

5th World Environmental Education Congress

The 5th World Environmental Education Congress takes place May 10 to 14, 2009, at the Palais des Congrès de Montréal. Jointly organized by Congress co-chairs Bob Jickling of Ontario's Lakehead University and Lucie Sauvé of Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), along with the Association québécoise pour la promotion de l'éducation relative à l'environnement (AQPERE) and the Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication (EECOM), this event follows in the footsteps of other World Environmental Education Congresses (WEEC) coordinated by the WEEC Secretariat.

The vision for this World Environmental Education Congress is “*Earth, our common home*”

. This is the “Oïkos,” or shared household, in which all life exists and in which all human and more-than-human activity rests. This “household” is the basis for all relationships and foundation for ideas about identity, solidarity, and socio-ecological relations with all forms of life. It is also the context that gives rise to ecology, ecosophy, and economy and relationships amongst them. This Congress will examine contributions that environmental education can make towards the development of relationships amongst these spheres of understanding at a critical period in Earth's history, when we need to profoundly and urgently

realign human endeavour within the capacities, limits, and systems of our home.

The 5th WEEC website:

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