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AN INVITATION

The International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant has become the preeminent international forum for formal presentation and discussion of scientific advances concerning environmental mercury pollution. The depth, breadth, and pace of scientific discovery on the sources, environmental transport and fate, biogeochemical cycling, and adverse effects of mercury have increased enormously since the inaugural conference was convened in Sweden in 1990. In view of proposed U.S. and international actions on mercury emissions, the 2006 conference will present a timely opportunity to assimilate, synthesize, and disseminate scientific knowledge and technical information in a form useful to policy discussions involving mercury in the environment.

The 8th International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant will be convened in Madison, Wisconsin (USA), at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, an extraordinary conference facility designed by the famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright. YOU ARE INVITED to participate in this global mercury conference, which will again feature scientific advances in mercury research, with an expanded scope to include socioeconomic issues and public policy.

The 8th international conference organizing committee has set three principal goals for the conference:

- (1) To enhance the synthesis of information presented at the conference through an integration of focused plenary sessions, poster sessions, conference discussions, and synthesis papers;
- (2) To focus and enhance the integration of science and policy concerning environmental mercury pollution; and
- (3) To increase participation by under-represented groups, including students, beginning professionals, and representatives of developing nations.

This five-day conference will include a mixture of focused plenary sessions, special sessions, and contributed poster sessions. The calls for abstracts and proposals for special sessions will be issued in May 2005. The deadline for submission of conference proposals for special sessions will be August 2005. The deadline for submission of abstracts will be January 2006.

VISIT THE CONFERENCE WEB SITE

The conference Web site will be the primary medium for communicating information and announcements concerning the conference (www.mercury2006.org). Submission of abstracts, submission of proposals for special sessions, and pre-registration of conferees will be conducted via the conference Web site. Information on conference hotels, lodging arrangements, the host city of Madison, conference-related events and tours, and other details will also be posted on this site. PLEASE BOOKMARK THIS WEB SITE AND CHECK IT OFTEN FOR UPDATES.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The host organizations for the conference are the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. The conference organizers welcome your comments and suggestions as they proceed with planning and arrangements for this important event.

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