

REPORT FROM THE AMBASSADOR FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Leading Edge 2001: Focus on the Biosphere, Burlington, Ontario

- discussions of sustainable tourism and eco-tourism in a biosphere reserve, stewardship and community efforts along Ontario's Niagara Escarpment, and the success of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust in Clayoquot, B.C.

Mel Swartz Gibson Lake Conservation Project, Niagara Falls, Ontario

- an endeavour to preserve greenbelts in regions of the Niagara Peninsula

National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy Conference on Conservation, Winnipeg, Manitoba

- government, NGO and First Nations representatives from Canada and the United States discussed conservation projects and needs
- NRTEE breakfast gathering with Hon. Paul Martin, Toronto Ontario

Oceans Stewardship Conference, Vancouver, B.C.

- focused on local, national and international problems of marine pollution
- great emphasis placed on the need for intergovernmental cooperation in order to take all positions into consideration in international negotiations

PICES, Victoria, B.C.

- the 10th anniversary meeting of an international group of experts in the fields of fisheries, fish habitats, climate change and aquaculture

Plastics Industry Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario

- representatives, from around the world, of seven types of plastics producers met to discuss recycling, sustainable development and waste management of their products

Restoration Across Borders, Niagara Falls, Ontario

- meeting of members, from 31 countries, of the Society for Ecological Restoration to discuss restoration of the Great Lakes on both sides of the border

International

Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Phoenix, Arizona

- a symposium on fisheries in a changing climate attended by a large contingent of Canadian experts in the field

Children's Environmental Health II: A Global Forum for Action, Washington, D.C.

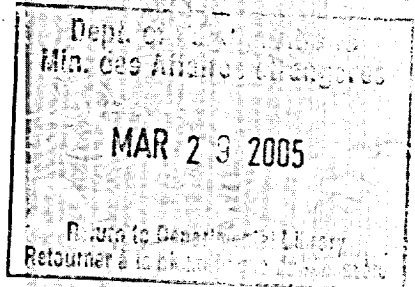
- a conference to discuss the special vulnerability of children and how they are affected by their environments

ECOASIA, Tokyo, Japan

- meeting of Asian Environment Ministers to discuss environmental concerns and preparations for the WSSD in Johannesburg

OECD Forum on Sustainable Development, Paris, France

- international delegates discussed sustainable development and the economy



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