

# Physicians for Social Responsibility Wisconsin



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## First Step to Zero: Ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban

By John Rachow, MD, & PSR Staff

In 1945, the nuclear bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki destroyed both cities in a flash, killing approximately 250,000 people. It is sobering to consider that the US and other nations still maintain thousands of nuclear warheads, many that are even more destructive than those used on Japan. The most critical thing we can do to support nuclear disarmament is to put an end to all nuclear weapons test explosions.

One hundred and eighty nations signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) several years ago and 148 countries have since ratified the treaty. Russia, France, and the United Kingdom have ratified the treaty. The United States and China are key hold-outs among the 32

nations that have not yet ratified. Clearly, the United States must take critical leadership and ratify this treaty.

The Senate is the body that ratifies treaties for the United States, and ratification of the CTBT is likely to come before the United States Congress in 2009 or 2010. A ratified treaty makes it harder for nations already possessing nuclear weapons to field new, more sophisticated warheads. It may also deter nations like Iran from developing nuclear weapons, as it would not be able to proof test more advanced, smaller warheads designed for ballistic missiles.

Beyond the concerns of international security and political posturing, the testing of weapons is a health issue.

The fallout of the 100 above ground and 900 underground tests the United States conducted at the Nevada Test Site prior to 1992 included several radioactive elements that endanger human health:

1. Iodine-131 which is a known cause of thyroid cancer.
2. Strontium-90 mimics calcium, is concentrated in cow's milk, and is taken up and stored in children's bones.
3. Cesium-137 mimics potassium, is absorbed from food we eat, and is stored in all tissues of the body.

It is time to ratify the treaty and protect another generation of children from exposure to radioactive fallout.

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## No more Hiroshimas! No more Nagasakis!

Commemoration events marking the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, were held in early August across the state of Wisconsin. Events were held in LaCrosse, Dodgeville, Milwaukee, Racine and Madison.

At the Madison event on August 7, the Raging Grannies rocked Tenney Park Shelter. Dr. Teruko Shinya, a visiting professor at the UW-Madison, spoke eloquently about her family's experiences at the time of the Hiroshima bomb-

ing. Jennifer Nordstrom of IEER brought everyone up to date on weapons disarmament policy.

Lanterns for Peace is held annually to rededicate ourselves to a nuclear weapons-free world. The 2009 Commemoration was held in honor of Midge Miller and co-sponsored by the Dane County UN Association, Madison Area Peace Coalition and WNPJ. Woodman's donated cookies and lemonade for the event.



Photo by Amy Schulz at the Madison Lanterns for Peace commemoration. Rain kept many people away, and about 50 people decorated and floated lanterns at the Tenney Park Lagoon.

## Fall 2009 Event Calendar

For up-to-date calendar information, please visit the PSR Wisconsin website, [www.psrwisconsin.org](http://www.psrwisconsin.org).

- SEPTEMBER 3, ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH, AT THE UW-MILWAUKEE, [WWW.PSRWISCONSIN.ORG](http://WWW.PSRWISCONSIN.ORG)
- SEPTEMBER 12, FIGHTING BOBFEST, BARABOO, WI, [WWW.FIGHTINGBOB.ORG](http://WWW.FIGHTINGBOB.ORG)
- OCTOBER 11-12, GREENING OUR FAITH COMMUNITY AND OUR LIVES, STEVENS POINT, WI, [WWW.WICEC.ORG](http://WWW.WICEC.ORG)
- OCTOBER 24, NATIONAL DAY OF CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION, [WWW.350.COM](http://WWW.350.COM)
- NOVEMBER 5-9, FUTURE CITIES 2009, MADISON, WI, [WWW.FUTURECITIES2009.ORG](http://WWW.FUTURECITIES2009.ORG)

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# Mourning the Loss of Dr. Linda Farley, Long Time PSR Member and Activist



By Amy Schulz, RN

It was back in April when Linda and Gene Farley came to a PSR Wisconsin meeting to share updates on the national single payer health plan. Since 1996, the Farleys have worked tirelessly to bring about health care reform to Wisconsin and the nation, speaking all over the state about the benefits of a single payer system. On that evening we saw Linda at her best, speaking eloquently about the benefits of single payer, listening carefully to those with concerns, and affirming our ability to make a difference.

That evening was only one night in a lifetime of activism. Linda and Gene's life together embodied a passion for serving others and for speaking out to correct injustices. Their shared family medicine practice took them to underserved areas,

beginning with two years on the Navajo Indian Reservation in the late 1950's, and later, upstate New York, Jamaica and the urban areas of Rochester, New York, and Denver, Colorado. In the 1960's they worked on civil rights, marching with Rev. Martin Luther King during the "March on Washington" -- a memory so moving that it still brings tears to Gene's eyes.

During the Reagan Administration, Linda and Gene joined hundreds of others in peaceful protest against the Department of Energy (DOE) funding of nuclear weapons. Twice they were arrested outside of a Las Vegas nuclear test site, though the charges were dropped to avoid bringing attention to the Administration's illegal use of DOE funds.

Gene explains that activists working together raised the public's attention the dangers of nuclear weapons and the need for a comprehensive test ban. Throughout their lives, Gene and Linda frequently protested against war, their activism reflecting their desire for peaceful conflict resolution.

What many of us will remem-

ber most, though, is Linda's ability to relate to people -- affirming the strength of every person. She wanted all of us to participate in our democracy. Even as her cancer progressed, Linda made the most of her remaining time. In late May, just weeks before she died, Linda celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with her family on the Navajo Indian reservation where she first practiced medicine.

In testament to their lives of service, Gene hopes their rural Verona home and gardens will be used as a retreat center for peace and social justice groups. To fund the retreat center, the family hopes to a section part of the property as a "green cemetery". Linda is buried there.

Thank you, Linda, for a lifetime of love and community activism. Memorials for Linda Farley are being directed to the Coalition for Wisconsin Health (1202 Williamson Street, Madison, WI 53703, website: [www.wisconsinhealth.org](http://www.wisconsinhealth.org)).

*Amy Schulz is the President of PSR Wisconsin and a nurse at the Veterans Hospital in Madison.*

## Everybody In! Nobody Out! Put Single Payer on the Table!

Current discussion of healthcare reform seems to focus on the anger of some participants in town hall meetings held in Wisconsin and around the nation. The debate about health care reform challenges us all to act, to speak out and share our healthcare stories. Let's not leave it to a crazed minority to define the debate.

Please join us in showing the need for comprehensive, "never can lose it" coverage — in other words, health-

care as a human right and not a commodity.

PSR Wisconsin supports the efforts of the new Linda & Gene Farley Chapter of Physicians for a National Health Plan. You can join in this effort by joining this newly formed chapter of PNHP, or by working with PSR Wisconsin in its efforts to support meaningful reform.

You can start by educating yourself about single-payer national health insurance with the resources available at

[www.pnhp.org](http://www.pnhp.org). Then, reach out to your colleagues by organizing a panel on health care reform at your next professional meeting or write to your legislators about the need for universal coverage. Contact the Coalition for Wisconsin Health, tel. 608/663-8322, for information about speakers and materials to support your efforts.

Together we can give patients the greatest gift: reliable, affordable and effective health care.

### About PSR Wisconsin

PSR Wisconsin (formerly Madison PSR) is an incorporated chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility, a national affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. PSR Wisconsin was incorporated in 1983 by a group of Madison health care professionals committed to nuclear non-proliferation, creation of a sustainable environment and prevention of war and violence. Today, PSR Wisconsin continues this work through public education and legislative advocacy efforts to create a healthy, sustainable environment and advocating the abolition of nuclear weapons. The work of PSR Wisconsin is guided by a Steering Committee that meets monthly. Upcoming Steering Committee Meetings will be held on September 20 and October 18.

The members of the 2009 Steering Committee are:  
Bruce Barrett, MD, PhD  
Mark Beamsley, MD  
Ann Behrmann, MD  
Bob Block, MD  
David Rabago, MD  
Gene Farley, MD  
Julia Mason, MD  
Bernie Micke, MD  
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# Protecting Wisconsin's Drinking Water

Clean drinking water is essential for protecting public health. But in large parts of Wisconsin, especially in the so-called "karst" area in the northeast, the land above our freshwater is porous. Manure or industrial sludge spread on that land gets into cracks and holes in the ground and tunnels directly into the drinking water supply. Many families in this region are dependent on this contaminated groundwater for their drinking water.

Over 50% of the wells in the "karst" region contain unsafe levels of two common – and highly hazardous – pollutants found in land-applied waste: bacteria and nitrates. *Bacteria* and other harmful pathogens often found in manure, septic sludge, and other human and animal wastes can cause infections, gastroenteritis, and other serious health problems. *Elevated nitrate levels* in drinking water can interfere with the ability of hemoglobin in red blood cells to carry oxygen, resulting in Blue Baby Syndrome for infants less than six months of age. For this reason, infants under a year and breast feeding and pregnant women should not drink water with elevated nitrate levels.

PSR Wisconsin has joined with the League of Conservation Voters in the effort to protect

future communities from this kind of contamination: We are asking health care providers around the state to support legislation that would protect our drinking water, perhaps the most important resource to public health.

Effective legislation will:

1. Designate a special "management area" in Northeastern Wisconsin to address the problem of unsafe waste disposal on land that is highly vulnerable to groundwater contamination due to geology.
2. Create criteria to allow other counties with "karst" land formations that have demonstrated water quality problems to also locally manage waste spreading.
3. Create a new carbonate area mapping program to make up for the lack of clear, state-wide knowledge about where the most high-risk lands can be found.
4. Strengthen and unify waste spreading regulations to give clarity to what are now weak and confusing land disposal regulations for various types of waste.

Let's make sure that no family or community must face this level of contamination again!



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*Photo from clip art.*



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## What health care providers can do:

As a health care provider concerned about quality drinking water, you can show your support in two ways:

1. Go to the "Protect Wisconsin's Drinking Water Letter" on the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voter's Website: <http://conservationvoters.e-action-max.com/takeaction.asp?aaide=4197>. The WLCV staff will collect the letters and PSR Wisconsin will deliver them to the State Capitol for you.
2. Contact your state legislator directly and let him/her know that you support clean drinking water for all of Wisconsin's citizens.

Clean drinking water is essential to the health of all. Act today to protect Wisconsin's drinking water.

## Climate Change and Public Health

By Pam Kleiss, Executive Director

The adverse health impacts of climate change are already being felt worldwide. Global warming contributes to disease and premature death from heat waves, extreme weather conditions, reduced air quality, malnutrition and infectious disease.

According to a July 2008 study of US public health directors, 70% believed that their jurisdiction had already experienced climate change in the past 20 years, and 78% felt that their jurisdiction will experience climate change in the next 20 years. Roughly 60% thought that one or more serious public health problems will occur in

their jurisdiction in the next two decades as a result of climate change. (Maibach, et.al., 2008, *Climate Change & Local Public Health in the United States: Preparedness, Programs & Perceptions of Local Public Health Department Directors*, Center for Climate Change Communication, George Mason University)

In light of this research, PSR Wisconsin partnered with Clean Wisconsin this summer to reach out to statewide groups working on public health. At our first event on July 29, Ann Behrmann, MD, and Ryan Schryver spoke to public health nurses, representatives of American Lung Association, the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative, and

the Wisconsin Asthma Coalition. Newly-elected State Representative Sandy Pasch was also present.

In their presentations, Ann and Ryan shared the most recent information on global warming and public health and encouraged those present to take action to make climate change mitigation a priority for their organization.

The second event will be held in Milwaukee at UWM on Thursday, September 3. If you would like to attend, please contact Shaina Kilkoynne at Clean Wisconsin, tel. 503/522-6370.



# The WEHN Pages

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## Wisconsin Environmental Health Network Spring 2010 Conference

Would you like to help plan the WHEN Spring Conference? PSR Wisconsin hosted two successful conferences in 2004 and 2005 and we are currently developing the 2010 conference program.

Please help us with programming the conference—both topics and speakers, scheduling venues, conference promotion, arranging for CME credit, as well as volunteers on the day of the conference.

Contact Ann Behrmann, at email [atbehrma@wisc.edu](mailto:atbehrma@wisc.edu), tel. 608/233-2879

## Tools for the Clinic: Pediatric Environmental Toolkit Now Available

PSR Wisconsin has stocked up on some great resources for providers. One of these is The Pediatric Environmental Health Toolkit. The toolkit contains reference and anticipatory guidance materials and makes it easy for providers to provide information to patients on preventing exposures to toxic chemicals and other substances that may

affect child health.

The toolkit was developed by a team of pediatricians and peer reviewed by experts in the field of environmental health. The materials were pilot tested at 17 practices by 34 pediatric and family practice providers. During a pilot test coupled with CME training programs, a

majority of participants rated the toolkit "excellent" for content, design and ease of use with patients.

The toolkit can be ordered from the PSR Wisconsin office. Just send an email to Pam Kleiss, [info@psrwisconsin.org](mailto:info@psrwisconsin.org), with your name and address and she'll send one out to you, free of charge.



# UW-Madison Students Attend National PSR Conference: “Prescription for a Healthy and Secure Planet”

By Katie Davis and Mona Ranade

The Student Physicians for Social Responsibility (SPSR) Conference was held at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in early April, providing education in environmental toxins, nuclear weapons proliferation and global warming. It was a privilege to attend keynote addresses by Peggy Shepard, Joseph Ciricione of the Plowshares Fund, and Paul Epstein, MD, MPH, from Harvard Medical School. We attended the conference with the goal of learning about PSR key issues and meeting other health professional students to hear about their involvement with PSR.

During the conference, we participated in workshops with a focus on medical student involvement. We were inspired to hear from medical students from Stanford and the University of Pennsylvania and their research, which focuses on factors contributing to small arms violence. With very little funding, they



have examined epidemiologic factors commonly associated with gun violence. We were excited and inspired to see what medical students are accomplishing to decrease the prevalence of pervasive social issues around the country.

Social events rounded out the conference weekend. We interacted with health professional students from around the world, learning about their efforts to network across continents to address the issues important to PSR. It was a pleasure to experience *Damaged Care: The Musical Comedy* about

*Health Care in America*, an entertaining but timely satire about the state of our medical system. During our time at the SPSR conference, we acquired new information about the topics at the heart of the organization, networked with students from around the world and learned how we can make an impact in our communities through low-budget projects.

Mona Ranade and Katie Davis will start their third year at the UW Medical School this fall.

UW Medical Students Mona Ranade (far left) and Katie Davis (far right) at lunch with fellow Student PSR Conference attendees. The conference, held at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York drew over 100 students from all over the world.

For more information about starting a Student PSR Chapter (SPSR) at the UW-Madison, contact Jim Wallace, at email address [jcwal-lace@wisc.edu](mailto:jcwal-lace@wisc.edu).

For more information about national and international opportunities through SPSR, check out <http://www.psr.org/chapters/student-chapters/>.

## Former PSR Executive Director Releases Book

By Mary Dillon Kerwin

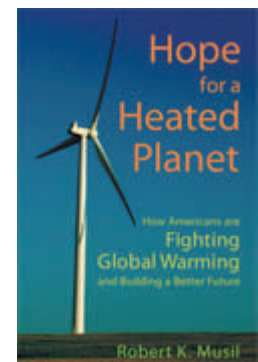
Bill McKibben calls *Hope for a Heated Planet* “a masterfully comprehensive account of both where we are and where we sure better go.” Author Bob Musil, former PSR executive director and now scholar-in-residence at American University, has written an insightful and informative account about the climate change issue and how it has finally emerged in the public’s mind as a major public health concern. His

insider’s view of the struggle among environmental groups to find common purpose around climate change, the triumphs and disappointments of working with various political leaders and presidential administrations, and the challenge of getting the public to take seriously the threats posed by a warming planet will entertain and enlighten you.

PSR members in particular will appreciate the PSR refer-

ence points as well as the affirmation that solid community-level support is needed for real and lasting change. The book is available at a special price of \$19.95 through the PSR website, [www.psr.org](http://www.psr.org).

Mary Dillon Kerwin is the Development Director of PSR. This article first appeared at the PSR website, [www.psr.org](http://www.psr.org).



# Coalition Fights Proposed Expansion of Nuclear Power

By Pam Kleiss, Executive Director

It is hard to believe that we have not yet convinced all Wisconsinites that nuclear power is not a good solution to global warming.

As coordinator of the Carbon-Free, Nuclear-Free (CFNF) Wisconsin Coalition, I have noted the dozens of editorials, letters to the editors and articles on both sides of the issue. The Coalition has contributed many of our own, encouraging Wisconsinites to consider nuclear power's liabilities of astronomical construction cost, unresolved radioactive waste storage, dangerous mining practices, as well as promoting the benefits of a flexible, local and "smart-grid"-delivered renewable power.

Our opposition to nuclear power can be simply explained. As Arjun says, "Developing more nuclear power requires time and money, two things that are currently in limited supply in our fight to solve global warming." The coalition invited Dr. Arjun Makhijani, the

President of the Institute for Environmental and Energy Research, in Wisconsin four times in the last year. He presented his research at Milwaukee Technical College's Renewable Energy Fair in March and the Wisconsin Public Utility Institute's conference on Nuclear Power in July.

We set him before legislators drafting climate change legislation this summer, speaking directly and frankly about the tremendous resource of renewable energy in Wisconsin and the power of state government to create the 21st century power grid.

In June, the Coalition submitted a letter to all state legislators and the Governor articulating the liabilities of nuclear power (see it from a link on our website, [www.psrwisconsin.org](http://www.psrwisconsin.org)), sponsored Jennifer Nordstrom's CFNF Road Show, initiated a "Don't Nuke Wisconsin" on-line petition. We held a media event in La Crosse and fundraisers in Milwaukee and Madison. Jennifer Nord-

strom and Arjun both were featured on state-wide radio in July, with Jennifer on WPR on July 7 and Arjun on WORT-FM's "A Public Affair" on July 26.

The fight against the expansion of nuclear power will continue, with bills being introduced this fall that will modify or repeal Wisc. Stat. 196.493. PSR Wisconsin and the CFNF Coalition will be there speaking out in letters to the editor and at public hearings.

It will continue to be a tough fight, with many people hoping that nuclear power will buy time until renewables can do the job. We believe that conservation can get us to significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions now and renewable power can lead us to a healthier more sustainable environment by 2050. Contact the PSR Wisconsin office if you want to be involved in the Carbon-Free, Nuclear-Free Campaign, email [info@psrwisconsin.org](mailto:info@psrwisconsin.org).



To order a MP3 of WORT's July 26 interview of Arjun Makhijani about Carbon-Free, Nuclear-Free, contact the PSR Wisconsin office.

Thanks to a generous anonymous donation, we were able to place eight copies of [Carbon-Free, Nuclear-Free: A Roadmap for US Energy Policy](#) in the Wisconsin library system.

Thank You!

## PSR WISCONSIN DONATION/MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Yes! I want to participate in PSR Wisconsin's work to protect human health and the environment.

**You can also join or renew your membership to PSR Wisconsin on-line, at [www.psr.org](http://www.psr.org).**

**Complete the donor form, selecting that you were referred by a "local chapter" to assure that half of your membership donation stays in Wisconsin.**

**Thanks for your support!**

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- \$0 Student Member

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- Executive Director Fund
- Carbon-Free, Nuclear Free Wisconsin
- Wisconsin Environmental Health Network
- Steps to Zero Campaign

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## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS!

A big "Thank You" to the 58 Executive Fund donors, 675 PSR members, and the 28 Community Shares of Wisconsin (CSW) donors who give directly to PSR Wisconsin monthly through payroll deduction.

The \$7800 in donations from the CSW donors come from the annual fall campaign and go directly to support PSR Wisconsin programs. Contributing through payroll deduction

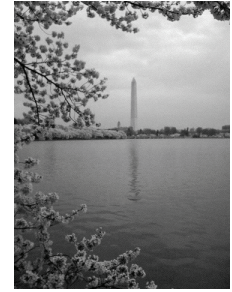
is easy. Simply select PSR Wisconsin as one of your designated agencies during the CSW fund drive, which will begin in October. If your workplace is not part of Community Shares, then contact Julie Horst at 608/256-1066 to have your workplace added to the annual campaign.

PSR membership renewal through the form on page 6 assures that half of your dona-

tion stays in Wisconsin to work on local issues. Or, go to [www.psr.org](http://www.psr.org) and indicate that you were referred by the local chapter.

PSR Wisconsin relies on the work our dedicated volunteers and donors. We appreciate the time and funds donated by many to make PSR Wisconsin the voice of the medical community on these issues.

THANK YOU!



Mary Doherty took this photo of the Washington Monument while in Washington, DC, for the 2009 PSR Lobby Day. In the foreground are the famous cherry blossoms.

## Carbon-Free, Nuclear-Free: On the Road in Wisconsin

By Jennifer Nordstrom, IEER

I am traveling around the state talking to people about Wisconsin's energy future and how to create a safe, sustainable, and clean energy system for our communities.

As I'm sure you know, Wisconsin is reviewing its energy system in light of the global warming crisis and an anticipated price on carbon emissions. The consensus report of Governor Doyle's Task Force on Global Warming makes a series of recommendations about Wisconsin's energy future, including a 75% reduction in car-

bon emissions by 2050, raising the Renewable Portfolio Standard to 25% by 2025, and, unfortunately, removing the requirement that there be somewhere to put nuclear waste before any new nuclear reactors are built in WI.

We think it is a great time to have a serious look at Wisconsin's electricity system. To that end, we are calling for the Public Service Commission to include a 100% renewable scenario as one option in Integrated Resource Planning. We also are working to keep the current law on new nuclear

reactor construction to ensure that no new reactors are built without adequate long-term storage for dangerous radioactive waste.

If you are interested in hosting an event please contact me. I have a brief presentation prepared and can talk with the folks who attend about good energy options available to Wisconsin as we plan for a carbon-free future. My email address is [Jennifer@ieer.org](mailto:Jennifer@ieer.org).

Jennifer Nordstrom works for nuclear weapons disarmament and coordinates the Carbon-Free, Nuclear-Free Campaign for IEER.



### Aiming for



### Prevention

Mark your calendar! Save up your vacation time!

IPPNW World Congress on August 25-30, 2010

International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War holds world congresses every two years. The 19th World Congress will be held in the Swiss city of Basel from August 25-30, 2010. We would love to organize a group to attend from PSR Wisconsin. If you are interested in organizing a group to go, contact Pam Kleiss at [info@psrwisconsin.org](mailto:info@psrwisconsin.org).

For more information about IPPNW's Swiss affiliate, PSR/IPPNW Switzerland, use email address: [sekretariat@ipnw.ch](mailto:sekretariat@ipnw.ch).

More information about the 2010 congress will be available in the coming months at the congress website: [www.ipnw2010.org](http://www.ipnw2010.org).



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## Local democracy in action for a greener, more peaceful world

**November 5 - 8, 2009**  
**Madison, Wisconsin**

Hosted by Madison Mayor David Cieslewicz

The Future Cities 2009 conference will stimulate municipal efforts to engage citizens in their local democracies to promote a shift from carbon and nuclear energy sources to renewable power and conservation, greener transportation and development practices, global elimination of nuclear weapons, and a transition from war spending to a peace economy.

The conference is convened by Liberty Tree, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy, Western States Legal Foundation, Global Action to Prevent War, and Mayors for Peace in cooperation with Cities for Progress, Nukewatch, Physicians for Social Responsibility Wisconsin, Carbon-Free, Nuclear-Free Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice.



# Future Cities 2009

## Conference Schedule

For registration and updated conference information go to [www.futurecities2009.org](http://www.futurecities2009.org)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5** — Evening Reception

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6** — Afternoon Workshops, Panel on Future Worlds: Choices on Security, Energy, Development, and an evening Keynote Speaker

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7** — Morning Workshops, Panel on Technologies and Policies for Greener, More Peaceful Cities and Societies, a Special Panel on Mayors in Action, and Afternoon Workshops

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8** — Morning Workshops, Panel on Local Democracy in Action: Participation for Peace and Sustainability, and Afternoon Closing Plenary