

***Newsletter of the United States Association for the Club of Rome***

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***Letter from the President***

Dear USACOR members and colleagues of the National Associations,

After being elected the new President of USACOR for the period 2011-2014, I decided to kick off my presidency with a major event. On November 14, 2011 I organized a luncheon at the National Press Club in Washington D.C., inviting H.S.H Prince Michael of Liechtenstein, brother of the Head of State of his country, and Governor Christine Whitman, former Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and current Director of the Council on Foreign Relations, to deliver a speech to our members. H.S.H Prince Michael of Liechtenstein came from Europe for our event in Washington and Hon. Whitman came from New Jersey. In our luncheon we were honored of the presence of influential Americans, such as Samuel Hoskinson, former Vice-Chairman of the National Intelligence Council, Rodolfo Milani, CEO of investment bank Dominick & Dominick, Ambassador John McDonald and Ambassador Walter Stadler, and other prominent members. The Honorable Christine Whitman delivered a speech on the priorities for environmental protection and received our Lifetime Achievement Award.

At the beginning of my term I visited Dr. Eberhard von Koerber, Co-President of the Club of Rome in Zurich, Switzerland, to discuss the future studies of our organizations.

One of the main areas of study of the Club of Rome is global sustainability. As author of the World Federalist Manifesto, I have always affirmed that the sustainability of each nation requires a global approach. Because the Arctic plays a key role in global sustainability due to the vast resources that are present in the area (a U.N. report estimates that 25% of the world undiscovered resources are located in the Arctic region), during our members meeting in Washington on September 24 2011 I proposed to start a new study titled: "The Future of the Arctic. A Key to Global Sustainability." The proposal was received with enthusiasm by the members and the study was authorized by our Board of Directors on October 26, 2011. We formed 3 committees: legal and political; energy and resources; population and health. Contributions from members in the form of articles and opinions

are welcome in one of these 3 fields. All USACOR members that will contribute to our report will be recognized when the report will be published.

The USACOR Report will be presented to the United Nations, the United States Government and to prestigious think tanks in Washington that are currently working on the same topic, such as the Brookings Institution. On September 23, 2011 a delegation of USACOR Officers presented our 2010 Report "The Future of the Western Hemisphere" to the National Academy of Sciences. In November 2011 our Program Chair, Anitra Thorhaug, presented the Report to the International Club of Rome in Delhi, India.

I invite the National Associations to join us and contribute to our work. I believe that we are a global community of professionals that share the same concerns for the future of our planet and that we shall work together to produce solutions that can shape the future of our world. If you are interested in developing cooperation with the United States Association, feel free to contact me and I will be glad to discuss the organization of joint activities.

As the year 2011 is reaching its end, the year 2012 will be filled with activities. Check our website [www.usacor.org](http://www.usacor.org) for updates. We have created this newsletter to provide our members and colleagues more information on the events of the Club of Rome and the National Associations.

I wish all of you Happy Holidays and a Successful Year 2012.

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