

FOS MEMBERSHIP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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“FOS is dedicated to providing the public with insight into Climate Change”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

These have been busy and exciting times for The Friends. We cooperated with The Frontier Centre for Public Policy (FCPP) in bringing Lord Christopher Monckton, an esteemed critic of the climate warming consensus, to Canada in October, held a radio blitz in all major Canadian Centres in November and are busily engaged with radio and television interviews in December as the consequence of “climategate”.

The Friends co-operated with FCPP, The Economic Club of Toronto (ECOT), Calgary Chamber of Commerce, and The Fraser Institute, at sponsoring Lord Monckton, at lunches in Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, Regina and Winnipeg. He also gave a presentation at a Ranchmen’s Club of Calgary dinner. (One long time Club member pronounced Monckton’s presentation as the best he had ever heard.) While in Toronto and elsewhere he gave numerous media interviews on radio and television. From Canada Monckton visited the United States where his statements on the Copenhagen Summit went “viral” over the blogosphere and national media. (His complimentary mentions of The Friends caused hits on our web page to temporarily increase by two orders of magnitude.)

Our radio blitz (see attachments) caused great concern among the alarmists. The Suzuki Foundation accused us of being funded by big oil (not true). We were trashed on CBC “The Current” hosted by Anna Maria Tremonti. But on the other hand we were praised for our radio ads by the National Post and one of the ads was featured on the CBC news show “The National”. Visits to our web page have gone up by a factor of five, volunteer contributions have substantially increased and new membership applications have been pouring in.

The fact that the unveiling of the CRU conspiracy to corrupt the global warming agenda (otherwise known as climategate) occurred about the same time as our radio campaign has raised the fears and suspicions of the alarmists. (They seem to believe that we were responsible for the hacking of computers at the University of East Anglia.) The deSmog bloggers have gone nearly hysterical with accusations against The Friends. The Sierra Club have requested the RCMP to investigate us for criminal activity etc. One is known by one’s enemies....

All this activity has very much increased our visibility and requests for radio and TV interviews. Our friend Tim Ball did 40 radio interviews during a recent week. He normally references our Society in his interviews. But he tells us that there is now no need. The first question he is asked “Who are these folks at Friends of Science”?

We are optimistic that climategate will eventually force the United Nations to be much more transparent and inclusive in its investigations regarding climate issues. But in the meantime we must continue to be vigilant in our efforts to make the UN accountable to the Canadian general public about questionable data selection, data interpretation and attempts to muzzle all dissenting opinions.

One measure that we are contemplating is the creation of a simpler second website which will appeal more directly to the layman with less science and more easily understood graphs. It should make the case against AGW in a more concise manner than does the present FoS website which is arguably more appropriate for the scientifically minded specialist.

Our members have always been very supportive in our efforts to bring greater clarity and transparency to issues of climate change. We are very appreciative and look forward to their continued financial and moral support for future initiatives which will include new web page displays, more radio ads and the encouragement of greater debate and analyses within our universities and “think tanks”.

Douglas Leahey PhD
President Friends of Science

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS – On THE TOPIC OF CONSENSUS

It seems whenever a global warming Alarmist is faced with a question he or she can't answer, they invariably fall back on the argument that since an overwhelming number of scientists accept the alarmist position, it must be true. Perhaps you recall the promotional material that followed the publication of the Last IPCC report. “ 2500 scientists agree on the dangers of Global Warming (now called Climate Change). What nonsense! It wasn't true then, and it's certainly not true now.

Science is not democratic. One thesis that is right is proof perfect against any number that are wrong. Still, one wonders why so many so-called “Climate Scientists” would line up on the side of the alarmists. After all, virtually every prediction they have made about future climate has been wrong (e.g. “Our climate is warming rapidly, and we are now at least 90% certain that this is mostly due to human activities.”). Virtually every paper they have written about Climate trends has been shown conclusively to be wrong. (Michael Mann's infamous “Hockey stick” reconstruction of previous climates-you remember, the one that got rid of the Medieval Warm Period). Add to that the fact that all climate models developed so far have failed every test.

So why do a preponderance of Climate Scientists join the ranks of the Alarmists? Perhaps some answers can be found in the Climategate e-mails, when Phil Jones talks of getting editors of science publications removed from their jobs, but a more telling answer can be found in this response to an email statement by a Norris Hall as displayed on a popular web site (<http://wattsupwiththat.com/?s=perhaps+conspiracy+>)

*... I find it hard to believe that thousands of scientists...all agreed to promote bogus science
...Pretty hard to do without being discovered.*

To which Paul Vaughan responded as follows:

Actually not so hard.

Personal anecdote: Last spring when I was shopping around for a new source of funding, after having my funding slashed to zero 15 days after going public with a finding about natural climate variations, I kept running into funding application instructions of the following variety:

Successful candidates will:

- 1) Demonstrate AGW.*
- 2) Demonstrate the catastrophic consequences of AGW.*
- 3) Explore policy implications stemming from 1 & 2.*

In other words, agree to play the game our way or don't bother asking for Funding!

The choice to grant funding to any individual for any project belongs to the Grantor. So a failure to grant funds to an individual is not a crime in itself, but the loss of genuine scientific data could result in the loss of information vital to us all and that would be a crime against humanity.

Peter Burns
Director Friends of Science

SCIENCE NEWS

The release of a large number of files and emails from the Climate Research Unit (CRU) of the University of East Anglia in England revealed that the scientists manipulated data and used "tricks" to mislead the public. One of the more significant Climategate emails is one from Dr. Phil Jones, director of the CRU, about the "trick" to "hide the decline". Yet the main stream media has not explained to the public what decline was hidden, and why it was so important to the CRU scientists to hide the decline.

The "decline" was not the decline in global temperatures since 1998. Dr. Kevin Trenberth's email of October 12, 2009 says, "The fact is that we can't account for the lack of warming at the moment and it is a travesty that we can't." While this is obviously important, it is not the decline that has made "hide the decline" the Climategate slogan. It was the decline in temperatures from proxy reconstructions since 1960 or 1980, depending on the series

Climate scientists use proxy data such as tree ring widths to estimate past climate before the use of thermometers. They use complex computer algorithms to combine proxy data to make a temperature history. But does the resulting reconstruction actually represent temperatures? The reconstructions must be tested against the thermometer observations

Over 700 studies of temperature history show that there was a "Medieval Warm Period" (MWP) about 900-1300 AD when temperatures were warmer than today followed by a "Little Ice Age" (LIA) which ended about 1850. Since these temperature changes could not have been caused by man, this history shows that natural climate change is large enough to explain the current warm period. The Sun reached a level of intensity in the 1990's higher than the previous 8000 years. The CRU scientist had to get rid of the MWP to show that natural climate change is small. Only then it is necessary to invoke CO2 with large positive feedbacks to explain the warming of the 20th century.

Several temperature reconstructions prepared by CRU scientists show a small temperature decline from 1000 AD to 1900 during which the MWP and LIA have disappeared, then rising temperatures during the 20th century. The problem is that the proxy series from Keith Briffa declines dramatically after 1960 and series from Phil Jones and Michael Mann decline after 1980, while thermometer reading increase. The declining proxy temperature readings were scrapped after these dates and the thermometer reading were used instead to hide the decline. The graphs presented to the public gives the false impression that the reconstructed proxy temperatures agree with the thermometer readings. The divergence between the reconstructed and measured temperatures is hidden.

The divergence shows serious flaws in the proxy reconstructions as they fail the comparison test to thermometer observations. Apparently the reconstructions aren't temperature indicators at all. The flaw-revealing divergence which the CRU scientists attempted to hide demonstrates the proxy temperature history should be dismissed. The MWP and the LIA are back, indicating that natural climate variability is large, and man-made climate change is likely to be small

The article "[Understanding Climategate's Hidden Decline](http://www.friendsofscience.org/index.php?id=472)" by Marc Sheppard explains the trickery in more detail. (<http://www.friendsofscience.org/index.php?id=472>) He says: "Just as the decline was dealt with through trickery, so was the MWP." For further information on the Climategate, see the Friends of Science Climategate page at: <http://www.friendsofscience.org/index.php?id=465>

Ken Gregory
Director Friends of Science

DONATIONS

As said before FOS is very proud of the accomplishments of our small group of volunteers . We are especially buoyed up at this time because of the Climategate hacking revelation, which presents a heretofore unbelievable opportunity to make citizens aware of Data Doctoring that we have long expected to have been perpetrated on the unsuspected citizenry.

Although it may appear that FOS has successfully denigrated the rabid Warmers, we know that they; Suzuki, Gore, desmogblog etc. will not take this lying down. Rather they will continue to attack FOS, expounding on the lie that we are funded by Big Bad Oil. That, in fact, is one of our problems we are unable to attract money from either Large or Small Oil companies.

As Canada's leading advocate for natural climate change we need to press on to encourage debate of AGW in Canada before misdirecting money from much needed Health, Education, Military and infrastructure programs. We must also promote reduction of environmentally damaging manufacturing processes and personal excesses- the real pollutants.

The other aspect of this hoax that is of concern is the fact that our offspring are being misled. At every turn, education facilities, School systems and Universities we have been stonewalled. All have refused to debate the empirical facts while accepting modeled presentations, that cannot be proven. Your children are being seriously misled – in fact lied to.

To accomplish our educational goals we need your financial help. I realize that these tough economic times are not conducive to many Charitable donations, but in order to get life back onto a normal stream we need to make some noise – **this debate matters, and it starts with you.**

Please go to www.friendsofscience.org and make your contribution; on the upper right of the home page.

Remember Lord Nigel Lawson, who said “The new religion of global warming. is a great story, and a phenomenal best seller. It contains **a grain of truth and a mountain of nonsense.** And that nonsense could be very damaging indeed.

Chuck Simpson
Past Director Friends of Science

Donations made directly to Friends of Science will provide us with funds for administrative expenses which are sorely needed in order to back up our volunteer work force.

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