

GLOBAL 500 UPDATES: 2002

World Environment Day 2002 - A special speech by Marilyn Mosley, President of the Global 500 Forum



Dear Kajsa, His Excellency, the Minister of the Environment, Lord Mayor of Sweden, and Honored Guests,

It is my honor and privilege to lend my enthusiastic support to this important meeting and to the vision you are creating for World Environment Day 2002 and Future Vessel.

Sweden has been gifted with a few individuals and organizations who have won the prestigious United Nations Global 500 Award. The Global 500 Forum is honored to have Globetree join this illustrious group of individuals, organizations, governments and corporations.

I have had the pleasure of working with Kajsa Dahlstrom and Ben van Bronckhorst for over 8 years. I first met Ben in 1992 at the UNICEF World Summit on Children where students from Laurel Springs School (1990 Global 500 Laureate) and children from Globetree were speaking. Our common vision and Ben's inventive spirit set the stage for a long lasting friendship. We have worked together for many years sending students to the Globetree Sharing Water Ceremonies and the Future Vessel program. Ben often visited our school, lecturing to our students and helping with our environmental projects. When Globetree won the Global 500 award this year I was elated. For years Ben had talked about Globetree founder Kajsa Dahlstrom, but never had we meet in person. This year's World Environment Day was an extra special ceremony as I watched Kajsa received the award for Globetree and Ben van Bronckhorst.

I would like to describe the Global 500 Award and how it relates to the World Environment Day. In 1987, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) launched the Global 500 Roll of Honor for Environmental Achievement. This award is granted to individuals, governments, corporations and organizations for outstanding achievements in the protection and improvement of the environment. The award transcends the boundaries of age, economics, location and status, and pays tribute to those individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to preserving our planet



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The Global 500 Programme is now well established. It provides prestige for the recipients and attracts worldwide public, media and political support. Since 1987, 658 individuals and organizations have received the Global 500 Award for Environmental Achievement. Sweden has had four Global 500 Laureates, its latest being Globetree.

To quote Mr. Toepfer, the Executive Director of UNEP. "The individuals and organizations who join the prestigious ranks of global laureates have, in their own distinctive manner, influenced the destiny of life on earth as active participating members of the community. These are 'heroes' on the front line of global environmental action. They realize that global issues are in fact rooted in daily life, and that actions in private life ripple out and affect the larger environment. In honoring them the United Nations Environment Programme seeks inspiration from their extraordinary deeds".

World Environment Day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972 to mark the opening of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment. Another resolution, adopted by the General Assembly the same day, led to the creation of UNEP. Therefore Stockholm has the honor of helping create both World Environment Day and UNEP.

World Environment Day can be celebrated in many ways, including street rallies, bicycles parades, green concerts, essay and poster competitions in schools, tree planting, recycling efforts, clean-up campaigns and much more. In many countries, this annual event is used to enhance political attention and action. Heads of State, Kings, Prime Ministers and Ministers of Environment deliver statements and commit themselves to care for the Earth. Serious pledges are made which lead to the establishment of permanent governmental structures dealing with environmental management and economic planning. This observance also provides an opportunity to sign or ratify international environmental conventions.

Most importantly, World Environment Day provides us with the opportunity to carefully consider the actions which each of us must take to protect our earth, and then address ourselves to our common task of preserving all life on earth with resolution and quiet confidence.

Each year, UNEP, the United Nations agency responsible for coordinating World Environment Day activities, selects a city as the main venue for the international celebrations. World Environment Day 2000 was held in Adelaide, Australia World Environment Day 2001 will be held in Torino, Italy. The location for World Environment



Day 2002 has yet to be decided.

World Environment Day 2002 provides us with an opportunity to look back on thirty years of environmental awareness, which was first conceived of at the 1972 Stockholm conference. World Environment Day 2002 is a time to revisit the goals established at the original Stockholm conference and to expand upon the concepts, vision and goals that were pioneered in 1972. World Environment Day 2002 in Stockholm can once again set the pace for years to come.

The World Wide Web provides us with tools and communication opportunities that were unimaginable in 1972. World Environment Day 2002 provides an opportunity to host both a real time and virtual conference that could be attended by people worldwide.

I am looking forward to hearing the results of your important meeting. I had hoped and planned to be with you in person, but was called to Asia to develop online education curriculum that will change the face of education on that continent. I am committed to supporting your creation of World Environment Day 2002. I promise to attend the next meeting in person and supporting the important vision that is being born here today.

Warmly, Marilyn Mosley President, Global 500 Forum

I would now like to share with you a concept for World Environment Day 2002 and Future Vessel inspired by our technical director, Lee Gordanier and dedicated to Globetree visionary Ben van Bronckhorst.





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Ile Bizard teen has been fighting for pesticide ban since he was stricken with cancer

By Ricky Leong

With the arrival of the Montreal mega-city, Ile Bizard's anti-pesticide rules might end up in the dustbin.

If that happens, Jean-Dominique Lévesque-René will have something to say. Lévesque-René, who successfully convinced the town's council to ban the use of cosmetic pesticides last February, will drum up another campaign.

"I don't really have a choice, do I?" the 18-year-old asked jokingly, while admitting he hasn't had any contact with borough or Montreal officials. "I hope they will open their eyes to the pesticide issue because it is a real problem in the Montreal metropolitan region," he added.

Lévesque-René's goal is simple: he wants Montrealers to be better informed about the ill-effects of pesticides and some of the available alternatives. Lévesque-René's battle began at age 10, when he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He's now in remission.

Lévesque-René's mom, Monique, said her son noticed something strange at the hospital when he was being treated.

"It really shocked him to find out there were a lot of kids from our city there," she said.

"He didn't like that. We have the highest rate of cancer in Quebec and all of Canada. (Lévesque-René's) cause is justified, even if it's only to inform people (about the effects of pesticides) and prevent disease. It's not just cancer. It's asthma and many other (things)," she continued, adding that it's unusual for kids to get involved in the community the way her son has.

Since Lévesque-René began his crusade, he's written letters, organized petitions and appeared at numerous council meetings.

Along the way, he's become an inspiration for groups across Canada and the rest of the world — he was even honoured by the United Nations Environment Program last June for his work in protecting the environment.

The drive came at a price, though, with Monique Lévesque saying her son was made fun of by other kids.

"I had some neighbours who were asking me how I could use my own child as a tool for my personal gain. The fact was that he was the one who wanted to do it," she said.

But outgoing Ile Bizard Mayor Norman Marinacci said Lévesque-René should be extremely proud of his accomplishments.

"A person like Jean-Dominique really helped us to achieve what we did. I remember he was really fighting against pesticides, to ban them, they wouldn't listen to him and treated him like a second-class citizen," he said, referring to several other elected officials.

"I would describe him as a person who perseveres. He doesn't stop. He just keeps on fighting, and I



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think that's the best description of what he is. He has to be very proud of the fact that some politicians listened to him. You might yell and scream, but if there's no one to listen, you won't succeed."

The campaign may have saved his life.

"Maybe if he didn't do this, he would not have survived his cancer," said Monique Lévesque. "It gave him something positive to look forward to. Instead of being self-defeating, he said, 'No, I'm getting up and I'm charging ahead,' despite his illness."

"When you've got cancer, you don't know when you're going to become ill, but you also don't know if you're going to die. And even if he did die all of a sudden, like many other (patients) in his age group, we told ourselves that at least he'd done something in his life that he could be proud of. "That's why we encouraged him all the way."

Anil Agarwal India's leading environmental campaigner

Tony Juniper Guardian

Friday January 11, 2002

Anil Agarwal, who has died aged 54 of cancer, was one of the world's most important environmentalists, campaigning from a developing country - India - at a time when many of the international debates around sustainable development were dominated by the west. He established one of his country's most dynamic non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and broadened its campaigning to embrace development and social justice questions. A pioneer who recognised the futility of trading off the needs of people and the environment against each other, he realised that both had to be protected simultaneously. In this respect, he was one of the first campaigners to talk about what became known as sustainable development. In some respects, that shift in thinking mirrored Agarwal's personal journey. In 1986, he had advised Rajiv Gandhi's council of ministers that it should prioritise rural environmental issues because it was forest and soil degradation that affected the lives of poor Indians. He was to later regret giving this steer to the policymakers, as the effects of western-style development became increasingly apparent in the soaring pollution levels that caused misery to millions of India's city-dwellers. Born in Kanpur, in Uttar Pradesh, the son of a land- owner, Agarwal trained as a mechanical engineer at the Indian Institute of Technology, in Kanpur. Later, he became science correspondent at the Hindustan Times. As his interest and knowledge of environmental issues deepened, he became more politically active, founding, in 1980, the New Delhi-based Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), an energetic, sharp and politically astute NGO which challenged Indian government policy and large corporations on a range of environmental matters. Agarwal's successful campaigning with CSE helped him develop an international reputation and, in 1983, he became chairman of the Environmental Liaison Centre International (ELCI), a Nairobi-based global environmental network. Among other tasks, ELCI worked to influence international environmental negotiations. During the preparatory meetings leading to the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Agarwal emerged as one of the leading NGO advocates for a fairer world order. Critical of western governments, their giant corporations and the economic philosophy they stood for, he helped shape a new movement that today regards fundamental changes to capitalism and the economic relations between countries as a prerequisite



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for environmental security. He sought to convince India and other developing countries that following the western development model would prove costly and dangerous. He believed that one of the greatest dangers facing India was its failure to learn from the mistakes of the west. Agarwal was an inspirational leader and courageous campaigner who commanded attention through a powerful rhetorical style, and gained credibility from his clear thinking and grasp of detail and facts. He wrote prolifically. As editor of Down To Earth, CSE's journal and India's leading science and environment magazine, he wrote on a vast array of environmental and related economic and development issues. His work appeared in several international publications, including Earthscan and New Scientist, and he wrote or edited more than 20 books on science and environment in India. In 1987, in recognition of his achievements, the United Nations Environment Programme elected Agarwal to its Global 500 honours list. The Indian government also awarded him official honours for his environment and development work.

He leaves a wife and two daughters. -Anil Agarwal, environmentalist, born November 23 1947; died January 2 2002.

A special invitation from YAWA (2001 Laureate).

Dear Laureates,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we would like to welcome you to our fund-raising event, a joint celebration on winning the Global 500 award last year, celebrating a decade of care for the environment and launching of the E-Book of Acknowledgement. This event is prepared and organised by the young members of YAWA. YAWA Eco-kids and Eco-youth members have for you two presentations of their forth-coming activities. As a gesture in appreciating support, sponsorship and donations, YAWA wish to acknowledge all its sponsors and donors by inscribing their names and logos into the 'E-Book of Acknowledgement' which will be viewed by thousands of people globally. This book will be launched by our guest of honour. We need your support to make this event lively and worthy of the great effort our youth have done in organising this event. The proceeds of your contribution will go towards YAWA's activities for young people from all walks of life. Please come and bring your families and friends to support us. Thank you. ([Download Invitation Doc file here](#)) Warm regards, khadijah Khadijah Abdul Rahman, Yayasan Anak Warisan Alam (reg. no:406702-M), 3, Jalan Rahim Kajai, Taman Tun Dr. Ismail, 60000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Tel:(60)-3-7727-5592, fax:-7729-8413.

Yayasan Anak Warisan Alam Launches "E-Book of Acknowledgement"

KUALA LUMPUR, January 24 2002

Yayasan Anak Warisan Alam (YAWA) launches the E-Book of Acknowledgement project in partnership with Global 500 Forum and in commemoration with their induction into the prestigious United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Global 500 Roll of Honour. YAWA, a youth environmental group, initiates the E-Book of Acknowledgement in appreciation of the support that it received in the last decade of its existence, with the encouragement and support given by the President of the Global 500 Forum, Mrs. Marilyn Mosley. The launch takes place on Jan 26 2002, at the Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Saujana Hotel, Subang, with Dato' Dr. Anwar Fazal, Senior Regional Advisor, The Urban Governance Initiative, United Nations Development Programme. Dato' Anwar



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Fazal who is a Global 500 Laureate, nominated YAWA to the UNEP Global 500 Roll of Honour in 2001. As a member of the Global 500 Forum, YAWA is working together with the Global 500 Forum to extend the E-Book of Acknowledgement into the Forum web-site, which is sponsored by Alcoa of Australia. The Global 500 Forum invites all G500 laureates, within Malaysia and abroad, to be incorporated into the Global 500 Forum website, thus providing the Laureates and their sponsors with a platform for recognition, and an opportunity to reach out to people across the globe. Ultimately the 'E-Book of Acknowledgement' will be published by the Forum. Meanwhile, YAWA celebrates over a decade of environmental awareness. Established in 1990, as the Junior Environmental Group of Malaysia (JEGOM), it has since become a foundation dedicated to instilling environmental awareness in young people through thought-provoking and fun-filled activities.

YAWA provides a wide range of environmental education projects and activities for young people, via the JEGOM for six to 14-year-olds, and the Eco-Youth Challenge and Adventure Programme (EYC) for those above 14, and abides by the belief that every young person has a right to a healthy environment. It networks with many organizations, locally and internationally, including the 'Millennium Kids', of Perth, Western Australia and the Malaysian Nature Society. To date, it has organised almost 100 projects, both local and overseas, involving more than 1000 children. YAWA has also participated in UNEP international children's conferences in the United Kingdom, Kenya and Australia, and was the first local NGO to organise a conference on the environment for young people in Malaysia, held in 1996 at the Forestry Institute in Kuala Lumpur. Since then, biennially, YAWA has organised two international children's conferences on the environment attended by about 400 children from local and abroad. This year, 3 children has been selected to attend the next UNEP International Children's Conference to be held in Victoria, Canada, in May, sponsored by Tetra Pak (Malaysia). On the local front, YAWA has undertaken lake and beach clean up exercises, tree planting and helps children express their environmental concerns through various mediums such art, creative writing and presentations. YAWA expresses its concerns for the environment through C.A.R.E.S., which stands for Challenges, Action, Reaching-out, Environmental Education and Sustainability. Hence, its motto is, YAWA CARES. In June 2001, in recognition of its efforts, YAWA was inducted into the UNEP 'Global 500 Roll of Honour for Environmental Achievement in 2001' under the Youth Category, becoming the first Malaysian youth organisation to receive this award. The Global 500 award was presented to YAWA in Torino, Italy at the World Environment Day ceremonies. YAWA was one of the 18 individuals and organisations to receive this honour in 2001. The laureates include Dr.Chan and Mr.Liew of SEATRU. "The winners of UNEP's Global 500 Roll of Honour are members of a broad and growing environmental movement that is flourishing around the world. They have taken the path that most of us hesitate to take for want of time or caring", said UNEP's Executive Director, Dr. Klaus Toepfer. He also said that UNEP hopes that in honouring the Global 500 laureates, others will be inspired by their extraordinary deeds.

Environment activity

Health Messengers Association (HMA) is a non profit' non political and non governmental organisation' wch has as purpose education for Health – Environment – Communication . In April 2002 will make 10 years of fruitfull activity. HMA is working with school children (8 to 16 years)' parents' teachers in inducing a healthy living style' a modern positive thinking' an ecological behaviour in order to promote the long term development of the society' for successful social and economical future of the children. HMA promote new and better learning methodes' practical communicational skills (person to person' in group and through mass media). HMA bases its learning process on original methods' some of them legaly protected by patterns. The leading



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principle are

- learning by doing – children and teenagers are doing concrete and needed things for concrete people or other beings
- learning through life - children and teenagers are coming into assisted and direct contact with problems of real life that means learning to identify problems and difficulties in their areas' to find solutions to them and to make projects
- permanent and effective sharing of useful knowledge and skills by children and teenagers through an effective' skilled' process of communication (person to person' in group and through mass media)

HMA main activities are serving tree objectives

- Training for developing communicational and other related useful skills
- Organising media and public events and campaign to increase sensitivity of the public and decision makers on critical issues concerning health and public life conditions
- Public involvement in making decisions about national strategies on critical issues concerning health and public life conditions (public access to information' to health' smoking and drug policy' etc)

The projects developed by HMA are all related to these objectives. HMA projects:

- **Children Against Smoking (CAS)**

The first and one of the most important antidrugs program. The team of children succeeded to forbid the explicit cigarettes advertising on TV. They determined tobacco companies to mention the fact that tobacco is dangerous for health in the outdoor advertising. This message was also present on radio Bucharest Antenna' in the weekly program "Here we are". They also organised 8 "Cigarettes Trials" where Health Ministry authorities were present. Their targets for future are to introduce in the legislation that the sale of cigarettes to children under 18 years will be punished by losing the licence and the interdiction of selling cigarettes in shops nearer than 500 m far from schools. Now the project is run with The "Elena Cuza College" which is preparing primary schools teachers' for the educational training program' as well as for the events. The tutor of the program is Doina Lacatusu' and the Program Director (child) is Laura Lacatusu' 17. They are working with groups of 10 to 12 persons' in training of trainers basis' and the trainers disseminate the knowledge and attitudes among the children' involving them in events' projects' etc. CAS will be HMA working group for the educational pilot curricula' of the National Program " Education for Health in Romanian School" (EHRS) ' a program initiated by The Education and research Ministry' Health and Family Ministry with the partnership of NGO-s' one of them being HMA. Due to the success of the program' since 1998 HMA became member of the European Union of Nonsmokers.

- **Eco-Detective Agency (EDA)**

The first and the most important environment HMA project' which reunite all the environment actions and projects. It is a studying' investigation and action project. It started with investigation about environmental abused areas' which is still an important activity. Children' "Eco – Private Eyes" are searching and finding such areas and inform the local authorities. They also take action where possible' as was the case of the Botanical garden' which was "adopted" and the children developed a founding maintenance project. This message was also present on radio Bucharest Antenna' in the weekly program "Here we are". The present directions are to develop a working strategy with the local Bucharest authorities in identifying the most endangered areas' for developing a priority list of the Environmental Map of Bucharest' as a first step of a national wide 5 years project. "The Environmental Map of Bucharest" project is a photo album of endangered areas' which will be completed during this year' district by district' and finally for the entire city. The district albums and the city album will be given to the district and city local authorities. The pilot will be the "Gheorghe Lazar High" where we already have some of our HMA members. The tutor is Ileana Iorga' researcher' Head of the Environmental Department of The National Textile and Leather Institute. The Program Director (child) is Roxana Matei' 17. Training courses will be held' as well as public and media events. EDA will be our working group for the environmental educational pilot curricula' of the National Program " Education for Health in Romanian School" the pilot school is " I.L.Caragiale College" with which we have signed the formal protocol for environmental projects. For



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the success of the environmental message promotion HMA received the 1997 UNEP "Global 500" Award. • **Me and My Future (MMF)** The project aims to form and prepare the HMA members' as well as educating children and young people in communication for environment and healthy life. Training of trainers' as well as pilot studies or general communication courses with media and taking care skills applications are included in the project. MMF is the HMA "school". It is also meant to become a self-finance source. Its environment and healthy life communication and media courses are available for any person' child or adult. Also baby-sitters course. The project will include the "Green Kindergarten" as training and pilot facility for the under school environment and health educational curricula. The tutor is Ioana Toma. For its success in promoting communication skills and communication for health and environment HMA received the 1988 "Getting the message Across" Award of U.K. National Information Forum. • **The National Program "Education for Health in Romanian School" Partenership (EHRS)** The program was launched on December' 11'2001' as a strategic program' with the Prime Minister participation. HMA has become official partner in February' 2002' on communication and events activities' on environment and healthy life curricula projects. The aim is improving the health education of young generation through the school involvement. The goal is to develop a complex curricula ready to be launched in 2003. There are 3 sections: General Health education' environment included' The Reproduction Health Education' and The Abuse Education' with cigarettes' alcohol' drugs abuse' related harms (HIV/ AIDS)' as well as accidents and fizical abuse. The program was designed as a partenership between school' other public authorities and civic society' NGO-s. HMA was invited' and we offered our expertise for Child-to-Child methods as communication skills' for the first and the third section' environment and drugs abuse (all range of drugs). We also mentioned that we can involve other formations' local or foreigner' with experts' courses' curriculas. In January the formal Protocol will signed' in January'15-th' a new session will take place' were we will launche the schedule. In February we will prepare the tasks and in march we will have a budget . We will ask to be a project based budget. In June we hope to launche the pilot and by the end to reach the goal. HMA intend to involve in the project a local experts team' in communication' in environment and drug abuse issues' in multimedia education management' together with an international experts team. We have in our list Teodora Ciolompea' from The Health Promotion Institute' as drug issues expert' Lucia Ceuca' Director of the Communication Department of The Water and Environment Protection Ministry' Eugenia Popescu - HMA President as Child-to-Child methods expert and health and media programs promoter' Sorin Iorga - HMA Managing Director' as multimedia educational management expert' Doina Lacatusu from "Children Against Smoking" ' Ioana Toma from "My and my Future" ' Ileana Iorga from "Eco-Detective Agency". The children teams will be involved in the pilot process and in the public and media events' as well as in child-to-child training program. • **Aarhus Convention Comission** HMA are a part of the multimintery comission for implemantation of Aarhus Convention on Public acces to the Environment Information' Public Participation to Environmental Decisions and for Justice Acces on Environment Issues. This body was developed by The water and Environmental Protection Ministry' with participation of other public administration authorities (Justice' Public Works' Local Administration' Education' etc) Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC).We were invited by The water and Environment Protection Ministry' and we proposed our services in Acces to Information Section' by connecting Aarhus Convention Comission objectives to the EHRS goals' through the launch in Romania of the REC educational project' now in Poland. We also offered our services in the Participation to Environmental Decisions section through the Blue Danube Children Parliament Project.. negotiations are in course. We consider important to be in this comission' because its aims are some of the aims of HMA. HMA is represented by Sorin Corneliu Iorga. • **Blue Danube Children Parliament (BDPC) (see attachment) Some of the press events** • Spaceship no. 2044 Launching • Seashore Cleaning Day • Monthly Study Visits to a Ministry • Taking Floor in Romanian Parliament • Children March for Endangered Species • Grandchildren for a Daytime (with aged people in asylums) • Here we are! (weekly radio programs) • Aggressed



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Children (two international seminars organized by HMA' Caritas Catholica and representatives of Health Commission of Parliament) • Cigarette Trial (8 sessions in partnership with Ministry of Health' one of them with the participation of Minister of Health and decision makers) **During the years' over 2000 persons were involved in HMA projects** • 1'950 children • 68 teenagers • 127 grown ups

Anitra Thorhaug (1987 Laureates)

Since last heard from in 1996 Anitra Thorhaug has continued to be very active in restoration of coastal ecosystems. She has planted a very large seagrass meadow in the only bay shared by developed and developing nations , the Laguna Madre in Texas. 75 acres have been successfully planted. Also , she has begun planting corals on sand where they have been killed . She has planted a great many marshes, mangroves , and seagrasses in heavily used, but damaged Florida Parks. Recently she was on the Florida Governor's advisory committee to examine the effects of the restoration of the everglades in Florida on Bays, particularly Biscayne Bay. This was almost a year's work with intense public debate between agencies doing the planning of various parts. It was a 25 year later add on to her Biscayne Bay Past, Present and Future book which was the first major bay in the USA to have a complete intensive look by scientists, government and citizens with a plan of action. Needless to say the politics have become much worse and the science does still not answer all the questions despite many years of work . She has begun to form her own opinions on the political process by which these very large environmental projects are carried out. She is engaged with a group at Yale in solving several problems. 1.) Can you have a simple method of telling if a bay system is sick? 2.) Can you take remote sensing and tell what species of benthic habitat is under the water in shallow water, and what its health is. She is engaged with a geologist in Miami in solving the effects of hurricanes and other storm events on benthic communities. There are other interests in common with the Tropical Institute there in Indonesia and Pacific Islands. Perhaps some of you knew that Dr. Thorhaug was nominated by 9 nations as candidate for the Under-Secretary General for the Environment in 1997. This was a major learning experience to speak to 180 nations individually about their environmental problems and potential solutions. It was a great honor and was particularly interesting in terms of Africa and Asia . At the moment she is chair of the Earth Day at the United Nations (March 20, 2002) wherein the Earth Society rings the Peace Ball on the vernal equinox moment (2: 16pm on March 20) .Earth Trustee Awards will be given by her to the Nobel Foundation and Mrs. Nane Annnan as well as post-humously to Olaf Palme for the Stockholm Conference on the Environment. If any of you are in New York and would like to come to the ceremony at the UN you are welcome to the Peace workshop in the morning and to the Peace Bell ceremony in the afternoon. She was at some of pre-com in New York in early Feb. Also she is chairing a major Restoration of Ecosystems workshop in Wisconsin for the combined Botanical Societies of North America. She is still involved in efforts in Asia and Latin America and Caribbean on clean-up and restoration. She would love to hear from some of her old Global 500 friends.

The Danube Parliament of Children Project of international cooperation of The Health Messengers Association



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1. Project Goals To create The Danube Parliament of Children, a permanent international meeting organism. The project is a part of the efforts to increase the public and youth (13 - 17 years old) involvement in the environmental development of the Danube region, from the springs to the Danube Delta. High-level timing goals: Inducing to the local officials of an integrated policy of environmental development of the Danube region, as an European area, and not as multination territory. **2. Short description** The project aims to found the Danube Children Parliament, as a permanent international meeting sessions of civic organizations or/and individuals as well as local authorities representatives involved in the promoting environmental educational programs for youths. The location of the event is at Tulcea (the major city at the entry of the Danube Delta), Romania. The participants will be 13 - 17 years old children, adults or/and local authorities representatives. They can present their own experience during the Session Days on one or each of the following themes :

1. Actions on environmental issues and public participation in decision process
2. Environment educational programs for youth

Other related projects can be present on the posters day. The projects presentation will offer to the local authorities of Tulcea county some solution to handle specific environmental issues. The documentation trip will offer to the participants an image of the main issues that confront the Danube Delta area, as a part of Integrated Ecological Danube Ecosystem. The Danube Children Parliament is aiming to promote regional projects involving one or more members. Promoter : Health Messengers Association Participants : ONG's and/or individuals involved in children environmental education. Interested parts : Tulcea county local authorities, The Danube Delta Reserve Administration, The Research Institute "Delta Danube" from Tulcea.

3. Action plan - Timing Identifying and contacting the potential participants : Jan. - Feb. 2002 Confirmation of participation (with project presentation): April, 1, 2002 Final confirmed participants list and final schedule : June, 20, 2002 The Danube Children Parliament Session : August, 17 - 25, 2002 4. Danube Children Parliament - Session schedule August 17 - Arrival in Bucharest, over night rest August 18 . 9.00 a.m.- Leaving for Tulcea, the main administrative center at the Danube Delta entry. Welcome dinner. August 19 - Day 1 Session meeting: Actions on environmental issues and public participation in decision process August 20 - Day 2 Session meeting : Environment educational programs for youth August 21 - Day 3 Session meeting: Posters presentation August 22- 24 - Documentation trip August 24 evening - Farewell dinner in Tulcea August 25 - Returning to Bucharest (arriving time : 02.00 p.m.) 5. Budget Registration fee : 450 EURO/per (proceedings, transfer Bucharest - Tulcea - Bucharest; 2 dinners, on 18 and 24 August; 3 days documentation trip in the Danube Delta on floating hotels, 3 meals/day included - 22,23,24 August 2002) Transportation fees Accommodation/ meals fees: Bucharest - 2 nights Tulcea - 5 nights 6. Contact person Sorin Corneliu IORGA - HMA Managing Director Tel : + 401 3308263 E-mail: hm_association@hotmail.com siorga@hotmail.com

Call For Papers for All-Ukrainian Conference International participants Are Welcomed Ecology & Education: Achievements and Perspectives for Activity in a Framework of Sustainability **CHTU Cherkassy Technological University Ukraine 10 & 12 October 2002**

Dear Colleagues,

Cherkassy University of Technology in a par with the Biological Faculty of Cherkassy State University and the Regional Post-Diploma Pedagogic Institute will be hosting a conference on Ecology & Education in a Framework of Sustainable Development. Participants from abroad who are interested in this field of activity are welcomed as well to take part in the Conference for aiming:



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- evaluation and generalization of educating Policy priorities for Ukraine in a framework of sustainable development;
- analysis of the content-process ensuring condition and innovative methodological approaches to non-stop environmental education of students on the following levels:
 - o Kindergarten & Elementary school;
 - o Secondary (high) school;
 - o University level
- identification and discussion of organizing, political and methodical issues connected with sustainability's implementation to higher education;
- evaluation of sustainable development integration into programs, syllabuses and various technical courses and determination of modern engineering education criteria;
- analysis and evaluation of students' integrated projects with the ideas of sustainability (by adding materials for demonstration);
- determination of real ways in developing of environmental entrepreneurship in Ukraine as a result in putting of students' gained environmental knowledge into practice. Key note speakers so far:

The final program has not been set yet but key note speakers include: prof. L.Gerbilsky (Kiel, Germany), PhD N.Pustovit (Pedagogic Academy, Kiev, Ukraine), V.Savchenko (Deputy ministry of Education & Science, Kyiv). Submission of abstracts:

Abstracts with a maximum 500 words should be submitted electronically before 1 June 2002 to ChTU Congress Office 460 Schevchenko Street, Cherkassy, 18006. Ukraine tel: 380472 43-36-80, Fax: 380472 43-23-54 E-mail: cheti@cheti.Cherkassy.ua ; demyanen@cheti.uch.net Submission by fax or regular mail is also possible. All abstracts will be referred by our Program Committee; full papers are due 15 august 2002. All further inquiries can be sent to the Conference Secretariat PhD. Valery Demyanenko, ChTU PhD Galina Oliynick, ChSU Dead lines:

Receipt of abstracts: June. 1. 2002 Notification of acceptance August 15. 2002 Receipt of full papers: September 15. 2002 Conference venue:

The Conference will be held at the training center in Cherkassy. Accommodation will be arranged at hotels in Cherkassy, as much as possible.

Conference fee:

For reimbursing expenditures connected with publishing of Program & Abstracts fee is set up \$ 50. Invitation will be sent after submission of abstracts (before 15 August)

Asbjorn Bjorgvinsson (2000 Laureate)

We have now formally opened the New Whale Centre. The grand opening was on the 15th of June! Over 220 people attended the opening. We were happy to see 3 Ministers of the Government here for the opening and also the President of Parliament. The US Ambassador and the Ambassador for UK



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also came for the opening and the surprise of the day was the Ambassador for Japan. They all stated how much he loved being here and how wonderful they thought the Museum was. We had an open house for the people of Husavik from 17:00 to 21:00 and nearly 500 people turned up to see us. I wish you would have been here! I am enclosing few photos for you... Abbi (Asbjorn Bjorgvinsson)

YAYASAN ANAK WARISAN ALAM

(Children's Environmental Heritage Foundation) "Committed to changing young lives"

21 July 2002

Dear G500 Youth Laureates, A warm hello to all of you around the world. My name is Ashraf Sinclair and I am a member of the Yayasan Anak Warisan Alam, (YAWA) or Children's Environmental Heritage Foundation of Malaysia. We are a Non-Profit youth organization set up for the protection and preservation of the environment by and for young people. We received the G500 Award in the year 2001 on World Environment Day in Italy, for environmental achievement in the youth category. To know more about us, please visit our web site at www.yawa.org if you have access to one. At the G500 Asia & Pacific Forum in Japan last year, YAWA proposed to set up a G500 Youth Chapter for youth laureates to get together to share their experiences and challenges in environmental protection and conservation. This network will be a platform for us to learn more about the things other youths around the world are faced with and offer help or suggestions wherever possible. If we can come together as one group to share and help each other, we can achieve plenty and move forward in leaps and bounds. Our intention is to establish a Global 500 Youth Network, a platform for all G500 youth laureates to communicate with ease. We would really appreciate for any form of feedback from you, your group or organization, if any, to how we can go about becoming global friends. Please do write to me or send an e-mail with any questions or suggestions towards making this dream a reality. Let us start by saying hello. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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IYM Informal Newsletter June/July 2002 This is the 12th newsletter about events and activities taking place during the International Year of Mountains. It was prepared by the International Year of Mountains Coordination Unit at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations lead agency for coordinating the Year. **Countries continue to support mountains** Since the last newsletter, Cameroon and Nigeria have set up an International Year of Mountains national committee. This brings the total number of countries that have established or are planning to establish national committees or similar mechanisms to 68. For contact information and news about International Year of Mountains national committees and contact points, visit the country pages in the News section of the International Year of Mountains Web site. **World Food Summit: five years later features mountains** On 13 June, during the World Food Summit: five years later, a special side event on sustainable mountain development was held at FAO's Rome headquarters. Organized by FAO in collaboration with the International Year of Mountains Focus Group, the event attracted about 120 delegates from the United Nations, non governmental organizations and national governments. Participants heard that ongoing research at FAO suggests that a disproportionately high number of the world's hungriest and chronically malnourished people reside in mountain regions. The International Year of Mountains Focus Group used the occasion to present a declaration affirming its commitment to long-term action in mountains. The Focus Group appealed to other countries to support its declaration. The fifteen countries of the Focus Group are: Austria Bhutan Bolivia Ethiopia France Guatemala Iceland Italy Jamaica Kyrgyzstan Lao PDR Lesotho Peru Slovenia Switzerland The declaration of the International Year of Mountains Focus Group can be found on the International Year of Mountains Web site at: <http://www.mountains2002.org/n-declaration.html> **Huaraz meeting produces declaration on mountain ecosystems** From 12 to 14 June 2002, about 300 participants from 16 countries attended the Second International Meeting of Mountain Ecosystems: "Peru, country of mountains towards 2020: Water, life and production", in Huaraz, Peru. The event highlighted Peru's mountainous nature and the global importance of tropical mountain regions. The meeting also made progress in preparing the National Agenda of Mountains of Peru and proved a milestone in promoting initiatives and cooperation with the national mountain agendas of other countries in the Andean region and beyond. Representatives from 16 participating countries formulated the Huaraz Declaration on the Sustainable Development of Mountain Ecosystems. The Declaration calls on governments of countries with mountainous regions to take concerted action to support, in particular, sustainable use and management of water resources, promotion of biological and cultural diversity and development of production processes in mountain ecosystems. The Huaraz Declaration on the Sustainable Development of Mountain Ecosystems can be found on the International Year of Mountains Web site at: <http://www.mountains2002.org/archive/news/huarezdec.html> To find out more about this conference, visit the Web site at: www.condesan.org/peruAIM2002/ or contact: Ministra Consejera Maria Cecilia Rozas, Directora de Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores del Perú, Lampa 545, Lima 1, Perú Tel: (+51-1) 3112627 Fax: (+51-1) 3112628 E-mail: mrozas@rree.gob.pe. **Conference highlights sustainable agriculture and rural development in mountains** From 16 to 20 June, 200 representatives of mountain people, governments, international organizations and civil society from about 50 countries participated at the International Conference on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in Mountains in Adelboden, Switzerland. Organized by the Swiss Federal Office of Agriculture in close cooperation with FAO, the conference was designed to promote mutual understanding, solidarity and information sharing regarding the challenges and possibilities of sustainable agriculture and rural development in mountain regions. At the end of the conference, delegates adopted the Adelboden Declaration on SARD Mountains. The Declaration states that mountain people should have better access to markets and financial services and should receive fair compensation for environmental and other goods and services. It will be presented at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, August 26 to September 4, and the Bishkek Global Mountain Summit in Kyrgyzstan,



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October 28 to 1 November. Information about the conference, including the Adelboden Declaration on SARD Mountains (in English), is available at: <http://www.sard-m2002.ch/> **More mountain events** The declarations produced at June's major global events have helped to solidify national and international support for policies that protect mountain ecosystems and improve the well-being of communities. Other recent events have also made important contributions to our understanding of how sound sustainable mountain development policies should be implemented. These include: The 4 International Consultation on Mountain Forests: "Lessons Learned, Societal Changes and Vision Beyond 2002.", (26 - 28 June, Pamplona, Spain), which was organized by the European Observatory for Mountain Forests (EOFM) and the Governments of Spain and France and; The Alpine Experience - an approach for other mountain regions (27 June - 3 July, Berchtesgaden, Germany), a conference organized by the International Alpine Protection Commission (CIPRA), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Society for Technical Cooperation (GTZ). To keep up with the all latest mountain events, consult the International Year of Mountains calendar at: <http://www.mountains2002.org/events/> **Partnership forming to implement long-term action on mountains** A formal proposal for a new international partnership for sustainable development of mountain regions was finalized during the fourth session of Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), held in Bali, Indonesia between 27 May and 7 June. Both the International Year of Mountains Focus Group Declaration and the Adelboden Declaration on SARD Mountains explicitly supported the partnership, and several countries have expressed their willingness to join. The partnership will be presented during WSSD in Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August to 4 September. The partnership proposal will be posted soon on the International Year of Mountains Web site. For more information about the partnership, contact the International Year of Mountains Coordination Unit at info@mountains2002.org. **More mountain resources needed** The Panos Institute and the World Conservation Union (IUCN) have both published documents that provide useful overviews and clear examples of the challenges facing mountain peoples and ecosystems. 'High Stakes: the future for mountain societies', published by the Panos Institute looks at many different aspects of mountain development. Quotes from mountain people, taken from the Panos Institute's Oral Testimony Programme's Mountain Voices project, helps put a human face on the issues. To order 'High Stakes: the future for mountain societies' or view the document in pdf or text format, visit the Panos Institute Web site at: http://www.panos.org.uk/environment/high_stakes_mountain_societies.htm 'Mountain High', the latest issue of the IUCN World Conservation journal contains articles contributed by experts in the field of sustainable mountain development. To order 'Mountain High' or view articles in pdf, visit the IUCN Web site at: <http://www.iucn.org/bookstore/bulletin/mountain-high.htm> Contact us For more information, visit the International Year of Mountains Web site at www.mountains2002.org or contact the International Year of Mountains Coordination Unit at FAO at info@mountains2002.org.

Urgent Global Satellite Alert -- Free Broadcast ONE CHILD - ONE VOICE Stunning NEW VERSION of Award winning TV Special Now including an International Mix Offered Free of Charge to Broadcasters Worldwide

One Child - One Voice featuring five children from around the world, has been reedited since May with breathtaking images never before seen on TV from the film masterpiece KOYAANISQUATSI. It is offered free of charge to all broadcasters. Shot on 35 mm film, this unforgettable half-hour special is now available with an International Mix. The new script is available for translation on www.earthsecure.org. Also included are 5 new 30-second Public Service Announcements (PSA's)



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produced by the WORLD BANK especially for the upcoming World Summit. Since the last satellite feeds in May, this show has been completely upgraded and updated. To downlink the show and PSA's, see satellite feed coordinates below. Funding for this program has been provided in part by INTELSAT One Child - One Voice enters the vivid world of a surrealistic fairground, and through a kaleidoscope of visual metaphors, illustrates environmental issues using a merry-go-round, a house of mirrors, bumper cars and roller coasters. Viewers will be inspired, touched and emotionally moved by the sheer power of its presentation.

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME GLOBAL 500 ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM GLOBAL 500 AFRICAN NETWORK AFRICAN LAUREATES ANNOUNCING ITS GLOBAL 500 NETWORK

Under proposal of the Global 500 Forum President, was announced by one group of African Laureates and NGOs the Global 500 African Network in September 3, in Johannesburg, South Africa, on occasion of the World Summit on Sustainable Development recently held by United Nations. The Global 500 African Network shall unify all African laureates, to exchange of ideas, information, experiences and also projects on environmental protection and sustainable development in Africa. Also, the network will promote a better development of the environmental African movement and guarantee an active participation of Africa to the Global 500 Award. As first network organ was adopted in South Africa, a Preparatory Commission until 2003. This Commission is been coordinating by Angola and even so composed by all those founder countries. So, in behalf of Angola has been "Ecological Youth of Angola", a Laureate and unique representative from Africa to receive the Award this year at World Environment Day in China. The commission has projected the "1st African Congress of Global 500 Laureates", to be held into next year (2003) in Angola, with a capacity to provide 52 representatives from the remaining 52 African countries. All Conditions to organise this historical meeting to the continent will be analysed by the Preparatory Commission and the Global 500 Forum. To this activity will be especially invited representatives from others continental networks and there shall be elect the first executive office for 2003 - 2004.

The African countries that have participated at announcement in South Africa are: Angola, Nigeria, Tunisia, Niger, Cape Verde, Ethiopia, Morocco, Cameroon, DR Congo, South Africa, Burkina Faso, Mali, Cote d'Ivoire, Mozambique and Zambia. Meantime, the Preparatory Commission invite all laureates, environmentalists and NGOs of all continent to be network members. So, for membership application form, please contact the Commission. Constantino Mendes Preparatory Commission Global 500 African Network

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Li Shuangliang (1988 Laureate) and Rong Yi (2001 Global 500 Award Nominee and Global 500 Forum Intern) win the Mother River Prize.



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Brief introduction Established by the National Mother River Protection Leading Group (member units: the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China, the National Afforestation Commission, the Environment and Resources Protection Commission under the NPC, the Commission of Population, Resources and Environment under the CPPCC, the Ministry of Water Resources, the State Environmental Protection Administration, the State Forestry Administration, All-China Youth Federation and China Youth Development Foundation), Mother River Prize is the highest non-governmental prize in the field of ecological environment. It's established for commending the civilians who have made outstanding contributions to our country's ecological environment protection, increasing the youth and the public's awareness of ecological environment protection expanding the influences of the initiative of Mother River Protection, encouraging more people to participate in the cause of ecological environment protection and contributing efforts for realizing the sustainable development of our country. After approval by the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China and the National Mother River Protection Leading Group, the first selection of Mother River (Boshideng) Prize winners was started in November 2000. After recommendation by 19 provinces (regions and municipalities) and such units as the National Afforestation Commission, the Environment and Resources Protection Commission under the NPC, the Commission of Population, Resources and Environment under the CPPCC, the State Environmental Protection Administration, All-China Youth Federation, China Yellow River Cultural and Economic Development Research Society, 36 persons were determined to be the candidates, including two candidates from Hong Kong and one candidate from Japan. After sufficient discussion and formal consultation twice by a judging panel composed of 25 persons including the leaders of all the sponsor ministries and commission, the leaders of various news media, scholars, experts and representatives of the public, the formal candidates were determined and eight persons including Wang Zhongqiang, Wang Wenshan, Taitian Chengyi, Ga Bulong, Shen Jilan, Liu Chun, Zhou Meien and Guo Qibao were elected winners of the first Mother River (Boshideng) Prize through casting secret ballots. The ceremony of commendation will be held in Beijing on May 16~17.

<http://www.momriver.org/motherriver/english/prize/index.htm>

THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA, A SOURCE OF LIFE

MEDASSET - The Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles, in collaboration with the HELLENIC CHILDREN'S MUSEUM and KALEIDOSCOPE Publications, announces "THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA: A SOURCE OF LIFE" an environmental educational kit for use in schools and youth groups that aims to engage 6-12 year old children from all Mediterranean countries, instilling knowledge, environmental values and a sense of regional responsibility. The kit was published within the framework of MEDASSET's educational programme, portraying the richness of the region's natural environment, the threats it is facing as well as the highly multi-cultural character of the Mediterranean peoples. It was the result of a generous donation to the organisation from the "Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation". This important work highlights the need for the protection of the marine environment and the natural and cultural inheritance of the Mediterranean. The initial publications are in Greek and English, and there are plans for an Arabic translation by UNEP's Mediterranean Action Plan as well as publication in other Mediterranean languages. The work aims to be an educational model and creative tool. Initially, two thousand Greek language educational kits will be donated to Greek schools, and one thousand in English will be distributed to other Mediterranean countries in collaboration with the UNEP/MAP. The Romans referred to the



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Mediterranean Sea with the Latin name mare nostrum which translates as "Our Sea". Today, with the Roman Empire long gone the words still echo through time, and inhabitants of the countries that surround the Mediterranean can truly say that "our sea" is a shared heritage that needs to be nurtured as a "Source of Life". -- Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles - MEDASSET 1c Licavitou St., 106 72 Athens, GREECE Tel.: +30 210 3613572, +30 210 3640389 Fax: +30 210 3613572 E-mail: medasset@hol.gr www.euroturtle.org/medasset www.euroturtle.org

A Christmas Story

Whether your taste in fairy tales is with Hans Christian Anderson or Scheherazade, it seems that Sea Turtles can have their own fairy stories with happy endings. All it takes is a good Fairy and a valiant Prince. It was in February 2002 when Yasmine Mahmoud, an Egyptian young lady, saw, a sea turtle struggling to move in a very small bowl the size of her body, with dirty water and customers annoying and poking her, at a restaurant in Port Said where she had been on display for three years. Her pleas on behalf of the turtle failed. She tried to contact many people and organisations, but the poor creature stayed imprisoned in her bowl unable to move. She even sent someone to try to buy the turtle but to no avail. Enter our representative in Egypt Mohamed Nada, who we asked to help. He phoned the restaurant and was told that the turtle had been released, but Yasmine alerted him that she was still there. When next we heard from Mohamed he wrote: "It is 4.20 in the morning now, I just drove back from Port Said WITH THE TURTLE". The story goes that the owner of the popular expensive restaurant was very polite. Mohamed told him that complaints had been received about the turtle, and that this was not good for him or for the image of Egypt abroad. He said that he liked the turtle because she brought good luck; he only kept her for show. But at last the brave Prince won, and he was handed over his treasure. He named her "Yasmine" to honour the good Fairy that saved her. When Yasmine heard the story, she cried, then laughed, and then she cried again. Mohamed kept the 62 cm female loggerhead, in his bathtub for a week because she was weak, and needed to exercise her flippers. She thrived on a diet of squid and shrimps. The Big Day came on 7/6/2002. Good Fairy Yasmine, 150 children from 4 schools, several parents, 20 teachers, representatives from the Egyptian Government, TV and Media were all there to listen to the sea turtle's story. Valiant Prince Mohamed talked to them about sea turtles as if "Yasmine" herself was telling her story of how Yasmine had saved her. A drawing competition was held and the children showed amazing imagination and creativity. A 12 year old boy wrote "I wish I could have flippers so that I could swim with you forever, 'Yasmine'". Mohamed, Yasmine and "Yasmine" the turtle went out to sea in a boat with the children excitedly shouting and waving goodbye. Mohamed jumped into the sea and was handed "Yasmine" by her good Fairy. He lowered her gently into the Mediterranean Sea. When he came ashore the 150 children were waiting for him, asking "Is she back home now?" Yes, Yasmine was back home at last, swimming in the beautiful blue waters of the Mediterranean. How is that for a happy ending of a fairy story that is true? SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL, FROM MEDASSET, THE BRAVE PRINCE - MOHAMED, THE GOOD FAIRY - YASMINE; AND OF COURSE FROM "YASMINE" THE SEA TURTLE WHEREVER SHE IS! -- Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles - MEDASSET 1c Licavitou St., 106 72 Athens, GREECE Tel.: +30 210 3613572, +30 210 3640389 Fax: +30 210 3613572 E-mail: medasset@hol.gr www.euroturtle.org/medasset www.euroturtle.org

Seasons greetings from Sibylle Riedmiller



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Dear Friends,

Wherever in the world you are at the moment, let me wish you a joyous, delightful Xmas and prosperous, PEACEFUL and happy 2003. Please, feel always welcome for a visit in Tanga-Tanzania, still a happy spot in a troubled world where pleasant surprises are waiting to be discovered . Hoping to meet you again one day, kind regards, Sibylle Sibylle Riedmiller, Project Director direct e-mail: sibylle@twiga.com, sibylle@chumbeisland.com Chumbe Island Coral Park Ltd. P.O.Box 3203, Zanzibar/Tanzania Tel & Fax /(0)24-2231040 www.chumbeisland.com Project Manager & bookings Cell /4747-413582 Fax (UK)(0)870-1341284 chumbe@zitec.org

MESSAGE FROM MARILYN MOSLEY PRESIDENT GLOBAL 500 ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM DECEMBER 31, 2002

Dear Friends and Fellow Laureates,

It is with a sad heart and fond memories that I write this letter commemorating our dear Laureate Mr. Goto. It is befitting to close the year thinking and writing about a man who meant so much to the Forum, to Japan, and to me personally.

I had the honor of meeting Mr. Goto at the 1999 World Environment Day functions. Mr. Goto had generously organized and then helped to fund the Global 500 Forum meeting. He had a vision of a Forum meeting that would pay tribute to our Laureate members, to Japan, and that would send a signal to the world of our contribution to the environment. His vision shone forth; and that meeting, complete with music, food, dance, speeches and multimedia displays, was our most memorable Forum meeting to date.

I loved Mr. Goto for his vision, for his generosity and his creativity. I left every one of our meetings feeling excited about our future plans and happier for knowing him. Mr. Goto had a wonderful sense of humor and a vision of life that inspired me greatly. He will be greatly missed and I share with you in this sadness. The world has lost a great man, a defender of the environment and youth, a friend of the Forum, and a founding member of the Global 500 Japan Network . Mr. Goto was young at heart and was always spreading his joy.

At this sad time, I wish you my best. I look forward to seeing you again at next years' meeting of the Global 500 Japan Network.

Wishing you a strong and environmentally sound New Year.
Marilyn Mosley