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Dear Friends,

Our latest news – PPAF funding an innovative college course on solar cooking and on biogas for cooking and garden fertilizer - ties to events over the past several months. The photo below, on the cover of the 2018 Solar Cookers International (SCI) annual report, highlights teamwork from PPAF, several other organizations and the University Notre Dame d'Haiti (UNDH) at Hinche. It was taken at PPAF-supported Science Day on campus in June, which attracted some 400 attendees.



The Vice-Rector and students have been energized since last November. During the spring a student committee organized solar and biogas-cooked lunches and created a garden fertilized from a biodigester.

In July we held a Benefit for Haiti at Resource Furniture to support work at UNDH and elsewhere. We also hosted a table with SCI at the UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, and talked with many visitors about the possibilities of solar cooking in Haiti and worldwide. In August we spoke at the annual Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) conference at the UN in a panel on human rights and education, focusing on collaboration with the Haiti Adolescent Girls Network.

In September the UNDH-Hinche Vice-Rector sent us a proposal seeking funds for an innovative semester-long course on solar and biogas, with syllabus and

reference materials created by several of our colleagues. The PPAF board welcomed and approved funds for this initiative. The course begins on October 20.

The articles below highlight PPAF's recent work, with encouragement and backing from our many friends. Also see the many photos and videos at <http://www.ppaefoundation.org/gallery--videos.html>.

As always we rely on board members, senior fellows, associations, interns and volunteers to make this work successful. If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with me.

Warm regards,

David Stillman, PhD

Executive Director

Science Day at UNDH UDER S de Hinche

The student team for biogas and solar cooking (Comite Biogaz et Recho Soley), with support by the Vice-Rector, organized a very successful Science Day on June 2. With resources from your donations PPAF covered a portion of the costs at the university and travel by one of our colleagues to be an international guest speaker. The event attracted some 400 attendees, including local political and religious leaders, students from many nearby schools and members of the community.

The acronym UDER S translates as Diocesan Unit for Education, Research and Service. During the Science Day activities the Vice Rector and the student team expressed their desire to develop a hub for teaching about, making and selling biogas and solar cooking equipment. This led to discussions on how to make this happen.



Benefit for Haiti: Reducing Poverty with Cookstoves

Our fundraiser and friend raiser "A Benefit for Haiti" in July was a great success. About 75 came together to support PPAF and our work in Haiti. Again we want to thank [Resource Furniture](#) for hosting and supporting the event at their beautiful showroom. Our colleagues Rose Bazile from Solavore, Alan Bigelow from Solar Cookers International and Kathy Puffer from Solar CITIES Biogas each spoke about their organizations and our work together. The Silent Auction gave people the opportunity to purchase treasures from Haiti and other goods. Crillon Importers organized a tasting of Haiti's famous Rhum Barbancourt, and former Haitian ambassador to the USA Raymond Joseph and his wife spent the evening with us.

You can "be there" by viewing videos and photos from the day. Be sure to view the list of our supporters and contributors, including EF International School, from which PPAF receives many talented interns.

If you are on Facebook you have had a chance to view videos and photos, and it has been wonderful to be in touch with many of you personally. Links are given below.



You can view photos of the fun here: <http://www.ppafoundation.org/gallery.html>

Videos of the presenters can be seen on the PPAF website. Links are:

Challie Stillman and David Stillman, Resource Furniture and PPAF -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PYqjNss2nY&t=74s>

Kathy Puffer, Solar CITIES Biogas -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CcG90TTtRE8&t=35s>

Rose Bazile, Solarvore and KDCK - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMXGRRAkq4w&t=48s>

Alan Bigelow - Solar Cookers International - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COA35RdGcPg>

David Stillman and Steve Spett - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIPbYTUK2Pw&t=6s>

Thank you video - http://www.ppafoundation.org/uploads/b/11653723-85039930748358918/challie_presentation_180711_1_420.mp4

Exhibiting Solar Cookers at the UN

Also in July we held jointly with SCI an exhibit at the UN during its High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. For 10 days, along with friends from Solavore/ KDCK and from Solar Education Project and our interns, we demonstrated several types of solar cookers and discussed current work with attendees. Ours was one of the most visited and liveliest displays there. Here is a link to a booklet we used to illustrate the work in Haiti -- [Photos & captions used at UN & the Benefit in July \(PDF\)](#)



Supporting brighter futures for girls in Haiti

The Haiti Adolescent Girls Network (HAGN) Executive Director and the PPAF Executive Director collaborated in a presentation in August at a panel on education for girls, held in the annual NGO conference hosted by the UN Department of Public Information.

HAGN is a Haitian non-profit that initiates and manages safe space groups for teen-age girls who are at otherwise at risk of limited schooling, early pregnancy, early marriage, negative

self-worth and a bleak future. In weekly gatherings the girls learn about sexual and reproductive health and gender relations, build financial literacy and employability, and create friendships with peers and mentors. HAGN now has a total of some 4,000 participants.

PPAF became involved, along with Solavore LLC and SCI, in a pilot effort by HAGN to learn whether solar ovens are useful for girls to make popular snacks and start their own eco-friendly cooking business in the local street-corner markets.

The presentation "Supporting brighter futures for girls in Haiti" was very well received. Fifty people attended the panel, which drew considerable interaction. Please see this [link for our video](#) and this [link for the text](#).



Supporting an Innovative College Course

The PPAF Board of Directors is very pleased to announce funding to support the new college course "Energy for Sustainable Development" being established at UNDH-UDERS at Hinche. This responds to a project proposal from the Vice Rector, the experience being developed within the student group "Comite Biogaz et Recho Soley" and the efforts by leaders from several collaborating organizations who have created the syllabus and created or edited reference materials. The PPAF Board found this combination to have great merit and to be a promising prototype for future initiatives, both academic and entrepreneurial.

The new course is to be held initially in the Autumn 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters. The award covers stipends for instructors and support for related activities by members of the student group. The weekly classes will teach the basics of solar cooking and biodigesters for biogas cooking and garden fertilizer, including lectures and class activities, construction of simple cookers and a biodigester, recording of data in relation to health, economic and environmental benefits, and steps toward related promotion and small business.

PPAF joined colleagues from several organizations, but especially Solavore, Solar CITIES Biogas, SCI, Persons Helping People and Solar Education Project, working with the Vice Rector to develop necessary materials. Solar Household Energy, HAGN and others are to become involved as this moves ahead. Collaborators expect to remain involved and participate in monitoring and evaluation. This combination of time, talent and initial funding also aims toward possible future project support by others.



HOW YOU CAN WORK WITH THE FOUNDATION

Your contributions make it possible for the Foundation to continue our work in bringing organizations and people together for sustainable development and clean energy. "Like" us on [Facebook](#), view our videos on [YouTube](#), join us on [Linked In](#) and receive our [Twitter feeds](#).

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(2) **Become a Corporate Sponsor.** You'll be listed on our website and in our newsletter as a corporation that supports important work in agribusiness, clean energy, and broad assistance to people in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Madagascar. Contact David Stillman at ppafoundation@gmail.com

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