Conference, organised by the Town of Kouvola, the Finnish Ministry of the Environment and the Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities. September 27 and 28, 2001. City of Kouvola, Finland. For more information visit: <http://www.kouvola.fi>

I Latinamerican Meeting of Municipalities, organized by the American Foundation for Development (FUNDEXPO) and the Ia Development Iberamerican Corporation (CIDE). October 7 to 14, 2001. San José, Costa Rica: For more information: fundexpo@sol.racsa.co.cr o corpcide@sol.racsa.co.cr

I Latinamerican Interdisciplinary Congress on Health and Environment. October 25 to 27, 2001. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

For more information visit: <http://www.ambientia.org.ar/> or contact: sama@ambientia.org.ar

Canadian Waste Management Conference, organised by Reseau Environnement and supported by the Canadian Environment Industry Agency (CEIA-ACIE). Date: October 30 and 31, 2001. Quebec, Canada. For more information please visit: <http://www.reseau-environnement.com> or contact: koscarson@reseau-environnement.com

IV Latinamerican Seminar on Universities and Local Development. Organised by Universidad La Serena. November 5 to 7, 2001. La Serena, Chile. More information: <http://www.userena.cl/agenda.html>

2nd. Edition of the International Scientific Conference XXI Century Environment, organized by the Universidad Central "Marta Abreu" (Cuba), supported by the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona and Generalitat de Cataluña (Spain) . November 21 to 24, 2001. Villa Clara, Cuba.

For more information contact: pcasanova@uclv.etcasa.cu - pcasanova2000@yahoo.com.

Course "Agriculture, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development". September 6 to 22, 2001. Colón, Costa Rica. Organised by: Universidad para la Paz. More information: acadmin@upeace.org

Regional Course on Research-Action and Urban Agriculture Management in the cities of Latinamerica and the Caribbean, organised by IDRC (Canadá), PGU-ALC/CNUAH-Habitat (PGU-ALC, Quito), IPES (Peru), LAC Cities Working Group on Urban Agriculture and Food Security and AGUILA Network. November 5 to 23, 2001. Quito, Ecuador. For more information contact: aguila@ipes.org.pe or visit: <http://www.idrc.ca/cfp/aguila.html>

WE RECOMMEND

Documents

Publication of "Local Management Analysis", within the scope of the "Innovation Dissemination and Innovative Practices in Sub-national Public Management" project, jointly prepared by the POLIS Institute and the Public Management and Citizenship Program of FAESPV/EGV with the support of IADB.

Study "Refuse in Low-Income Neighbourhoods: a proposed collection system", by Rosario Rosa and Miguel Angel Vespa (CIDCRUZ / IHS-SINPA).

http://www.ihs.nl/sinpa/publications/bolivia/Refuse_in_low-income_Neighbourhoods_a_proposed_collection_system.pdf

United Nations Human Development Report 2001 "Making new technologies work for human development".

<http://www.undp.org/hdr2001/>

Results from the Third Summit of the Americas, April 20 to 22, 2001, Quebec City, Canada. <http://www.summit-americas.org/eng/quebec-summit1.htm>

Thesis "User Benefits of Urban Agriculture In Havana, Cuba: An Application of the Contingent Valuation Method", published by City Farmer, Canada's Office of Urban Agriculture.

<http://www.cityfarmer.org/havanaBenefit.html#havanaCUBA>

"Guide for the Formulation and Implementation of Municipal Policies addressed to women". Workbook No. 72. Red Mujer y Habitat América Latina; CISCSA; UNIFEM. Contact: Nancy Sánchez pgu@pgu.ecuanex.net.ec.

For more information visit: <http://www.pgualc.org/publicaciones/cuaderno72.htm>

Internet

Rio +10: Website of the Brazilian Ministry of Environment: <http://www.mma.gov.br>

New Brazilian gateway on environmental issues: <http://www.ambientebrasil.com.br>

The State Secretariat for the Environment in Rio Grande do Sul, has launched its new commemorative website: <http://www.sema.rs.gov.br> and the Pró-Guaiba website: <http://www.proguiba.rs.gov.br>

Listserv on New Investment Law and Sustainable Development of the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD - Canada). For more information visit: <http://www.iisd.org/trade/investsd.htm> or contact Brad Etlin: betlin@iisd.ca

WASTE website. Information and publications, projects and experiences on solid waste management and resource recovery, low-cost sanitation and liquid waste management, and community based environmental improvement: <http://www.waste.nl>

SERVICES

Cities Forum: Find out about environmental management experiences in cities and municipalities throughout Latin America and the Caribbean

<http://www.ems-sema.org/english/noticias/forum.htm>

City Press: Publish your news on environmental management in cities and municipalities of Latin America and the Caribbean in the INFO-EMS news bulletin.
http://www.ems-sema.org/english/noticias/city_press.htm

CITIES FORUM

Information is requested on:

Water Management and Urban Basin Management

Experiences, methodologies, etc. on biological contamination of aquifers in neighbourhoods lacking water and sewage sanitation. Contact: Héctor Massone – hmassone@mdp.edu.ar

Small technology development. Exchanges with research centres on processes aimed at treating and recycling industrial and domestic water effluents.

Contact: Gustavo Alfaro: fundacionarete@hotmail.com, or visit: <http://www.sistematoha.cl>.

Waste Management

Experiences on projects to prevent child labour in the handling of waste, for a project on waste classification at the point of origin, Argentina.

Contact: Ricardo Bertolino, Fundación del Sur - rbertolino@sinectis.com.ar

Companies with experience in solid waste management employing the sanitary landfill method. Contact: Ever E. Paternina - movicon@ctgred.net.co

Experiences in management of leached liquids and application of technologies to implement systems at the level of low-income populations.

Contact: Bernardo Calvache – bercal@sindamanoy.udnar.edu.co

Information on compost (laboratory techniques used to determine compost quality, quality analysis, etc.). Contact: Erdy Vega Ronquillo – vega@uctr.unica.cu

International Cooperation

Links and references on organisations that work in the fields of: Strategic Organisation & Planning, The City Hall, Young People and Local Participation, Elements for the Preparation of Projects, Organisation of Volunteer Work in NGOs. Contact: IDEPA/Instituto para el Desarrollo de la Democracia Participativa – correo@idepa.org.ar

Urban Environmental Management in the Urban-Rural Interface

Bibliographic support, experiences, projects on the development of animal feeds (swine) by composting overdue dairy products. Contact: Proyecto Recuperac 2001 – recuperac@yahoo.com

Inter-municipal Coordination

Information sources on environmental issues related to geological risk management in the Andean areas of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela (ecological sensitivity, institutional aspects, capacity to react in case of environmental problems, etc.), to prepare a project on geological risk assessment.

Contact: Alan Whitehead – Canada Geological Service – aljw@attglobal.net

Experiences for training on: Participatory Environmental Management, Municipal Environmental Management, Environmental Problem Solving, Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Contact: Luis Celis - luiscelis@telesal.net

Environmental Management in Cities

Experiences in Urban Environmental Planning that include standards for steps in city planning, in order to develop the Rosario Environmental Plan. Contact: Pablo Pastorino – per@rosario.gov.ar

References to experts and researchers devoted to green area designs for project on historic urban parks and their current role (case study: Bosque de la Plata, Argentina).

Contact: Architect Leandro Moroni: lmoroni@hotmail.com and el_bosque@ciudad.com.ar

Environmental Legislation

Legislation (regulations, functions, competence, integration, organisational structure) on designation of basin authorities in Peru. Contact: julio@oaca.org.pe

Legislation and packaging and recycling policies in Latin America.

Contact: Lily Kang – lkang@environmentaldefense.org

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CITY PRESS

“Kit Cities and Environment: practic guide for environmental protection for the Latinamerican municipalities”. For more information, contact Rosalba Contreras Ponce cesem@data.net.mx

FEMICA (Federation of Municipalities of the Central American Isthmus) invites you to participate in the identification of municipalities with successful experiences in terms of Local Management, to create a regional municipality database through the Central American Archive (website: <http://www.femica.org.gt>)

The David Suzuki Foundation is promoting the website: <http://www.energyrevolution.net>, where users can take a virtually tour to a typical canadian city and explore energy uses and how it affects climate and environment.

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