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FOS MEMBERSHIP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER No. 7

“FOS is dedicated to providing the public with honest scientific information about Climate change”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

On behalf of the board of Friends of Science, I want to thank all members for their positive response to our video, “Climate Catastrophe Cancelled”. The praise for the video has been remarkable, and its influence on the international climate debate has been unquestionable.

As of June 30, the video has been downloaded from www.friendsofscience.org over 13,000 times. It has prompted numerous media opportunities for our scientific advisory board. Those, in turn, have allowed us to reach hundreds of thousands of Canadians over the airwaves. These are important and exciting results. But more exciting perhaps, is the political effect that our video is having. Recently, members of our Scientific Advisory Board were invited to appear and give testimony before US Congressional Committees. In fact, our video was played to them in its entirety.

That testimony prompted one US Congress Committee Chairman to demand that Michael Mann, (author of the now ubiquitous and faulty “hockey stick” of global warming), supply to Congress his original data for review. Needless to say, that caused a stir. What this means is that policy makers are finally calling faulty science on the carpet. It’s just too bad that the US has taken this important step, while Canada continues down the path of Kyoto implementation despite the evidence against man-made global warming being presented by our own scientists. However, a number of scientists have protested government’s interference in the science process.

These developments promoted Friends of Science to issue an open letter to the Environment Minister, Stéphane Dion. I’d encourage you to copy the letter from our website, and send it to as many contacts as you can. We need to ensure the government understands that the facts on global warming are getting out to Canadians at large.

More international developments are causing the Kyoto dam to crack. First, the Vice President of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) shocked the world community by admitting that there is no evidence linking human activity to climate change. Then, only a week later, the British House of Lords issued a report saying essentially the same thing. Both news items can be found in the Friends of Science News section on our website.

Even though it appears our government is wearing blinders, we can’t give up. The international community is becoming aware of the faulty science behind Kyoto, tens of thousands of Canadians have looked up our website to get the facts, and the Canadian media, while still somewhat reticent, is slowly coming around and granting interviews to FOS scientific advisors.



With your support, we can continue our activities. The international progress that we and others are making is a beachhead from which an attack on the misguided policies of our own government can be launched. FOS is committed to educating Canadians, changing minds, and forcing the Canadian government to re-open the case for Kyoto. Stay tuned; we'll keep you posted.

KYOTO NEWS

Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development Report

The final report by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, *Finding the Energy to Act: Reducing Canada's Greenhouse Gas Emissions*, was released on June 28, 2005. Even though three of FOS supporters (Dr. Ross McKittrick, Dr. Tim Patterson, and Charles Simpson) gave major presentations to this committee on the uncertainties of the science underlying global climate change, none of the content of the presentations is included and the three are merely listed in the record of participants. Every other environmental group that appeared is referenced. Now that's anti-science bias at work. The report focuses only on the need for a plan to reduce GHG's, including CO₂. To read the full report, go to: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/infocomdoc/38/1/parlbus/commbus/house/ENVI/report/RP1875334//envirp07/envirp07-e.pdf>

IPCC Vice President: Climate Change is Not Proven to be Caused By Humans

Yury Izrael, Director, Vice President of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, was quoted in Russia's RIA Novosti newspaper on June 23 that "there is no proven link between human activity and global warming". He goes on to state that there has been no scientifically sound evidence put forward for the negative processes that allegedly begin to take place as a result of the 0.6⁰C temperature increase of the Earth over the past 100 years. Basically, global warming is not a threat. To see the full article, go to: <http://en.rian.ru/analysis/20050623/40748412.html>

British House of Lords

A recent British House of Lords report has stated that "the Kyoto Protocol makes little difference to rates of global warming and has a naive compliance mechanism, which can only deter countries from signing up to subsequent tighter emissions targets". The message to Tony Blair is to drop Kyoto and find ways of adapting to climate change. The report also states that the IPCC has been tainted by "political interference". To read the full report, go to: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200506/ldselect/1deconaf/12/12i.pdf>



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Friends of Science needs your help – here’s what you can do:

- **Become part of our fundraising team.** We need contacts with Canadians who care about this issue, and have the means to help us get the message out.
- **We need your donation.** We have enough funds in the bank to keep going for only another 6 months. Our goal is to have a major impact on the next election. Consider a donation to help us stay in the fight

SCIENCE ARTICLES ON THE WEB

Here are some excellent new scientific papers on global warming. To get on the list for regular updates on articles that appear, you can email John Leeson at leesonj@shaw.ca.

“Hurricanes and Global Warming”

By: Pielke, Jr., R. A., C. Landsea, K. Emanuel, M. Mayfield, J. Laver and R. Pasch,

Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society, June 10, 2005.

http://sciencepolicy.colorado.edu/admin/publication_files/resourse-1762-hurricanes%20and_global_warming.pdf

“Present-Day Sea-Level Change Highly Variable”

By: Alix Lombard, Anny Cazenave, Pierre-Yves Le Traon and Masayoshi Ishii

Global and Planetary Change, Volume 47, Issue 1, May 2005, Pages 1-16

<http://tinyurl.com/788ol> (Fee Required)

“The Not So Clear Consensus On Climate Change”

Letter by Dennis Bray submitted to *Science* on 22 December 2004

<http://w3g.gkss.de/G/Mitarbeiter/bray.html/BrayGKSSsite/BrayGKSS/WedPDFs/Science2.pdf>

“Predicting Global Cooling”

By: A.V. Belov, L.I. Dorman, R.T. Gushchina, V.N. Obridko, B.D. Shelting and V.G. Yanke

Advances in Space Research, May 3, 2005

<http://tinyurl.com/akevt> (Fee Required)

“New Space Probe May Silence Climate Sceptics”

By: Duncan Graham-Rowe

New Scientist, 1 June 2005

<http://www.newscientist.com/article.ns?id=mg18625023.600>

“Global Warming: Something New Under the Sun?”

World Climate Report, 10 May 2005

<http://www.worldclimaterreport.com/index.php/2005/05/10/global-warming-something-new-under-the-sun/>