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CALL FOR ENTRIES: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMMUNICATING CLIMATE CHANGE

Young American Scientists Invited to Apply for Fully-Funded Workshop at American University

WASHINGTON, August 24 – The British Council USA, the UK’s international organization for educational and cultural relations, in partnership with American University and SeaWeb/COMPASS, encourages early career scientists involved in climate change research to apply for the International Networking for Young Scientists (INYS) program in Washington, DC.

Designed to develop scientists’ skills in communicating climate change science to the media, **“Communicating Climate Change: Science and Media Networking for the Future”** will bring prominent environmental journalists together with young researchers from the US and the UK to discuss issues in climate change communication and create a lasting collaborative network.

“Communicating Climate Change: Science and Media Networking for the Future” will take place at American University November 15-18, 2006. The four-day workshop includes intensive, hands-on media training by SeaWeb/COMPASS; participants will also hear from several prominent journalists from US and UK publications, including Michelle Nijhuis, contributing editor for *High Country News*, and NPR science correspondent Christopher Joyce.

Approximately seven candidates from the US and seven candidates from the UK will be selected to participate in the program. Travel and expenses will be fully funded by the British Council USA. The competition is open to PhD students in their final year of research or early post-doctoral researchers in fields related to climate change; all applicants must be American or British scientists currently living and working in the US and UK.

Completed applications must be submitted to the British Council USA by no later than September 22, 2006. Successful candidates will be selected and notified by October 1, 2006. For more information or to download an application form, please visit www.britishcouncil.org/usa-science.

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SeaWeb is a nonprofit organization that raises public awareness of marine conservation issues, advances science-based solutions, and mobilizes decision-makers. They connect journalists with scientists, translation of scientific studies for non-scientists, and promote ocean conservation through relevant, science-based initiatives. Through their work as part of the Communication Partnership for Science and the Sea (COMPASS), SeaWeb teaches scientists to communicate their work in a clear, engaging manner that resonates with non-academic audiences, including the media, policymakers, and the public. They are also responsible for media communications training in the prestigious Aldo Leopold Leadership Program and the Pew Marine Conservation Fellows.

American University was chartered by an Act of Congress in 1893 and founded under the auspices of the United Methodist Church. Today, it is an independent, co-educational university with more than 11,000 students enrolled in undergraduate, masters, doctoral, and professional degree programs. Located on an 84-acre campus located in upper northwest Washington, D.C., the university attracts students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the territories, and nearly 150 foreign countries. American University offers 55 bachelor's programs, 46 master's programs, 8 doctoral programs, and a J.D., S.J.D., and L.L.M. through its six major divisions: College of Arts and Sciences; Kogod School of Business; School of Communication; School of Public Affairs; School of International Service; and Washington College of Law.