

volunteers; clear information; considering quiet rooms; providing ASL signers and other devices; refraining from the use of scents and perfumes; asking women with disabilities about potential needs; and being pro-active.

Peasant Round Table

The Peasant Round Table Discussion – the Mid-Term Assessment of GATT-Uruguay Round's Impact on Agriculture and Farmers – opened Tuesday, and will continue today.

The Round Table is an international forum for peasant movements, NGOs and other grassroots organizations to exchange views regarding their own experiences since GATT-UR's liberalized trade regime took effect in 1994.

The Peasant Round Table will report its findings in tomorrow's communiqué.

programme change: Please note the Peasant Round Table is now being held in the Tillicum Room at Club Nations.

Join the drafting group

Several organizations from various international networks expressed interest in being part of a group to draft a letter or statement that organizations and individuals at the Summit can sign on to.

Most issue forums held this week plan to release statements and action plans opposing trade liberalization and APEC. Can groups and organizations attending the Summit draft a document that captures our common opposition to trade liberalization?

Can we identify campaigns and strategies that organizations can make priorities for joint work in the coming year, leading up to The People's Summit, Malaysia, 1998?

These are some of the ideas that can be explored by the drafting group.

A call has already gone out on the APEC list-serve inviting interested individuals and organizations attending the Summit to meet Wednesday, November 19th, in the Computer Centre, Plaza of Nations at the adjournment of the evening program (approximately 9:30 pm).

The group that gathers will identify a process and an agenda for working on a joint statement during the Summit.

If you can't attend, read the daily communiqué for notice of subsequent meetings. There will be time

during the Summit on Saturday and Sunday for reports back from the drafting committee and discussion.

We look forward to your contributions.



Canadian Host Committee meets daily

After months of planning, the Canadian Host Committee continues to meet daily, to resolve last minute details concerning program, process, march and rally, working with People's Secretariat staff to keep the Summit running smoothly. Meetings occur daily at 7:30 am, at the Plaza of Nations. The host committee includes representatives from the national and Vancouver-based groups that have helped to organize the People's Summit.

Get connected to the Virtual Summit

The Virtual People's Summit moves into the Plaza of Nations today with a web café in Enterprise Hall. The Virtual Summit includes up-to-date information about activities of the Summit, including the daily communiqué, articles of interest from on-line discussions, the Summit daily calendar of events, and updates on other actions and organizing in opposition to APEC.

On-line workshops include poverty, human rights, women and Indigenous Peoples.

Visit the Virtual Summit at the web café, or on-line at <http://www.vcn.bc.ca/summit>

What's up with the Daily Communiqué?

The 1997 People's Summit on APEC publishes daily communiqués on the proceedings of Summit events. It appears as a printed version for delegates on-site, and goes out to the media. People from around the world follow the Summit through communiqués sent out on the listserve (e-mail majordomo@list.web.net with the message: `subscribe apecforum-1`) and posted to the Virtual Summit website (www.vcn.bc.ca/summit).

The communiqué is written by forum participants and volunteer reporters, and material is not vetted by the People's Summit for content, so the perspectives expressed remain those of the writers.

Volunteer writers are needed: please call Nadene Rehnby or Dirk Van Stralen at 873-6399, or look for communiqué badge-holders at the Plaza of Nations.

