



oikos Newsletter

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Dear oikos friend!

We have started off the year with great activities in the whole oikos network. Please find in this newsletter what has happened in the last two months and get an outlook on our future projects. For current information also check out our homepage!

Together, we can make a difference!

Anna Ritschel, oikos International, President 2010

oikos International
students for sustainable
economics and management

oikos is the international student organisation for sustainable economics and management and a leading reference point for the promotion of sustainability change agents.

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new!
*The Annual Report
2009 is out!*
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oikos Sylhet launches seminar on Climate Change

The main theme of the first seminar was "Climate Change: Local and International Perspectives". The event will be followed by more seminars on similar topics throughout the year.

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oikos New Delhi officially inaugurated

NEW

On 15th January, 2010 oikos New Delhi had its inaugural session, gathering almost 40 students gathered at the opening ceremony.

oikos Bayreuth Panel discussion about the limits to growth

Are there limits to growth? Where can they be found? Can they be overcome? And how will they affect us? To answer these questions and discuss problems that arise with the topic of growth oikos Bayreuth organised a panel discussion.



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28 - 30
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oikos Ahmedabad co-organised the Conference Municipalika 2010 - Making Cities Work

The chapter supported this high level international event by reporting on all sessions and giving content input. Members contributed valuable ideas on how to encourage stakeholders dealing with urban development to create sustainable and inclusive cities.



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9 - 11
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oikos London conference: Carbon Trading and the Climate Deal: Beyond COP15

oikos London hosted a very successful event 'Carbon Trading and the Climate Deal: Beyond COP15', where panellists from both the government and the private sector discussed the future of carbon trading in post-Copenhagen times. Look out for more Post- COP15 events coming shortly!

oikos Zagreb organises International Student Conference

The 2nd International Student Conference "Time to Rethink Economics 2010" is an international three-day event that brings together young and innovative students from around the world. They will exchange ideas and experiences, improve writing and presentation skills, and broaden their social network.



Project Leadership Programme goes into its next round

Seven Project Leaders were selected to participate in this year's Project Leadership Programme (PLP), which will start in April. It offers coaching for project leaders to overcome different challenges that projects are likely to face within the project management cycle.

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Executive Board Handover Meeting

Join us in welcoming the new oikos International team consists of Anna Ritschel (President 2010), Zoe Foss (oikos Belfast), Tomasz Hajduk (oikos Warsaw), Gabrielle Le Chevalier (oikos Reims), Wolfgang Machur (oikos Hamburg), Kate Negacz (oikos Warsaw) and Ralph Ripken (oikos Budapest).



Organise Spring Meeting 2011

Application for the Spring Meeting 2011 is now open. Organizing the Spring Meeting is a great opportunity to increase your chapter's visibility while fostering your management skills!

APPLY!



Attend the oikos Spring Meeting 2009!

oikos members will gather in the beautiful French town to explore the issues related to sustainability and share experiences and ideas for future projects. The main theme of this year's meeting is Sustainable Marketing: goals and processes.

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Join our social network!



oikos Winterschool at oikos Witten-Herdecke

Autumn Meeting 2010 in Warsaw

8-14
nov

7-10
oct

3-5
sep

Presidents and Advisors Retreat for presidents and advisors of all oikos Local Chapters

Save the dates:

Apply for oikos PDF!

The oikos Project Development Fund (PDF) financially supports projects organised by oikos Local Chapters. The purpose of this fund is to improve the performance of oikos projects by providing detailed feedback and promoting oikos projects.

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No chapter in your town?

Create a chapter! Interested in starting a new oikos group? Founding an oikos group has a lot in common with starting a company. So actually, you can be a bit proud of yourself. You are just about to become an entrepreneur!

The oikos International Team is always ready to guide you through the process of founding an oikos Local Chapter.

Please contact the International team at makeadifference@oikosinternational.org.

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**oikos / PRI Young
Scholars Finance
Academy**

The Academy was held in Gais/Switzerland and gathered leading academics, practitioners, exceptional graduate students and young faculty around the theme of mainstreaming responsible investment.

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- 5 feb

**oikos PhD Fellowship 2010 -
2013. Call for Applications!**

Join our international team of six international PhD Fellows at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland. The Fellowships will be awarded for a three-year period starting in September. Each fellowship carries a grant of annually CHF 36,000 and an additional fund of CHF 10,800 for research, travel and participation in scholarly conferences.



APPLY!

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**First oikos Young Scholars Entrepreneurship
Academy**

NEW

The first oikos Young Scholars Entrepreneurship Academy provides PhD students a platform to present and discuss their ongoing research projects with fellow students and senior faculty. oikos Guest faculty includes Prof. **Tina Dacin**, E. Marie Shantz Professor of Strategy & Organizational Behavior at the Queen's School of Business, Ontario, Canada, Prof. **Filipe Santos**, Academic Director at the INSEAD Social Entrepreneurship Initiative, Fontainebleau and Prof. **Mark Starik**, Department Chair and Professor of Strategy & Public Policy, George Washington University, USA. The event is organized in collaboration with WWF and The Hub Zurich

APPLY until April 30! 22 - 27
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**oikos Professional Development Workshop:
Publishing on Sustainability and Management**

Advanced Ph.D. candidates and young faculty are being trained to submit their findings to mainstream management journals by world-class faculty: **Tima Bansal**, Faculty director, Ivey Management Development Programme, University of Western Ontario; **Andrew J. Hoffman**, Holcim Prof. of Sustainable Enterprise, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan; and **Michael V. Russo**, Lundquist Professor of Sustainable Management, University of Oregon.

APPLY until March 30!



Kim in Canada

From January-April 2010, oikos PhD Fellow Kim Poldner is visiting with the Centre for Building Sustainable Value at the Richard Ivey School of Business in London, Ontario. While at Ivey, Kim is working on her dissertation, a case study, and a research project with Professor Oana Branzei. Kim's blog www.ecofashionworld.com/Kim, gives a weekly overview of her activities and offers insightful snapshots of the industry and the entrepreneurs she studies.

Want to know more about
oikos Academic activities?

Write to johannes.schwarzer@oikosinternational.org

The newly formed working group of oikos alumni meets to brainstorm on directions and projects for the alumni network. Write to Kim if you want to join!

Movers & shakers



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oikos Mentoring Programme

NEW

oikos members pair up with alumni and external mentors to foster personal and professional development.

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Jump Start!

The first event developed by movers & shakers takes place during spring meeting in Reims! Alumni offer a workshop on job opportunities in intra- and entrepreneurship!

NEW



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oikos Family Day

Meet oikos members and alumni "from the good old days" for an inspiring one-day event in Warsaw! We offer a weekend package including hotel and city tour to enable alumni to enjoy Warsaw for 2-3 days.



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Get involved as alumni!

Are you oikos alumnus? Not connected to the network yet? Write to Kim Poldner at kim.poldner@oikosinternational.org.

Meet alumna... - Christina Gradl

My name is Christina Gradl and I am a director of the Emergia Institute. We founded this independent institute in 2008 to help fight poverty and advance environmental sustainability through business. With Emergia, we create, share and apply knowledge on how to include people in poverty into value chains as producers or consumers. We always work with partners, be it UN agencies or private companies like Allianz. In this way, we make sure our ideas have room to spread and grow. It can be challenging to get people out of their trade-off thinking: even those responsible for CSR or sustainability often don't quite believe that more profit can mean more social and environmental impact. Good examples help - and we try to create more of them.

In 2005 and 2006, I headed the oikos chapter London. We set up a sustainability consulting group, Sustainable Future, and developed recommendations for our university, LSE, to become more sustainable. The best experience was when we presented our ideas to the management board of the school - and they decided to work with us to implement them. Based on this experience, I would say that my advice to current oikos people is: changing the way your university works can make a real difference - try it!

oikos creates a network of changemakers. I wish this network would be more transparent and accessible, also for us alumni. Knowing who knows and does what can help us all to collaborate more and support each other. Social networks can really help!



get involved



Connect!



*...on oikos in 2010?
...on the Local Chapters?
...on international projects?*

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*...on how to join existing oikos Local Chapters
or support their projects?*

Each oikos Chapter has a contact person for the communication with students and other people interested in oikos. You can contact them directly or first visit the Local Chapter websites:
www.oikos-international.org/chapters/

...on oikos Debates on Sustainability in Eastern Europe and the Case Teaching Initiative?

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*...on PhD and faculty projects?
...on potential involvement as a donor?*

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...on cross chapter projects?

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