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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire's Office of Sustainability Programs (OSP), in partnership with the Collective Heritage Group and Bioneers, will present a three-day conference, "Building Coalitions for Community Sustainability," Oct. 18 - 20, 2002.

The conference will focus on practical tools for coalition building and provide the only northeast regional satellite link to the 12th annual "Bioneers: Revolution from the Heart of Nature" conference taking place in San Rafael, Calif. This conference brings together more than 100 presenters to discuss issues of sustainability and ecological and social restoration.

The conference takes place in the Memorial Union Building and Hamilton Smith Hall. Registration is required and the fee for all three days, including a local foods brunch on Sunday, is \$10 for students and \$25 for non-students. Registration information is available at www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/bioneers_evnt.htm, or by calling 603-862-4088.

Featured speakers of the teleconference will include Sabastiao Salgado, world-renowned economist and documentary photographer from Brazil; Diane Wilson, environmental activist who won zero-discharge agreements from chemical companies; Sylvia Earle, pre-eminent marine biologist and "Time Magazine" *Hero for the Planet* (1998); and Aqeela Sherrills, community organizer who brokered the lasting peace treaty between warring gangs the *Bloods* and the *Cripps* in Watts, Los Angeles.

Local workshops, panel discussions and networking

sessions will compliment the teleconference by focusing on community coalition building within OSP's four educational initiatives: food and society, culture and sustainability, biodiversity and climate education.

Workshops held on Saturday, Oct. 19, will provide current examples, practical tools and information on specific issues ranging from greenhouse gas inventory methods to activist theater.

On Sunday, Oct. 20, panel discussions will identify common challenges as well as successful approaches to building coalitions across multiple issues of biodiversity, climate, culture and food.

The Collective Heritage Group and Bioneers began holding yearly conferences in 1990 to bring together an international group of 'biological pioneers'. This is the first year the conference will be beamed via satellite to five locations across the country.

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