

FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

THE GLOBAL WIND INDUSTRY AND ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS: Loss of Social Justice?

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Many from around the world wanted to attend the FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM: THE GLOBAL WIND INDUSTRY AND ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS: Loss of Social Justice? but were unable to do so. Support has been received from individuals and organized groups.

In an effort to acknowledge these, a snapshot of these messages is provided to Symposium attendees. A comprehensive list will be posted on The Society website after the Symposium. www.windvigilance.com

The comments and messages received represent the opinions and concerns expressed by the individual and groups submitting them. Any errors or omissions are unintended.

TO THE CHAIR - NEW ZEALAND

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Robert Y. McMurtry, M. D., F.R.C.S.(C), F.A.C.S.
Chair
The Society for Wind Vigilance
23.08.2010

Dear Dr McMurtry,

Ténā koutou.

I regretfully write to inform you that I am unable to attend the Society's conference planned for the end of October. In lieu of attendance I send words of support for both the conference and the Society at large. The line up of presenters hints at a stimulating and dynamic conference, and the success of the event seems assured. I sincerely hope this meeting will not be isolated, and I will keep a keen eye open for future conferences.

The output of the society has been of great utility to many communities in New Zealand faced with the decision of supporting or opposing wind turbine installations. The Society has consistently provided critiques of research and review documents that are laudable for both their balance and impartiality, and the level of insight afforded by the expertise of their creators. The ability of these works to inform communities of the risks and benefits of wind power cannot be overstated, and I suspect their impact goes far beyond any metrics you might currently use to track their use.

Of those speaking at the conference I note a number who have given up time to assist community groups in New Zealand. On behalf of these groups I would like to extend an expression of immense gratitude to these individuals, who include Richard R. James, Nina Pierpont, Christopher Hanning, and Michael A. Nissenbaum. To all members of the Society a message, keep up the good work, your efforts are appreciated by many.

Kia ora
(be well, be healthy)

Daniel Shepherd
Auckland, New Zealand

ONTARIO

Congratulations on the First International Symposium on the Adverse Health Effects of Industrial Wind Turbines. This is a great opportunity for members of our organization to hear from a wide range of international experts on topics of importance to our fight.

Those participating will no doubt leave armed with even more information that will assist in convincing neighbours and hopefully communities that they have a stake in this. It should also help us as we work with local councils and health organizations.

International medical experts will join with renowned academics from North America and other public figures to share much needed information in a format that is credible and valuable to us and the broader public. Wind Concerns Ontario is proud to support this symposium.

*John Laforet, President,
Wind Concerns Ontario*

AUSTRALIA

From all over the world we will be watching the discussions and the information presented at your symposium about the health effects of wind turbines. We are so grateful that you are all doing this. Only two days ago I was at a protest rally against two turbines going up at Leonards Hill, near Daylesford in Victoria, Australia. The nearest home to these turbines will be only 500 metres away. People there are desperate. Our governments just keep signing the rights of the rural residents away to wind developers.

Governmental Planning Panels ignore legitimate claims and worries from country residents, worries about health effects from turbines...We are so grateful for the time you are putting in at the symposium about health effects from turbines.

...Good luck with your investigations. We are all behind you.

*Renate Metzger,
Smeaton, Victoria, Australia*

EPAW (European Platform Against Windfarms)

EPAW supports the first International Symposium...427 federations and associations from 21 European countries (representing hundreds of thousands of citizens) have united into a European platform (EPAW) to transmit the following demands to the European authorities:

- a moratorium suspending all wind farm projects
- a complete assessment of the economic, social, and environmental impacts of wind farms in Europe.

EPAW objects to industrial wind farms that...are degrading the quality of life of those living in their vicinity, affecting the health of many...

We applaud and support the first International Symposium gathering so famous expert speakers. Wind power endangers the health of people who live near wind turbines and some affected residents can only try to sell their homes and move away! We thank you for your commitment to this important cause.

*Jean-Louis Butré,
Chairman of EPAW*

GERMANY

Dear Carmen, dear members of the Society for Wind Vigilance, dear organizers, scientists, experts and visitors of this important symposium in Canada!

The members of EPAW - European Platform against Windfarms - in Germany support your International Symposium and your struggle to protect the health of human beings, social structures and nature against industrial wind energy by exposing the dangers caused by wind power plants for health and social justice.

Today there are some 22.000 wind turbines in Germany and the number is increasing all the time... We represent thousands of German victims...including those in the northernmost region in Germany, where once was the cradle of the German wind power, who are suffering since

more than two decades from the impact of wind turbines. The symptoms, which Nina Pierpont calls WTS...many of us already know very well... Many people are too frightened to speak openly for their civil rights...I speak from painful, personal experience!...Living beside wind turbines between 300 to 1000 m away is like a trip to hell!

We, the German members of EPAW, want to thank you for this important international Symposium and your dedication to uncover the danger of the emissions by wind turbines for health and social life!"

*Jutta Reichardt from
"Windwahnmarsch",
Schleswig-Holstein, Germany
Spokeswoman of EPAW
(European Platform against Windfarms)
for Germany*

JAPAN

We are Japanese concerning about wind farm developments. Big wind is destroying nature and local communities in Japan too. People near wind farms are suffering from low-frequency noise from the turbines.

Although the Japanese government has just started a survey on the low-frequency noise, we suspect they will not solve the problem seriously.

We support the First International Symposium. We are really sorry not to be able to join you. But we believe it will be successful. And we believe it will be a great step for us all.

Yuki Tsuruta Oike

NOVA SCOTIA, Canada

To Carmen Krogh, Members of Windvigilance, Dr Nina Pierpont, Participating Scientists and Everybody at the Symposium!

We want to express our full support for this Symposium...Our social peace is gone by recklessly acting wind companies, who "successfully" were splitting communities and even friends and families. Local politicians were turning their backs on us and united with the wind lobby.

Whom shall we trust in difficult times to come?

We wish you all the best in achieving the necessary breakthrough for the inconvenient truth regarding wind power.

Anna Fabigan, Member of Concerned Residents against Industrial Wind Power - Digby Neck, & Member of EAS - Eco Awareness Society, Pictou County - Digby County NS

SPAIN Co-founder, European Platform Against Windfarms

I am writing to you from Spain. I wish to say how concerned we are, my European colleagues and I, about the ill-effects wind turbines are having on the health of nearby residents. In Europe as in North America, there is no effective legislation imposing minimum setbacks between these noisy, vibrating structures and human habitations. The collusion between the windfarm industry and the political class is such that the health issue is simply being negated. Yet, more and more victims of the Wind Turbine Syndrome are making their voices heard, and many of their poignant letters can be read on the Internet. Sadly, the mainstream media has largely ignored the problem, for it's not politically correct to tell the truth about windfarms.

But truth is remarkable in that it can't be covered up forever. Sooner or later it comes to the surface, and class action suits inevitably follow. May this First International Symposium go a long way in raising public awareness on the adverse health effects of windfarms. May the media bring it to their attention, and may governments finally legislate to impose a minimum distance between wind turbines and people's homes.

God bless you all.

Mark Duchamp, Co-founder, European Platform Against Windfarms

SWEDEN

Being Editor-in-chief of the Danish nurses journal for 30 years (1974-2004) I understand deeply the concerns about adverse health effect caused by wind turbines close to humans.

Therefore, it is an extremely important conference, you have arranged. We need much more initiatives like this in order to make the impact on humans visible for the political decision makers, who seems to be totally controlled by the wind power industry. Wind turbines near to humans and in sensitive landscapes is a peace time crime against humanity. On behalf of all Nordic and Baltic campaigners and victims I express my strongest support. Make the conference a eye opener. Good luck. Contre nous de la tyrannie.

Peter Skeel Hjorth, Journalist, Spokesman for EPAW in the Nordic and Baltic Countries.

UNITED KINGDOM

I have been following the work of the organisers of the Symposium closely and I urge everyone to take cognisance of the important work which has been done to expose the dangers of industrial wind turbines. There is now ample evidence from the most eminent scientists to show the link between wind turbines and ill health.

It is important that all Authorities and Medical Services recognise that industrial wind turbines do cause ill health to those people unfortunate enough to have them in their neighbourhoods...

I know, from people I have spoken to, of the serious problems wind turbines have caused for people here in England; some of whom have had to abandon their homes.

*Kind regards,
Michael Addison*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Vinalhaven, Maine

I fully support further research and study into the impact of wind turbine noise on individuals as well as on communities. The Maine's noise regulations that were developed in the 1970's for urban industrial areas, do not pretend to protect individuals. Current regulations in Maine are not adjusted according to rural, suburban, or urban areas. There is no doubt that the impact of a 55/45 dBA noise limit in a rural island community is vastly different than it would be in a busy urban environment. Low frequency sound is not measured or regulated. Gigantic wind turbines are built within a short distance of homes. People should not and can not be asked to live under these kinds of conditions. I support the International Symposium and hope very much that their efforts will help to correct an unethical wrong.

*Sally Wylie,
Fox Island Wind Neighbors,
Vinalhaven, Maine.*

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