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(1) Welcome to a New Foundation Board Member and Associates

At its March 24 meeting, the Foundation’s board named Dr. George A. Garland as a new member. Dr. Garland is an independent consultant with extensive experience in energy and hazardous waste management. He worked with the Environmental Protection Agency and abroad with the World Health Organization, USAID and the World Bank, and as a staff member and volunteer with the United Nations Association of the USA.

Robert Worth and Imnet Yebio have been named new Associates. Both young professionals have interned or volunteered with the Foundation since 2009. For full biographies of all, see PPAF’s Blog.

(2) Planning for a Business Summit on Haiti

Building on interest expressed in Orlando, David Stillman and Daniel Faustin of SImACT met in Washington on March 14-15 with Lord Kevin Lumb, President of Global Investment Summits, for a series of meetings to plan the Haiti Reconstruction and Sustainability Summit, scheduled for mid-September. This included meetings with prominent Haitian-Americans and at the Inter-American Development Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) and UN Foundation (Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves). Foundation board member Carol Dabbs joined a lunch meeting with the president of the Haiti Renewal Alliance and another Haitian-American who owns land in Haiti.

A next step will be meetings in Haiti, planned for mid-April.

(3) Miyamoto International Helps Post-Earthquake Haiti and Japan

At the Disaster Response and Recovery Summit in Orlando, Miyamoto International was a major sponsor and its president, Kit Miyamoto, made an impressive presentation on his company’s work for assessing earthquake damage in Port-au-Prince and engaging in repair of buildings. See his presentation on Miyamoto’s Disaster Response Work in Haiti. Miyamoto also posted this video: Haiti Earthquake: One Year Later.

On March 11 Kit Miyamoto was riding the subway in Tokyo when the Japanese earthquake and tsunami struck. In a moment he became an observer, participant and expert. He has written several circulars on what he has seen, and on March 24 his company posted this lengthy video Japan Earthquake March 11, 2011 – Presentation by Miyamoto.

Both the people of Haiti and Japan are suffering through the effects of calamity, and deserve all possible assistance. Miyamoto International is one of the companies contributing to recovery. We of the Public-Private Alliance Foundation offer condolences to families who have lost so much, those involved and a desire to work together for a brighter future.

(4) Results of the Disaster Recovery and Response Summit, Orlando, 1-2 March 2011

Over a hundred members of the international aid and development community gathered in Orlando, Florida for the inaugural Disaster Response & Recovery Summit, which took place at the Caribe Royale Hotel & Convention Center on 1-2 March 2011. The summit was organized to bring key decision makers in the aid & development community together with government policy-makers and partnering contractors looking to assist in the aftermath of disasters around the globe.

About one-third of the speakers dealt with Haiti. David Stillman’s presentation consisted of a photo essay as well as a speech on “Lives, Livelihoods and Environment in Haiti.” To request a copy of the speech, email: ppafoundation@gmail.com
The summit covered key issues during the morning presentations and enabled delegates to meet with UN, business and NGO officials in the afternoons. Twenty roundtables were set up for this purpose, with over 300 meetings taking place over the two days.

Proceedings were opened by Lord Kevin Lumb, Chairman of Global Development Summits.

(5) Maricopa Community Colleges Sustainability Dialogue Day, 3-4 March 2011

Dr. David Stillman represented the Humpty Dumpty Institute as keynote speaker at Sustainability Dialogue Day at Maricopa Community Colleges in Phoenix, Arizona. The ten colleges have an enrollment of over 260,000 students. Chancellor Rufus Glasper opened the event, which comprised about 100 faculty and senior staff.

Stillman spoke on "International Perspectives on Sustainability" and led a workshop on "International Resources for Sustainable Development." Chancellor Glasper is a signatory to the American Colleges and Universities Presidents’ Climate Commitment. Handouts on "International Resources for Sustainable Development" and on "Bioenergy Standards for Sustainable Development" are available.

Thank you for your involvement!

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