

B.I.O. PROFILE AND GOALS

"Bios – life – may serve as a lever to lift the spirit of the world." This is what led to the inception of the Biopolitics International Organisation (B.I.O.), an environmental NGO founded in Athens in 1985 and currently having members and supporters in 118 countries world-wide. B.I.O. promotes a "biocentric" vision and seeks to inspire society with models and ethics based on environmental protection and appreciation. With a plethora of conferences and publications under its belt, B.I.O. has made a major contribution to international environmental awareness and education.

In 1990, B.I.O. founded the International University for the Bio-Environment (I.U.B.E.). The goal was to infuse educational institutions with bios concepts and introduce the environment in every academic discipline and professional initiative. To further this cause, B.I.O. also launched an international campaign for Environmental Olympics and Bios Prizes to celebrate achievements in environmental protection. Cease fire during the Olympic Games is a major part of this initiative, and the respective B.I.O. proposal was adopted as a resolution by the UN General Assembly.

Threats to the environment do not discriminate along national boundaries, ethnicity or religion. They can be resolved through multilateral co-operation and through bio-diplomacy. Peace can become a reality if the world acknowledges the value of co-operation in environmental protection and joins in a global appreciation of bios.

Therefore, B.I.O. has as its mission to promote:

- ***International educational reforms*** and an efficient global bio-education through the Internet and the use of satellites and other communication links
- ***International co-operation*** in environmental protection leading to an era of bio-diplomacy
- ***A World Referendum*** for the millions of citizens of the planet to affirm their willingness to safeguard the environment and the rights of future generations
- ***International legislation*** on bios rights and human obligations towards the environment
- ***A re-evaluation of business and management concepts*** and the development of new economic strategies compatible with environmental preservation
- ***A Green Salary*** instead of benefits for the unemployed in exchange for a voluntary contribution to environmental protection
- ***An electronic Bank of Ideas*** in which scientists, scholars and experts, as well as any concerned citizen, may contribute information and create a rich repository of facts and reflections on the environment, promoting a more efficient transfer of know-how
- ***An international campaign for Environmental Olympics and the award of Bios Prizes*** to individuals or institutions that have contributed to the preservation and appreciation of the bio-environment
- ***Cease fire during the Olympic Games***, a B.I.O. proposal adopted as a resolution by the UN General Assembly

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- **Mobilisation of environmental action groups** drawing both from the enthusiasm of the young and the knowledge of more experienced people to tackle local issues
 - **A global bio-assessment of technology** to ensure technological and economic progress that support the bio-environment and to help bridge the gap between technological progress and societal values. In reference to the issue of "Bios in the New Millennium," experts in respective fields will be asked to present a thesis and antithesis and then create a synthesis of new concepts. Emphasis will be placed on identifying ways of reducing negative environmental impact so as to truly benefit from the contributions of technological breakthroughs.

International University for the Bio-Environment

Set up in 1990, the International University for the Bio-Environment (I.U.B.E.) actions the B.I.O. belief that education is the key to enlightening students and teachers in all academic areas to become environmentally conscious and responsible world citizens. It is a truly "universal" initiative encompassing all educational levels set up with an ambitious but happening agenda to act as a catalyst, seeking to infuse institutions and their graduates with biocentric values and to encourage a deeper, internalised environmental awareness. The I.U.B.E. is seen as the means by which B.I.O. can vaccinate all existing institutions with a love of bios and impart this message to students and training professionals.

The I.U.B.E. offers bios-centred assistance to other universities and training centres internationally, and to all the disciplines taught within them, rather than traditional diplomas or awards. Fighting the trend towards over-specialisation, it seeks to open up all areas of study and training to an appreciation of life on our planet, and facilitates the implementation of multidisciplinary environmental concepts in education.

B.I.O. has representatives and supporters in the following 118 countries:

Africa: Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Chad, Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe

The Americas: Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru, USA, Uruguay, Venezuela

Asia: Armenia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China and Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Pakistan, The Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Syria, Thailand, United Arab Emirates

Europe: Albania, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, FYROM, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta,

Moldova, Monaco, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, UK, Vatican, Yugoslavia

Oceania: Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands