Conference Program

Friday, July 21

8:30 a.m.
REGISTRATION

9:15
TECHNICAL WORKSHOP
Stratospheric Ozone Depletion: A Scientific Briefing on Ozone Loss in the Stratosphere.
Professor Sherwood Rowland, Department of Chemistry, University of California, Irvine, and members of his research staff.

Noon to 1:15 p.m.
LUNCH

1:15 to 2:15
POLICY WORKSHOP
The Context for Local Policy Action:
Current National and International Policy Proposals and Responses
David Doniger, Senior Attorney, The Natural Resources Defense Council

2:15 to 3:15
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH THE EXPERTS

3:15 to 3:45
BREAK

3:45 to 4:45
TECHNICAL BRIEFING
The Greenhouse Effect: A Status Report
Dr. Donald Blake, Research Associate to Professor Rowland

6:30 to 9:00
CONFERENCE DINNER
Guest Speakers: Irvine Mayor Larry Agran and Toronto Councillor Tony O'Donohue
Keynote Speaker: To be announced

Saturday, July 22

9:00 a.m.
COFFEE

9:30 to 11:30
PANEL DISCUSSION
Local Responses: Reports on the legislative initiatives of participating officials, plus a special report on the status of substitute compounds and alternative technologies

11:30 to Noon
BREAK

Noon to 1:30 p.m.
LUNCH PRESENTATION
An Introduction to the Stratospheric Protection Accord (SPA)
Jeb Brugmann, SPA Project Director, The Center for Innovative Diplomacy

1:30 to 3:00
STRATEGY SESSION
Establishment of the North American SPA Caucus

3:30
ADJOURNMENT

Accommodations and Points of Interest

The SPA Conference is scheduled to adjourn early on Saturday to allow time on Sunday — and perhaps a few extra days — to see Southern California. Irvine is within minutes of Pacific Ocean beaches, the boat cruise to Catalina Island, and a variety of golf courses. Artistic life and nightlife can be taken in at nearby Laguna Beach or Balboa Island. For family travelers, Disneyland is only 15 miles away. Mexico's Baja California peninsula is a two-hour drive. Special group rate accommodations are available at the Irvine Holiday Inn for $52 for a single or double. The Holiday Inn includes free shuttle service to and from nearby John Wayne Airport.

To make hotel reservations, call (714-863-1999) before July 1 and tell them you're coming for the SPA Conference.
for many urban leaders, the implications of ozone depletion are too grim to consider. Sudden food shortages. Skin cancer and viral epidemics. Dramatic rises in sea levels. Unprecedented heat waves and droughts.

Many urban leaders watch and wait for national governments to act. Others know we don’t have that long to wait.

While corporations and national governments resist solving our ozone depletion problem, local leaders like you will be taking immediate and effective action through the Stratospheric Protection Accord.

The North American Conference for a Stratospheric Protection Accord (SPA)


Held at the prestigious west coast headquarters of the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering, University of California, Irvine, the SPA Conference will provide you with an unparalleled opportunity to learn about ozone depletion and global warming from some of the world’s top scientists and policy experts.

In addition, you will join colleagues in special sessions — held at the new Irvine City Hall — to learn about effective city responses, and to formulate a common strategy for the 1990 International SPA negotiations.

The Accord

The Stratospheric Protection Accord — or “SPA” — will commit participating cities, counties, and towns, from Canada to Argentina and from India to the United States, to establish binding local ordinances to regulate and ban chlorofluorocarbons, halons, and other ozone-depleting compounds within their jurisdictions. The SPA will also establish an International Secretariat for Local Environmental Initiatives to negotiate inter-city environmental agreements on issues like reforestation, energy efficiency, and the pollution of international waters.

In late 1973, University of California chemistry professor Sherwood Rowland and his postgraduate assistant Mario Molina discovered that commonly used propellants and solvents called chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) were destroying the ozone that protects life on Earth from the sun’s ultraviolet light.

Rowland immediately began a worldwide crusade to ban CFCs. While gaining the 1976 U.S. ban on CFC use in aerosols, Rowland’s campaign infuriated the nation’s chemical industry and jeopardized his professional career.

Rowland persisted. After more than a decade of challenges and industry resistance, Rowland’s predictions were borne out by the 1985 discovery of an ozone “hole” over Antarctica. In January 1989, Sherwood Rowland was awarded the prestigious Japan Prize for his work on ozone depletion.

Dr. Rowland serves as principal scientific adviser to the Center for Innovative Diplomacy’s Stratospheric Protection Accord Project.

Longtime environmentalist and Berkeley, California, Councilmember Nancy Skinner is best known for her sponsorship of Berkeley’s styrofoam ban initiated as a local government response to the problem of ozone depletion, the styrofoam ban also encourages the reduction and recycling of fast food packaging.

Skinner has also introduced a bill that would require businesses to disclose their use of CFCs. It would also establish mandatory recycling procedures for CFCs used in public vehicles and buildings.

Tony O’Donohue has served as a Toronto City Councillor for 20 years. Last fall, he authored and proposed Toronto’s far-reaching bylaw to regulate and ban CFCs and halons in the city. A consulting engineer in business, O’Donohue has been deeply involved in securing safe water sources for a number of Latin American localities.

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