

home of his host because one member of the family was uncomfortable with him in her home when she was alone with him.

1.4 Display Tables

written by Gerry Killganan

Invitations to book display tables were sent out to aboriginal groups, social justice and environmental NGOs concerned with issues relevant to the Peoples' Summit. No fees were charged for the use of space. Requests were received from 33 groups including 2 from Asia and 1 from Latin America, and from two local bookstores. The space available for this purpose could only accommodate 27 tables, with a small number sharing tables. The remainder was placed on a waiting list. One bookstore withdrew its request and the other was able to use vacated space on the last day.

Having an area for display tables gave organizations opportunities to tell people about the issues they are concerned about, the work they are doing and to network with each other. A VCR and monitor was available to show videos. It was used minimally.

1.5 Travel Subsidies Report

written by Marilyn Hoar

Of the over 100 requests for subsidies to attend the People's Summit, 46 delegates received subsidies. A bursary committee of the CAB/VSC, composed of John Vandenberg of the CAWG, Gauri Shreenivasan of CCIC and Carole Samdup of ICHRDD, chose the recipients keeping in mind geographic and gender balance, as well as the relevance of the organization's work to APEC and trade issues. Priority was given to applications from Brunei, Chile, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Thailand. In the end, due to last minute substitutions, only 17 of the travel subsidies went to women. BAYAN and MFPA were given lump sums to distribute to their representatives as they chose. Delegates from 9 countries received subsidies: Philippines (19), Malaysia (10), Mexico (4), Indonesia (4), Thailand (2), Chile (2), South Korea (2), Hong Kong (1), China (1), Ecuador (1).

The travel subsidies were budgeted at 2750 Canadian dollars each, covering airfare, visa costs, taxes, accommodation, and a per diem of \$40 per day. Actual subsidies ranged from \$316 to \$4247, since some recipients' expenses were reduced by other funding or stayed with billets and airfares varied considerably. Recipients were asked to stay for a minimum of 8 days, attending more than one issue forum and all People's Summit activities.

In most cases, recipients were issued a cheque at the Summit. Vancouver City Savings and Credit Union was very helpful, cashing delegates' cheques at a convenient branch. Only a few US Drafts and money transfers were necessary. Most delegates were reluctant to have cheques or bank drafts mailed to them, due to unreliability of postal services and difficulties with banking.