

The Power of Partnerships

May 26 - 28, 2010
 Hart House, University of Toronto
 Toronto, Ontario

CEGN's flagship annual event provides professional development for environmental grantmakers on current topics in the field and opportunities for networking with your colleagues. This year's conference theme is [The Power of Partnerships](#) and our three days in Toronto will afford an opportunity for participants to gain an understanding of the essential importance of partnerships to our work as grantmakers. We'll be looking at: the power of unlikely partnerships; hearing about partnerships for resilient cities; learning from the frontlines as to how sponsors can best support NGO partnerships; and turning our gaze inwards as we learn about funder collaboratives and how they are changing the grantmaking landscape.

A special kick-off keynote event has been added to the conference program for 2010. On the evening of May 26th, we'll have a reception at the Royal Ontario Museum and hear a presentation by Janine Benyus titled "What Would Nature Do? Biomimicry as a Path to Sustainability". Janine is a biologist, innovation consultant, and author of six books, including [Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature](#).

This year, CEGN is issuing a Call for Proposals. CEGN Members are invited to submit proposals for a conference presentation which highlights their partnership work with other grantors or grantees. Details on the Call for Proposals will be forwarded to all Members and are also available through the CEGN office.



Conference Format:

Wednesday, May 26th

Optional Site Visits Conference registrants will have a choice of Site Visits. Participation in Site Visits will require a Tuesday arrival and costs are additional.

Water Funders Workshop Funders with a focus or interest in freshwater issues are invited to attend a special workshop focusing on collaboration in support of the Great Lakes.

Welcome Reception We'll gather in the evening at the Royal Ontario Museum for a presentation by Janine Benyus and a special tour of the Schad Gallery of Biodiversity.

Thursday, May 27th and
Friday, May 28th

Conference Program

The conference proceedings will run over two full days. A special Members' Dinner will be held on the Thursday evening.

Conference Registration Fee: \$450 (CEGN members)
\$600 (non-member grantmakers)

Conference Venue: **Hart House College, University of Toronto**

Conference Accommodation: Accommodation for the event has been reserved at the Hotel Intercontinental Hotel at 220 Bloor Street West. (This is a short walk from Hart House College.) Details for reserving accommodation are included in the Registration form.

*Please note: The conference is open to CEGN members and other grantmakers.
Non-members are welcome to attend one CEGN conference prior to joining as members.*

The conference program will be available in March and will be forwarded to all CEGN Members.