

ACHIEVING GLOBAL ENERGY SECURITY April 13, 2007

at the Abromson Community Education Center, University of Southern Maine

The Achieving Global Energy Security (AGES) conference at USM is the first of its kind, connecting the work of organizations and individuals concerned about energy policies, nuclear issues, global warming, preemptive war strategy in general and the Iraq War in particular. A major goal of this conference is to help promote a shift in public attitudes from anxiety and fear to hope, engagement, and action. Participants will consider the links between these issues, and collaborative working relationships will be strengthened to support ongoing work promoting fundamental changes in local and national policies.



Sponsored by PSR/Maine, Peace Action Maine, University of Southern Maine Office of Environmental Sustainability, Maine Public Health Association, Sierra Club Maine, Maine Council of Churches, Maine Veterans for Peace, United Nations Association of Maine.

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who should attend?

- Activists (environmental, global warming, nuclear abolitionists, peace, anti-nuclear power)
- Health care providers and public health practitioners
- Educators and students (high school and college level)
- Private and government professionals working on environmental and energy policy issues
- Veterans
- Concerned members of the public

keynote speaker

Mary-Wynne Ashford, MD, former Co-President, International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War, and author of *Enough Blood Shed: 101 Solutions to Violence, Terror, and War*

PRESENTERS INCLUDE

Michael Renner, from the Worldwatch Institute, author of "The Anatomy of Resource Wars"

Catherine Thomasson, MD, President of Physicians for Social Responsibility

Cameron Wake, PhD, co-author of "Climate Change in the US Northeast"

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workshops

ACHIEVING A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY POLICY IN MAINE

Despite the relative abundance of renewable resources in the state, Maine is still heavily dependent on fossil fuels to meet its energy needs for electricity, transportation and space heating. This workshop will provide an overview of Maine's energy consumption profile, as well as opportunities and challenges associated with transforming our energy patterns through increased conservation, efficiency and use of renewable energies.

Moderator:

Jennifer Andersen, Advocate, Environment Maine

Presenters:

- Harry Brown, Maine Interfaith Power and Light
- Ed Holt, Ed Holt and Associates, Inc.
- Michael Stoddard, Deputy Director and Attorney, Environment Northeast

CHANGING ENERGY POLICY: ENDING THE NUCLEAR THREAT

There is a growing recognition of the precariousness of an energy policy dependent on foreign oil. This workshop will explore how our national security strategy is skewed by this oil dependency. Participants will also explore the degree to which increased reliance on nuclear power will fuel nuclear proliferation, and what needs to be done instead to reduce nuclear risks.

Moderator:

Patrick Downey, JD, United Nations Association of Maine

Presenters:

- Michael Renner, Worldwatch Institute
- Ira Shorr, National Physicians for Social Responsibility Field Director
- Harold Feivenson, PhD, Princeton University's Program on Science and Global Security

GLOBAL WARMING: COOL SOLUTIONS FOR MAINE

Never has the saying "Think globally, act locally" had more relevance than today's challenge to address global warming. Across Maine and the US, municipalities and their residents are taking action and locally creating and implementing smart energy strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In this workshop representatives of Maine Partners for Cool Communities and a Maine mayor will describe the successes and challenges of Maine communities' solutions.

Moderator:

Dudley Greeley, USM Sustainability Coordinator/Green Campus Consortium

Presenters:

- Joan Saxe, Sierra Club leader
- Mayor Mark Johnston of Saco
- Chuck Hazzard, green businessman, homeowner, and citizen advocate

THE MEDICAL CONSEQUENCES AND HEALTH IMPACTS OF WAR

A long-term strategy to control access to foreign oil may well be contributing to the Bush administration's so-called pre-emptive war policy. This workshop will explore the serious human costs resulting from implementation of this approach to energy policy and national security, with special emphasis on the current war in Iraq. Realistic alternative approaches to conflict resolution will also be discussed.

Moderator:

Doug Rawlings, Maine Veterans for Peace

Presenters:

- Catherine Thomasson, MD, President of Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Michael Uhl, Maine Veterans for Peace
- Dr. Alberto Colombi, Coordinator of Emergency, USA

NUCLEAR POWER: MUST WE LIVE WITH IT? CAN WE LIVE WITHOUT IT?

Some have suggested that increasing reliance on nuclear power is a necessary component of efforts to moderate global warming. This workshop will clarify the high costs of such an approach, in terms of health risks, economic costs, limited global warming benefits, and unacceptable nuclear proliferation risks. Alternative energy solutions will be emphasized.

Moderator:

Travis Wagner, PhD, USM Department of Environmental Science

Presenters:

- Brice Smith, PhD, Institute for Energy and Environmental Research and author of *Insurmountable Risks: The Dangers of Using Nuclear Power to Combat Global Climate Change*
- Dylan Voorhees, Energy Project Director, Natural Resource Council of Maine

HEALTHY FUTURE FOR THE EARTH: LIVING LIKE IT MATTERS

If we want to achieve global energy security, "we must be the change we wish to see in the world." This workshop will illustrate the health consequences to humans of an unhealthy planet and examine quality of life indices that individuals and even nations are adopting to progress to values-based economies and lifestyles.

Moderator:

Jill Saxby, Executive Director, Maine Council of Churches

Presenters:

- Rick Donahue, MD, Visiting Scientist, Department of Environmental Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health
- Economist, TBA

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conference schedule

- 8:30** **REGISTRATION**
- 9:00** **WELCOME**
- 9:15** **OPENING PLENARY PANEL**
Michael Renner—Author of *Fighting for Survival: Environmental Decline, Social Conflict, and the New Age of Insecurity*
Catherine Thomasson—National President of Physicians for Social Responsibility
Cameron Wake—Co-author UCS study documenting impact of global warming on the northeast
- 10:30** **BREAK**
- 10:45–** **CONCURRENT**
12:15 **WORKSHOPS**
- Achieving a Sustainable Energy Policy in Maine
 - Global Warming; Maine Partners for Cool Communities
 - Nuclear Power: Must We Live With It? Can We Live Without It?
 - Changing Energy Policy: Ending The Nuclear Threat
 - The Medical Consequences and Health Impacts of War
 - Healthy Future For the Earth: Living Like it Matters
- 12:15–** **Lunch, networking,**
1:30 **“Gallery of Hope” & Exhibitor Viewing**
- 1:30–** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
2:30 **“New Challenges, New Thinking”**
Mary-Wynne Ashford, former co-president of International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War and author of *Enough Blood Shed*
- 2:30–** **CLOSING PANEL**
3:45 **Sustainable Energy for Maine; A Series of Success Stories**



about the speakers

MARY-WYNNE ASHFORD, MD

Mary-Wynne Ashford served as President of Canadian Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War from 1988–90, and chaired the World Congress of International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) in 1988 in Montreal. She was Vice President of IPPNW representing North America from 1991–93, and then Co-President of IPPNW for two terms from 1998–2002. She served on the University of Victoria Board of Governors from 1993–95. She retired from clinical medicine at the end of 2003 in order to write *Enough Blood Shed: 101 Solutions to Violence, Terror, and War*, documenting successful non-violent interventions that have prevented or resolved armed conflict.



MICHAEL RENNER

Michael Renner is Senior Researcher at the Worldwatch Institute, where he directs their Global Security Project addressing the interconnections between resources, environment, conflict, and peace-making. In 2002, he wrote the Worldwatch report *The Anatomy of Resource Wars*. In addition to his duties at Worldwatch, he is also a member of the Global Policy Forum Board, the Hague Appeal for Peace International Advisory Board, and the International Advisory Group of the Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research, based in Sweden. His book, *Fighting for Survival: Environmental Decline, Social Conflict, and the New Age of Insecurity*, is one of the most frequently-cited sources in the literature on redefining security.

CATHERINE THOMASSON, MD

Catherine Thomasson currently is national President of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR). Previously, she served for 5 years as President of PSR/Oregon. Under her leadership PSR/Oregon created a video presentation to educate the public about the greater threats from war than from terrorism, which supported their advocacy of PSR's alternative approach to security framed as a “Sensible Multilateral American Response to Terrorism.” She has also been an educator and advocate for solutions to global warming through presentations on “Health Effects of Global Warming” and “The Need for Energy Independence.” In addition to her work for PSR, she is a practicing internist at the Portland State University Student Health Service.



CAMERON WAKE, PhD

Cameron Wake studies regional climate and environmental change through analysis of ice cores and instrumental records. He recently co-authored *Climate Change in the US Northeast*, as part of the Northeast Climate Impact Assessment. Currently, he is leading a research program to reconstruct climate change from ice cores recovered from glaciers on the Tibetan Plateau and in the Canadian Arctic. He also leads the INHALE project, investigating the links between air quality and human health in New England, and is involved in the related AIRMAP project, which seeks to improve understanding of New England's changing climate and air quality.

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intended outcomes



- Educating a large number of concerned citizens, activists, and professionals about the links between these issues; "getting the big picture" will enhance everyone's efforts to promote positive change on the specific issues they care about.
- Creating and strengthening individual and organizational working relationships across disciplines.
- Building constituencies to support a change in state and national energy policies (less dependent on fossil fuels, less dependent on nuclear, more utilization of renewables and enhanced energy efficiency, more energy efficient transportation).
- Building constituencies to support decreasing rather than increasing reliance on nuclear weapons, and strengthening nuclear non-proliferations measures.
- Building constituencies to oppose preemptive war strategy in general and the Iraq War in particular.
- Promoting a shift in public attitudes from anxiety and fear to hope and engagement in consideration of alternative possibilities for solutions to our most pressing problems.