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New Services

Global Action Network Now Online

IGC Networks are pleased to welcome the Global Action Network (GAN) to EcoNet. Based in Idaho, GAN collects and distributes information that citizens and public advocacy groups can use to take effective action regarding a range of environmental issues. Extracting from research papers, government documents, and publications written by experts, GAN staff moderates a new set of IGC conferences on such issues as global warming, tropical forests, pesticides, recycling, population, and wilderness.

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ConflictNet Update

ConflictNet, the newest addition to the IGC Networks, goes the extra mile to promote nonviolence and collaborative problem solving by bringing people in the conflict-resolution movement together with peace and environmental activists throughout the world. What follows is a brief description of some of the developments on ConflictNet.

Family Mediation—The Academy of Family Mediators (AFM) use ConflictNet to plan activities and to educate the community about new developments in family mediation.

Legislation—A user responsible for updating the California legislation on ADR recently submitted a draft proposal to [cn.dialogue](#). Within a few days, she incorporated input from several others into the legislative amendments.

Research—ConflictNet users regularly share assessment tools for organizational conflict, references and citations by a particular author(s), calls for papers from journals, and announcements of research grants.

Classifieds—[cn.classifieds](#) is updated frequently with postings of new jobs and internship opportunities in locations across the nation.

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Visit these conferences and stay abreast of Earth Day 1990 events:

[ed.general](#)
[ed.earthdayintl](#)
[ed.campusearth](#)

And EarthDay doesn't end with April 22, 1990 events. EcoNet will be the home of many follow-up activities. So stay tuned—before, during, and after EarthDay!

EARTH DAY 1990 Is NOW

Conference Highlight

basic.nato

With changes in Europe happening so rapidly, you need a way to keep a handle on all the information. **basic.nato** contains updates and information about what's happening in NATO and with the Warsaw Pact.

Also published is the newsletter *NATO Notes*, specifically designed to give grass-roots activists the basic facts about NATO-related issues. The most recent issue deals with new nuclear missiles that the United States wants to deploy in Europe in the 1990s.

The conference **basic.nato** is sponsored by the British American Security Information Council (BASIC), an international security policy research organization with offices in London, Washington, D.C., and Vienna. BASIC publishes analyses of NATO battle doctrine, nuclear strategy, and alternative defense and common security strategies. BASIC also publishes a regular newsletter on the conventional forces negotiations.

New PeaceNet Conferences

spans.wire—Events and issues of social, political and economic significance in the South Pacific region sponsored by the South Pacific Associated News Services (SPANS).

carnet.refugees—Refugee issues, including refugee rights, in the United States.

endc90.helfall—Ninth European Nuclear Disarmament Convention to be held July 3-7, 1990, in Helsinki, Finland and Tallinn, Estonia.

help.chancellor—First Chancellor Expeditions—a series of unprecedented sailing missions promoting awareness of environment, public health, and trade.

labor.newsline—Published and non-published articles from labor press or articles and stories relevant to labor.

vana.peace—Peace, nuclear disarmament, common security, militarism, and economic conversion from a veteran's point of view.

ngls.news—Quarterly publication of the U.N. Non-Governmental Liaison Service, covering issues related to Third World Development.

pn.publiceye—Right-to-Know, Freedom of Information Act, domestic repression, and social justice.

Gateway to HandsNet

IGC Networks users can now exchange email with members of HandsNet, a national network connecting more than seven hundred human-service organizations that address issues of hunger, welfare reform, homelessness and a variety of other poverty-related issues.

From IGC to HandsNet:

To: `handsnet:<account>` (replace `<account>` with the HandsNet user's account name)

Example:

To: `handsnet:hn0001`

will reach HandsNet Director Chris Williams.

From HandsNet to IGC:

Send mail to DASNET. The first line of text must be:

`"[DE3MIR]<account>"@dasnet#`

(Be sure to include the quotation marks!) For example, to send a message from HandsNet to support at IGC, the first line of text would be:

`"[DE3MIR]support"@dasnet#`

ConflictNet (cont. from page 1)

Journals & Newsletters—Several internationally recognized journals are now available online. *Conflict Resolution Notes* can be found in `cn.cnotes`; indices from *Mediation Quarterly* journal are in `cn.qfm`; and the Northern California Council for Mediation newsletter generously shares many parts of its newsletter online. Within the next months, keep an eye out for online newsletters and journals from Children's Creative Response to Conflict, Harvard Negotiation Project and the *International Journal of Conflict Management*.

Integration—A final area that bears mentioning is the wonderful integration of ideas occurring across the IGC networks. We now see daily instances of people on EcoNet, PeaceNet, and other affiliated networks requesting information from ConflictNet users. Problem-solving techniques, conflict-reduction strategies, containment of explosive issues and ethics in conflict resolution are frequently discussed. ConflictNet was brought to IGC in an effort to promote just such a collaboration, and we are pleased to see this dream unfold.

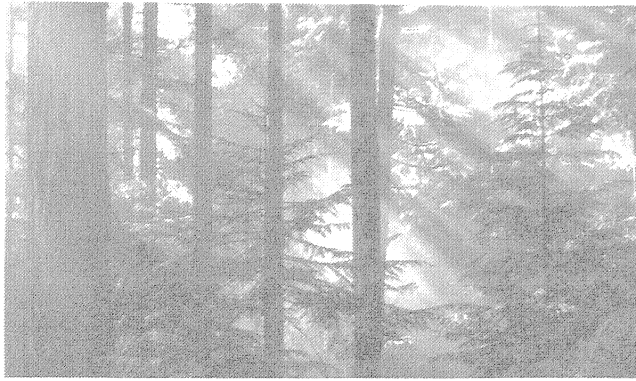
February 19, 1990
PeaceNet
San Francisco, CA
Dear PeaceNet:
We are a group of 10
graduate students who
attend a summer school in
Miami, Fla. We're in a class
discussion and project about
if and how to get
peacekeepers in a third
center we have already learned
about becoming peacekeepers,
such as being aware of what is
going on in the world and being
open minded toward us. We don't
have much information on it
yet. We're going to some
information on being a peace
keeper. Thank you.
Future PeaceMakers
of America

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Global Action Network (cont. from page 1)

Issue conferences consist of a standard set of topics with updates listed as responses. Look at the following example

to see how all Global Action Network issue conferences begin:

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Conf? gan.globalwarming
visiting gan.globalwarming...6 unread topics, 8 unread responses
'u' to see next unread item, '?' for command summary, 'h' for more help
Conf? i
gan.globalwarming
3/16/90  1* BACKGROUND INFORMATION                3 gan
          2* STATISTICS                             gan
          3* BIBLIOGRAPHY                           gan
          4* RECOMMENDED RESOURCES                   3 gan
3/17/90  5* REFERENCE LIST OF LEGISLATION           gan
          **** End of Topics ****

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These opening topics are followed by Legislative Reviews and Action Alerts specific to the conference topic.

Information on environmental legislation for each issue is available in two convenient ways. Quickly scan the "Reference List of Legislation" topic for existing House and Senate bills, or read a legislative review on a major piece of legislation. Reviews are updated weekly based on congressional activity.

Like the legislative reviews, GAN's action alerts are obtainable in two ways: view all alerts prepared by GAN staff in the conference [gan.actionalerts](#) or view action alert topics within an issue conference that is of special interest to you.

GAN's resource conferences contain information to assist you in taking responsible action. In addition to the action alerts, you will also find online:

- The Action Guide: A Guide for Citizen Group Action;
- Status of Major Legislation, a weekly publication of the Environmental & Energy Study Institute;
- Addresses and phone numbers of US government agencies engaged in environmental concerns;
- Key house and senate committees and subcommittees engaged in environmental legislation.

GAN is here to serve your commitment to the environment. We urge you to make a regular practice of visiting the GAN conferences pertinent to your interests. See below to find all GAN-sponsored conferences. New conferences will be added in the near future.

All members of the IGC Networks are welcome to visit these conferences. Comments and feedback are welcome—email "gan".

Global Action Network Conferences

GAN Issue Conferences GAN Resource Conferences

[gan.globalwarming](#)
[gan.pesticides](#)
[gan.population](#)
[gan.recycling](#)
[gan.tropicalforests](#)
[gan.wetlands](#)
[gan.wilderness](#)

[gan.actionalerts](#)
[gan.actionguide](#)
[gan.agencies](#)
[gan.eesi](#)
[gan.housecommittees](#)
[gan.senatecommittees](#)
[gan.membership](#)

Add these to your regular list of conferences: Enter (c)onference mode from the main menu. Before going to a specific conference, enter (m)aintenance mode, then (a)dd a conference to your list. Type the name of the conference you wish to add and hit <RETURN> twice.



Travel to Eastern Europe with Servas International

For many years Servas International has maintained contact with people in Eastern Europe seeking contact with the outside world. Now, with the crumbling of the Wall, Servas is blossoming throughout the East. You can help build peace through personal contact by participating in the Servas network.

If you are travelling to East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria or the Soviet Union, there are many Servas hosts waiting to welcome approved Servas travellers into their homes.

Founded in 1948, Servas is an international cooperative system of hosts and travelers established to help build world peace, goodwill, and understanding by providing opportunities for deeper, more personal contacts among people of diverse cultures and backgrounds. Visitors are invited to share life in the home and in the community, and to share their concerns on social and international problems, their interest in creative activity, and mutual responsibility for their fellow beings. Servas International has United Nations consultative status as a Non-Governmental Organization. Members exist in nearly every country.

For more information see the conference servas.travel, or write to: U.S. Servas Committee, Inc., 11 John Street, New York, NY 10038.

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Newsletters Online

Interspecies Communication

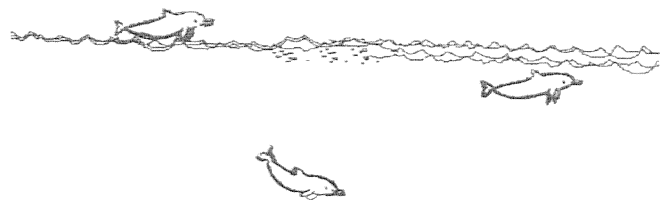
Interspecies Communication (IC), a nonprofit organization running a research program dedicated to interfacing with dolphins and whales, has recently uploaded three of its newsletters to clis.gaiainet, a public conference open to all.

IC's holistic approach is especially important right now because the environmental crisis we face is largely a crisis in how we humans perceive our place within nature. As such, the work of IC functions primarily to help people re-establish their emotional, spiritual, and cultural ties with the natural world.

The *Interspecies Newsletter* is the quarterly publication of IC. Although their current hard-copy mailing is less than a thousand, IC's influence has proven to be far larger. Articles have been picked up by such magazines as *Omni*, *NewAge*, and *Orion*. Another article, "For EarthDay," will be published in the June issue of *E* magazine.

IC's 1990 research programs include a trip to the high arctic to work with beluga whales, and up to the coast of British Columbia to work with orcas. Under development is an Earth-art event with the Soviets along the Siberian side of the Bering Strait.

IC welcomes stories, anecdotes, and black-and-white artwork for inclusion in future issues.



We encourage you to post your newsletters online, and we encourage you to use materials you find online in your offline organization's newsletters. (Please always remember to credit your sources!) If you are not sure where to post your online newsletter, you can always use the conference gen.newsletter. If you have a newsletter you'd like highlighted in the next issue of NetNews, please send no more than 250 words to 'jillaine' by June 15, 1990.