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Woods Hole Research Center Director John Holdren to Speak at "Bioneers by the Bay: Connecting for Change" Conference

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John Holdren, director of the Woods Hole Research Center, will be a featured speaker at the upcoming "**Bioneers by the Bay: Connecting for Change**" conference, to be held October 14-16, at the University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth. Dr. Holdren will talk about the connections between energy and society's priorities regarding the economy, national security, and the environment. He will also explore the science of climate change, the human role in it, and expected consequences.

Dr. Holdren was Visiting Distinguished Scientist at the Center from 1991-2005 and became Director in June of 2005. He has been the Teresa and John Heinz Professor of Environmental Policy at Harvard since 1996 and previously was the Class of 1935 Professor of Energy at the University of California, Berkeley. Trained in engineering and theoretical plasma physics at MIT and Stanford, Dr. Holdren's research interests include causes and consequences of global environmental change, energy and resource options in industrial and developing countries, and nuclear arms control and nonproliferation. He is a former MacArthur Prize Fellow and a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 1995 he accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, which he served as chair of the executive committee from 1987 to 1997.

"Bioneers by the Bay: Connecting for Change" Conference will feature such topics as renewable energy systems, new paradigms in business, native ecology, healthy food, holistic health, sustainable communities, and a Youth Initiative program and is expected to attract over 1,000 attendees. The conference will also present a program of speakers, workshops, panel discussions, exhibitors, food, entertainment, a film festival and related events. The "Bioneers by the Bay: Connecting for Change" Conference will be linked, via satellite, to the main Bioneers event in San Rafael, California.

The program is a partnership among the **Marion Institute**, the Small Planet Fund, the E F Schumacher Society, the New England Grass Roots Fund, The Coalition for Buzzards Bay, UMASS Dartmouth and a wide array of local colleges and grassroots organizations — ensuring that this event becomes a profoundly inspiring, dynamic and successful annual experience.