



GREAT LAKES UNITED

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Dr. Theo Colborn
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Dear Theo:

Re: Great Lakes United Annual General Meeting Programme

Thank you for agreeing to participate in our panel on human health concerns in the Great Lakes at Great Lakes United's (GLU) 1989 Annual General Meeting. The meeting will be held at Georgian College in Owen Sound, Ontario, from May 5th to 7th, 1989. Details about the particulars of the meeting will be sent to you from GLU's Buffalo office once materials are printed.

Since you have indicated you might plan some holiday time around the meeting, you may wish to call or write to our contact at the Owen Sound Tourist Bureau. She would be happy to provide you with information about the area. Her name is Carol Stewart and her telephone number is (519) 371-9833.

Your panel will be in the early afternoon on Saturday, May 6th. I would like the discussion to give our members an understanding of our knowledge of human health impacts, the reasons our understanding is not better, suggestions for reform of our epidemiological approaches, the work going on now that will increase our understanding and suggestions for follow-up work and new studies which should be undertaken.

Kate Davies has agreed to chair the panel and introduce the topic. I have encouraged her to talk about her own work and about the plans of the Health Effects Subcommittee of the Science Advisory Board to hold public hearings.

As well, Ann Sudar will be participating in her personal capacity. She is co-author of the controversial report "Toxic Chemicals in the Great Lakes Ecosystem" which sets out to examine the socio-economic impacts on human health.



The third panel member is Laurie Montour. Laurie currently works for the Assembly of First Nations in Ottawa but is from the Walpole Island Band in the St. Clair River. She has worked on fish and wild meat testing and has attempted to win support from governments to extend those studies to band members. I hope her story will point to the special risks to natives and the difficulties experienced by communities trying to undertake human health studies.

GLU's board appreciates your taking time out in your full schedule to share your studies with us. We look forward to your contribution again this year. This year we have arranged the programme so that everyone will be able to attend each of the panel discussions. We will be drafting some human health resolutions in our taskforce session following your panel. Any suggestions you have for these resolutions will be helpful.

Yours truly,

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