AASHE 2006 CONFERENCE: “The Role of Higher Education in Creating a Sustainable World”

October 4th-6th, 2006 in Tempe, Arizona

Hosted by: Arizona State University and Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).

Conference activities include Speakers – Bill McKibben, Ray Anderson, Beverly Wright, and Hunter Lovins; Plenaries – topics include Higher Education and Global Warming, Sustainability in the Curriculum, Higher Education and Sustainable Food Systems; Round Tables; Workshops; Seminars; Presentations; and Poster Sessions

The closing keynote, Hunter Lovins, is part of the Global Institute of Sustainability’s Wrigley Lecture Series and is open to the public. In addition, ASU will be featuring a Sustainability Expo (formerly the Supplier’s Showcase) along Cady Mall, and Student Sustainability Fair on Hayden Lawn. ASU students, staff, and faculty and the public, are welcome to attend these free events.

Visit the AASHE website http://www.aashe.org/ or the information page to get more details: http://www.aashe.org/conference/.

ASU

A Healthy Environment – Priceless – Knowledge@W.P.Carey – September 13, 2006 - Rajiv Sinha, a marketing professor at the W. P. Carey School of Business, believes that economic growth and a healthy environment do not have to be mutually exclusive.

Soza helps expand ASU outreach in key areas – ASU Insight - September 14, 2006 - Robert Soza, a longtime ASU administrator and Valley educator, has moved into an expanded role at ASU to advance the New American University and its agenda of access, excellence and impact. Soza, senior associate vice president for university student initiatives, will work in tandem with the Center for Community Development and Civil Rights to broaden ASU's reach in key strategic areas within Maricopa County and across the state.

“IT Takes A Village” Series Presentation - Mary Lou Fulton College of Education News - September 13, 2006 - The Multicultural Student Center will host the first It Takes a Village Series on Wednesday, Sept. 20th at 3:00 p.m. in the Memorial Union Fiesta Room at ASU’s Tempe Campus.

Education Fair provides value for veteran, novice educators – News at ASU Polytechnic Campus - September 14, 2006 - Innovation, creativity and sharing with the education community is what the annual Education Fair, sponsored by Arizona State University's
School of Educational Innovation and Teacher Preparation, is all about. ASU wants K-12 educators to get on the bus for its annual fair from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Oct. 7, at ASU's Polytechnic campus.

ARIZONA

Governor Napolitano issues Executive Order to reduce global warming – September 8, 2006 - Recognizing the profound implications that global warming and climate variation could have on the economy, environment and quality of life in the desert Southwest, Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano signed Executive Order 2005-02 on February 2, 2005, establishing the Arizona Climate Change Advisory Group (CCAG).

NAU hosts the Arizona Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council – CSE News - September 18, 2006 - The U.S. Green building Council will be holding their September Arizona Chapter Meeting at NAU on September 19, 2006 from 3:30-5:30 pm in the University Union Havasuapi A/B room.

'Urban Acupuncture' Architect to Lecture at UA - The UANews - September 15, 2006- The distinctly American city of San Diego and the distinctly Mexican city of Tijuana abut each other on either side of the international border. The each form roughly half of a huge urban space on the Pacific Coast. San Diego architect Teddy Cruz views this as a laboratory for solutions to problems of urban growth.

Entrepreneurship and Law Team Up for Innovative New Course – The UANews – September 15, 2006 - An innovative program combining the efforts of entrepreneurship students and law students at The University of Arizona is providing real-world experience for students through interdisciplinary education.

NATIONAL

Stanford's odd couples chase breakthroughs - San Francisco Chronicle – September 17, 2006 – These days, Stanford University is full of odd couples doing extraordinary research: Gastroenterologists are working with aerospace engineers, geophysicists with pediatricians, radiologists with philosophers.

FSU hires academic superstars: New hiring process part of 'pathway of excellence' – Tallahassee Democrat - September 9, 2006 - "Who we hire, how we hire is different than in the past," FSU President T.K. Wetherell said. "Normally, in most institutions, it was done individually." The academic clusters are the latest of FSU's strategies to achieve what Wetherell described as being recognized as "a top-flight, first-tier" university.

Cream of the crop? The Yale Herald – September 8, 2006 - As Yale adds sustainable food to our plates, Tamara Micner explores the YSFP’s future beyond Berkeley.
**New sustainability minor focuses on being green** – The Minnesota Daily – September 12, 2006 - Fifty students will measure how much waste they produce every day and the amount of gas a truck transporting strawberries to Minnesotans in the dead of winter burns in a pilot course for the new sustainability studies minor course this semester.

**College of Engineering pushes boundaries of sustainability, green design** – Penn State Live - September 15, 2006 - Twenty teams of college engineering students will spend more than a year building 800-square-foot homes for the Solar Decathlon with an emphasis on the use of building-integrated photovoltaics. The students will raise funds, plan, design, build and improve their concept homes. Each team also begins the competition with a two-year, $100,000 grant from the Department of Energy.

**GLOBAL**

**Centre for Sustainable Design - Annual conference addresses global design issues** – electropages.com - September 11, 2006 - The conference is organised by the renowned The Centre for Sustainable Design at the University for the Creative Arts (UCCA) at Farnham, Surrey, UK, in association with Stuart Graduate School of Business and The Center for Sustainable Enterprise, which is also based at Illinois Institute of Technology. Sustainable Innovation 06 is part of the 'Towards Sustainable Product Design' series of conferences.

**Workshop on innovative interdisciplinary research** – Cordis News – September 12, 2006 - A workshop on innovative interdisciplinary research will be held on 18 September in Pisa, Italy. The one-day workshop aims to provide an overview of the Italian, as well as other national and international approaches, to innovative interdisciplinary research.

**UN environment agency partners with Google Earth to spotlight crisis zones** – UN News Center – September 14, 2006 - Touring a virtual planet earth, zooming in on environmental hotspots and comparing today’s crisis zones with yesterday's areas of natural beauty have all become possible thanks to a partnership between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Google Earth.

**Sustainability goes academic** – Concordia Journal – September 14, 2006 - Sustainability is the capacity to meet the needs of the present — social, economic and ecological — without compromising those of the future. As a field of academic endeavour, it’s all about the study of complex systems and their interactions.

**GET INVOLVED!**

**Volunteers Needed for AASHE 2006!** We are looking for approximately 100 volunteers to work between noon on Wednesday, October 4 through approximately 8pm, Friday, October 6 for a number of activities including manning the sign-in tables, supervising and assisting in the business center, room guides and AV assistants, and outdoor expo guides. Please contact Michele Roy, at Michele.Roy@asu.edu or call 480-965-4002, for more information.
Campus Sustainability Day IV – October 25, 2006
Campus Sustainability Day (CSD) celebrates sustainability in higher education. ASU’s Jim Buizer, Special Advisor to the President and Executive Director of the Office of Sustainability Initiatives, will be participating in this year’s Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) web cast. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us. Details to be announced.

AWARDS

P3 Awards: The EPA’s National Student Design Competition for Sustainability - The EPA is now accepting submissions for P3 awards. The P3 competition provides grants to teams of college students to research, develop, and design solutions to challenges to sustainability. P3 highlights people, prosperity, and the planet – the three pillars of sustainability – as the next step beyond P2 or pollution prevention. The awards program is a partnership between the public and private sectors to progress toward sustainability by achieving the mutual goals of economic prosperity, protection of the natural systems of the planet, and providing a higher quality of life for its people.

EVENTS

Renewable Energy Monthly Seminar and Teleconference Series – Next Call: September 20, 2006 - ACORE in collaboration with the Renewable Energy Resources Committee of the American Bar Association (ABA) SEER Section will be holding a series of multi-site seminars and teleconferences on a monthly basis. The teleconferences provide a forum for examining and disseminating information about the expansion of markets for renewable energy, energy efficiency and distributed generation.


Scottsdale Green Building Expo October 6-7 at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, 7380 E. Second St., downtown Scottsdale, 9-7 Friday, 9 - 5 Saturday.

Community Forum: Healing Racism - Which Way Forward? Immigration and Race: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow - An ongoing, Valley-wide educational collaboration between ASU, City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, and Maricopa County Community College District presents the Healing Racism series. 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Phoenix College Dome, Conference Room, 3110 N. 10th Avenue, Phoenix.

- Wednesday, September 20th 2006: When do the standards change?
- Thursday, November 16th 2006: Racism Turned Inward

PlaceMatters06 - A Creative Planning Collaborative for Sustainable Communities – October 19-21 at Adam’s Mark Hotel, Denver, CO. Bringing a variety of the best tools,
processes and people to bear on some of the most critical land use challenges of our times.

**Resources**

**GIOS** – Global Institute of Sustainability - ASU

**AASHE** – Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

**ULSF** – University Leaders for a Sustainable Future

**SCUP** – Society for College and University Planning