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Climate Alliance news

- 1) International Annual Conference in Aachen and Heerlen

The General Assembly has passed resolutions to the topics agro-fuels and CO2 compensation. In the meantime you find the resolutions on our website.

We will put an online documentation of the conference into the web in a short time. Furthermore, we prepare a newsletter CLIMAIL

Europe with contributions about the conference events and workshops.

<http://www.climatealliance.org>

2) European Mobility Week

16 - 22 September 2008 - "Clean Air for All"

In this week all European cities and towns will have the opportunity to participate to the most widespread event on sustainable mobility: Last year in more than 2000 cities and towns events dedicated to sustainable mobility have been organised - not only in Europe but world-wide.

<http://www.mobilityweek.eu>

3) Relaunch of our website

In the moment we revise our website. In the second half of April we plan to put the new website into the web. We'll inform you about the exact date later.

<http://www.climatealliance.org>

Rainforest News

4) Peru: Oil hunt drives native people to a corner

There are small groups of the Cacataibo community living in the Cordillera Azul mountain range in Amazonia, near the Brazilian border. Most of the Cacataibos have come into contact with Western culture, but those who remain totally untouched by the outside world are now being ever more cornered by oil prospectors and loggers. "Our brothers are together in groups of some 20 families with some 20 members each. Their living space is in great danger given that there is oil and natural gas in the region," said Edith Bolivar of the Native Federation of Cacataibo Communities (FENACOCA).

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/News/News_By_Industry/ET_Cetera/Oil_hunt_drives_Perus_last_native_people_to_a_corner/articlesh ow/2896734.cms

5) Ecuador: Landslide hits Sote pipeline

A landslide has cut off Ecuador's main export oil pipeline but the state oil firm Petroecuador says it will try to use other routes. The Sote pipeline, which can move 400,000 barrels of oil

per day from the Amazon jungle to the Pacific Ocean, stopped pumping. It pumps almost all oil extracted in the jungle.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/low/americas/7270318.stm>

6) Brazil fails to implement deforestation plan

Faced with a spike in forest clearing due to high commodity prices, the Brazilian government has failed to enact reforms designed to slow deforestation in the Amazon rainforest. Analyzing Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's 2004 forest protection 'Action Plan', Greenpeace found that 60 percent of the 162 'activities' under 32 strategic directions in the plan have not been enacted. Less than a third of the strategic directions were completed by the end of last year.

<http://news.mongabay.com/2008/0306-amazon.html>

News from Europe and worldwide

7) MEPs call for climate protection target in transport sector

The European Parliament adopted an own-initiative report on sustainable European transport policy, which says that the problem of urban congestion, which causes 40 percent of CO2 emissions and 70 percent of other pollutant emissions from vehicles, needs to be tackled more ambitiously, by applying a Europe-wide cooperation and coordination strategy. MEPs say better exploitation of existing infrastructure, especially by means of demand management measures such as congestion charges and road pricing is needed.

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/expert/infopress_page/062-23418-070-03-11-910-20080307IPR23284-10-03-2008-2008-false/default_en.htm

8) From Amsterdam to Frankfurt highest CO2 concentration in Europe

Envisat makes first ever observation of regionally elevated CO2 from manmade emissions. Using data from the SCIAMACHY instrument aboard ESA's Envisat environmental satellite, scientists have for the first time detected regionally elevated atmospheric carbon dioxide - the most important greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming - originating from manmade emissions.

http://www.esa.int/esaCP/SEMZHVM5NDF_index_0.html

9) United Nations launches new climate change internet site

A new United Nations Internet site, "Gateway to the UN System's Work on Climate Change," that highlights the wide-ranging work of the various parts of the United Nations system on climate change has been launched. The new website makes it easier for Internet users to find information on climate change from across the United Nations system.

<http://www.un.org/climatechange>

Taking part

10) European Solar Days - 16 and 17 May 2008

As an awareness raising campaign, the European Solar Days aim to promote the use of the sun as an energy source for all solar applications, solar thermal and photovoltaic, throughout Europe. The first European Solar Days will be celebrated with over 4000 different events in ten European countries. It is now time to bring the Solar Days to the rest of Europe - with Belgium, Italy, France, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Slovenia ready to go in 2008.

<http://www.solardays.eu/4.0.html>

11) Climate 2008 - First Global Climate Conference Online

Let the conference introduce you to the latest findings on scientific research on climate change, including elements related to its environmental, social, economic and policy aspects. Enter this platform on 3-7 November 2008 and read about new projects and innovative initiatives being undertaken in both industrialised and developing countries by universities and scientific institutions, government bodies, NGOs and other stakeholders.

<http://www.klima2008.net/?a1=clen&PHPSESSID=j48slqsidiup9njavc7g4u9oj7>

Information

12) Sustainable Mobility with e-TREAM

e-TREAM is a STEER project of the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme of the European Commission, combining the experience of Energy Agencies in nine European countries to address mobility issues such as the need to reduce energy consumption in transport, and to promote alternative fuels and more sustainable transport modes. Long-term benefits will include the increase of sustainable mobility, reductions in costs, health-threatening

pollution and noise levels in urban settings and increased public awareness of the need for action.

<http://etream.team-red.net/?id=129&L=0>

13) Anxiety as method against climate change?

Will a group of people reach a collective target through individual contributions when everyone suffers individually if the target is missed? This "collective-risk social dilemma" exists in various social scenarios, the globally most challenging one being the prevention of dangerous climate change. Reaching the collective target requires individual sacrifice, with benefits to all but no guarantee that others will also contribute. It even seems tempting to contribute less and save money to induce others to contribute more, hence the dilemma and the risk of failure.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/18287081>

Events

14) Sustainable Energy and Social Housing

21 and 22 April 2008 in Ancona, Italy

http://www.erap.an.it/pagine/erap_314.asp

15) Creating a CHP roadmap for Europe - Cogen Europe Annual Conference

22 and 23 May 2008 in Brussels

http://www.cogeneurope.eu/events/Annual_Conference_2008.htm

16) The New Legislative Framework on EU Energy Policy

22 and 23 May 2008 in Luxembourg

<http://www.eipa.eu/en/activities/show/&tid=2362>

17) Towards Environmentally Friendly Mobility in our Cities

1. - 4 June 2008 in Stuttgart, Germany

<http://www.cities-for-mobility.net/index.php?lang=en>

18) International Conference on Geothermal Use of Minewater
4 and 5 June 2008 in Heerlen (NL) and Aachen (DE)
<http://www.minewater08.info>