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June 5 & 6, 2013 Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel, Schaumburg, Illinois

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

3:00-4:30pm MEET AND GREET HEALTH FREEDOM ADVOCATES

Room: Innovation

6:30-9:30pm EVENING WORKING GROUP SESSION

Room: Euphoria

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

3:00-4:15pm MEET AND GREET HEALTH FREEDOM ADVOCATES AND **REGISTRATION** Networking activity led by Anne Tenner, JD, Assistant Attorney NHFC/NHFA. Registration and receive conference materials.

4:15-4:30pm **CLOSING AND PREPARATION BRIEFING FOR EVENING WORK-ING SESSION** by Denise Lewis Premschak.

(Coffee, Tea and Organic Snack Provided)

4:30-6:30pm: Dinner (On Own)

EVENING PROGRAM

6:30-9:30pm **OPEN SPACE ACTIVITY**

An energetic activity that honors rich diversity, engages deep listening, and encourages provocative dialogue. Everyone contributes. Everyone learns. Out of our rich diversity, powerful new futures are "in-formed." Guest facilitator: Denise Lewis Premschak, Voting Member for Voice for HOPE - Healers Of Planet Earth. (Coffee, Tea Provided)

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and Invitation to the 2013 US Health Freedom Congress by Moderators Marianne Lonergan Curtis and Diane

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Meet and Greet and Registration Room: Innovation 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Group Working Session Room: Euphoria

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2013

8:00 am - 9:00 am Registration Room: Utopia AB US Health Freedom Congress 9:00 am - 5:30 pm Room: Utopia AB 6:00 pm - 9:30pm Health Freedom Awards Banquet Room: Euphoria



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THURSDAY, JUNE 6

8:00am-5:30pm United States Health Freedom Congress

Room: Utopia AB

Committee Breakout Rooms: Utopia AB, Innovation, and Connection

6:00-9:30pm HEALTH FREEDOM AWARDS BANQUET

Room: Euphoria

MORNING PROGRAM

8:00-9:00am

REGISTRATION AND SEATING

(Coffee, Tea, Organic Oatmeal, Fruit, and Yogurt provided at 8:30am)

9:00-9:05am

WELCOME by Marianne Lonergan Curtis, President, NHFC

9:05-9:10am

SPONSORSHIP APPRECIATION by Jerri Johnson, Vice President, NHFC

9:10-9:20am

OPENING REMARKS AND

CALL TO ORDER by Diane Miller, JD, Director of Law and Public Policy, NHFC/NHFA, "All Together We will Prevail in Freedom and Good Health"

9:20-9:30am

COMMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS AND

SELECTION Explanation of committee process, members self-select to join one of four committee groups:

- 1—GMO LABELING
- 2—FORCED OR COERCED VACCINATION OF CITIZENS
- 3—FREEDOM TO PRACTICE THE HEALING ARTS
- 4—PROTECTION OF DSHEA

9:30-11:00am

COMMITTEE WORKING

SESSION: Committees meet in groups, each group has a person who will report back to the Health Freedom Congress circle and share the group's worksheet results.

11:00-11:15am: Break

11:15am-12:15pm COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

12:15-1:30pm: Lunch (On Own)

1:30-2:15pm

MOVEMENT-WIDE

COMMUNICATION

PRESENTATIONS

Part 1: Maximizing Email Blasts

Part 2: Yahoo Group Communication

Part 3: Top Priorities for Social Me-

dia by Jason Haffley

Part 4: Successful Marketing

Campaign by Jeffrey Smith

2:15-4:00pm

CLAIMING THE GREATER MOVEMENT IN WHICH WE ARE ALL INVOLVED

4:00-5:25pm

VOTING MEMBER CIRCLE

Reflection led by Marianne Lonergan Curtis, followed by Voting Member speaking circle

5:25-5:30pm

CLOSING SUMMARY Including Evaluation Forms and Invitation to Awards Banquet by Moderators Marianne Lonergan Curtis and Diane Miller

EVENING PROGRAM

6:00-9:30pm

HEALTH FREEDOM AWARDS

BANQUET Including Awardee presentations and special keynote speech by Rosemary Gladstar: "Planting the Future: Protecting Medicinal Plants and our Personal Healing Rights"

(Organic Dinner Provided)

ABOUT THE CONGRESS

The 2013 United States Health Freedom Congress is the 8th national health freedom gathering hosted by NHFC, including: three National Health Freedom Conferences (2003, 2004, and 2005); the World Health Freedom Assembly (2006); the United States Health Freedom Assembly and Leadership Training (2007); the Reconvening of the US Health Freedom Assembly (2008) and the United States Health Freedom Congress (2012). Similar to former Assemblies, the Congress will be facilitated by NHFC Moderators, Documentarians, and Parliamentarians. Voting Members will be seated at tables in the format of a large circle, each table with microphone, to facilitate productive discussions in a face-to-face manner.

CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS

Congress Voting Members NHFC has invited organizations promoting health freedom in the United States to be Congress Voting Members. These members will convene to sit "in the round" where they will share their strengths and campaigns with each other and strategize ways to work together, strengthening the health freedom movement through unity, solidarity, and strategic planning.

Congress Observers will be seated in a circle directly behind and surrounding the Congress to observe the congress proceedings. Observers will have full participation in the Meet and Greet networking event on Wednesday afternoon and will also have full participation in the group Working Session on Wednesday evening and small group discussions on Thursday.

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Welcome to the

2013 United States Health Freedom Congress: A Gathering of United States Health Freedom Organizations and Leaders.

This Congress is **dedicated** to the goal of greater **Unity and Solidarity** in the Health Freedom Movement.

CONGRESS PURPOSE

To bring together key organizations and leaders in the United States Health Freedom movement;

To experience an egalitarian gathering of autonomous and diverse leaders, where leaders communicate face to face in a large round (Congress-style format);

To increase collaboration and inspire each other to unity and solidarity;

To identify top health freedom issues and topics that are impacting health freedom;

To find areas of common ground and pass resolutions;

To work together to identify strategies for enhanced health freedom; and

To celebrate the health freedom movement and give awards honoring successful leaders.

WEDNESDAY EVENING INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"... a form of free dialogue may well be one of the most effective ways of investigating the crisis which faces society, and indeed the whole of human nature and consciousness today. Moreover, it may turn out that such a form of free exchange of ideas and information is of fundamental relevance for transforming culture and freeing it of destructive misinformation, so that creativity can be liberated."

- David Bohm & David Peat, Science, Order, and Creativity

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Rosemary Gladstar

Keynote Speaker & Health Freedom Awardee

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In addition to her leading role in the world's herbal community, Rosemary is an avid freedom advocate who has experienced freedom issues in multiple forms. From her freedom work with Herbal Voices protesting the concept of US regulation of a third category of therapeutic substances similar to Canada and Australia, to her support of safe harbor laws for herbalists and other natural health practitioners on the state levels, as well as her work to protect natural habitats, and her experience as owner of an herbal product company and as an author and teacher, she understands deeply the importance of health freedom.

Rosemary is eager to meet and join us all and share her story and perspectives.

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2013 HEALTH FREEDOM **AWARDEES**



Jeffrey Smith
The Institute for
Responsible Technology

AWARDED "For his years of game changing work alerting the people of the world regarding the dangers of genetically modified organisms, and for his work as a citizen mobilizer, organizer and advocate to help bring about the change that is giving the people the information they need to make life saving decisions about the food that eat and the seeds that they grow."

BIOGRAPHY Jeffrey M. Smith is considered by many to be the leading expert on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs). He's educated audiences worldwide and transformed millions of lives. His travels have taken him to over 30 countries on 6 continents where he's counseled leaders to end the use of genetically engineered bovine growth hormone (rbGH or rbST) and GMOs. Jeffrey Smith has been quoted by world leaders and the media, such as: The New York Times, Washington Post, BBC World Service, Nature, The Independent, Daily Telegraph, New Scientist, The Times (London), Associated Press, Reuters News Service, LA Times, Time Magazine, and Genetic Engineering News.



The Colorado Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation and Jan Kerschner

AWARDED "For their launching in 2009 of the non-profit CSHFF, specifically to promote and protect access to natural health care in Colorado, and for their over 10-year vigilance in protecting health freedoms in Colorado, and for their work in passage of the 2013 Natural Health Consumer Protection Act."

BIOGRAPHY Colorado Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation's President, Jan Kerschner, represents a group of people that believe in maintaining and expanding health freedom for all Coloradoans. Recognizing that CSHFF alone cannot safeguard those freedoms, they call on like-minded concerned citizens. Their support comes from people who are determined to be beacons of light on the path to health freedom and who work to protect and preserve the right to make ones own health choices. This includes but is not limited to access to herbs, supplements, homeopathic and nutritional medicine and the right to choose natural treatments for diseases and prevention of diseases.

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Scott TipsNational Health Federation

AWARDED "For his tireless effort at voicing the concerns of members of the human family regarding safe and healthful food supplies in International Codex meetings, especially his voicing the need for removal of human toxins from foods, and the protection of foods that are beneficial to health and wellness. And for being selected to speak on behalf of consumers world-wide at the 50th Anniversary of Codex Alimnetarius celebration in Moscow on April 10, 2013."

BIOGRAPHY Scott Tips is the President and General Counsel for the National Health Federation (NHF), the world's oldest health-freedom organization for consumers, as well as the Editor In Chief of its magazine, *Health Freedom News*. NHF is unique in that it is the only consumer health freedom organization with NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) status having a seat at international Codex meetings. As general counsel for NHF, Scott Tips has participated in more Codex meetings than any other health-freedom activist. Mr. Tips is a California-licensed attorney, and for more than 30 years has specialized in food-and-drug law and trademark law, and also engages in business litigation, general business law, and nonprofit organizations, with an international clientele. He is a frequent speaker for the organization and for health freedom on several continents. He compiled, edited, and published a book on Codex Alimentarius - Global Food Imperialism. He also writes a monthly column for Whole Foods Magazine called "Legal Tips".



Rosemary Gladstar
Sage Mountain Herbal Retreat Center
and Botanical Sanctuary

AWARDED "For her expansive work promoting an understanding and protection of the plants of the earth including especially her knowledge and celebration of herbs and their ecological and medicinal qualities, and her support of practitioners and manufacturers who provide herbs to the world community."

BIOGRAPHY Keynote speaker (see biography on previous page.)