

This is the first email in a few months. This is because of some issues with the email system now resolved and because, we attempt to update the site daily with two or more stories and hoped you would make it a habit of coming to the site as part of a regular routine. .

This month though we had the second annual International Conference on Climate Change in New York City. It was sponsored and organized by the Heartland Institute but Icecap was one of 60 co-sponsors. It was the largest gathering ever of global warming “climate realists” – a huge success. We measure that success by attendance (nearly 700 from more than 2 dozen countries), a 25 percent increase from a year earlier, despite the recession), the quality of the scientific papers and panel discussions (80 in all presented or participated from 14 different countries) and media attention (more than 150 separate print and print/online articles, and several hundred online-only articles, not including reader responses).

Read more about my account of the conference [here](#). See this post by the American Thinker entitled [“The Clear and Cohesive Message”](#). Bill Gray also provide his thoughts on the conference under Icing the Hype as of today still on the front page. Numerous other media attendees commented on the conference in recent postings.

Two of the take homes and major outputs this year include the [Skeptics Handbook](#) by Joanne Nova of which 150,000 will be printed and distributed by the Heartland. Read more about it [here](#).

Distribution list includes some 850 journalists, 26,000 schools, 19,000 leaders and politicians, just to mention a few (see the list at the bottom of the story for details).

The second output, is Anthony Watt’s *Weather Station Siting Issues within the USHCN Surface Station Network* in which he found of the first 75% of the US climate network (USHCN) stations surveyed to date, only 11% met the government’s own published standards. 89% failed that standards with errors (exaggerated warming) exceeding 1C (1.8F). Hard copies are being provided to key decision makers and are available from the Heartland including in bulk. The images are very powerful.

The Heartland is also updating with peer review the [NIPCC](#) report for release this year.

See the entire [ICCC conference proceedings](#) with videos of the keynote addresses (all excellent) and soon all the presentations. Also the proceedings provides links to powerpoints, audio presentations and PDFs where available.

Also the last few weeks featured a [breakthrough study](#) by Tsonis and others at the University of Wisconsin, suggesting a synchronization of major large scale teleconnections has taken place that has forced us back into the regime we were in in the 1940s to 1970s, when the earth cooled. This is a theme we have touched on in several stories and basically in the second half of my powerpoint at the conference.

You won't see that idea covered in the mainstream media. Instead, they are focusing on the increasingly extreme forecasts coming out of the pre-Copenhagen climate conference of the IPCC recently where fabrications and exaggerations were the rule so much so that one of the organizers suggested to the group that these extremist positions hurt their cause (with groans from the attendees). Speaker after speaker claimed the conditions were at the high end or exceeded the most extreme IPCC model forecasts from 2007 when in fact the models and projections have [failed miserably](#) as the world has cooled now for 8 years, the ocean stopped warming and according to the [latest peer review](#), actually cooled since 2003, and sea levels have paused. Glaciers in Alaska advanced for the first time in 250 years in 2008 and Antarctic ice extent set a new record in the satellite era.

#### ALSO ON ICECAP

See also a great paper on one of my heroes, a man I met at a meeting working on the NIPCC in Vienna in 2006. At 85 years of age, Freeman Dyson is still going strong with an amazing mind. He was featured in the New York Times Magazine [here](#). Dr. Bill Gray another hero of mine is also still marching on. He spoke at the conference and is as feisty as ever. See his attack on the AMS for giving Hansen their highest award [here](#).

#### ICECAP STATUS

Fund raising at the end of the year helped us pay the bills. Thank those of you who contributed. Despite being accused of being bought and paid for by Exxon Mobil (the knee jerk reaction to skeptics even though they now are on the other side - having given \$100,000,000 to Stanford home of Schneider and Paul Erlich) and unlike the alarmist blogs well funded by George Soros or in the case on Real Climate, well heeled moveonn.org and Fenton Communications, ICECAP and our fellow realist bloggers rely on small donations from individual and in some cases small think tanks or organizations that ask us to organize workshops or talks. We have applied for 501C3 status (we were a 501C4) to make it easier for those who want to help. That will apply to any contribution in 2009. Please consider even a small donation this year.

We are planning an upgrade to a dedicated server that will allow us heavier bursts of traffic. We have exceeded the 7 million mark for site visits, averaging 100-130,000 per week. We could do more with an interactive blog, but as Roger Pielke Sr. and Pat Michaels advised, that requires a lot of policing and moderation time which is why they don't do it anymore. I have to rely on other work to pay the bills and can't devote full time to it though I frequently spend 4 to 6 hours per day. We do hear from readers via email and get some tips on papers or stories. Keep them coming.

Most of all, we need you to get more involved in the schools which are brainwashing our children and grandchildren) and local and state and federal government who seem hell bent on proceeding down the green path with costly plans even though we are facing a recession and the polls show the public continually ranks global warming last on the list of issues they want the government to address. Let them hear from you and maybe we can halt the movement towards green taxes or tax-and-trade, which latest estimates suggest would amount to \$3000 or more per family per year for what is a non-issue. The EPA's planning to move forward declaring CO2 a dangerous pollutant.

EPA's finding is indeed historic news, for the simple fact that it will enlarge EPA's regulatory reach to an unprecedented degree, extending it into every corner of the US economy, causing enormous economic damage. According to Peter Glaser, a national legal expert on the Clean Air Act, an endangerment finding will lead to **new EPA regulations covering virtually everything, including "office buildings, apartment buildings, warehouse and storage buildings, educational buildings, health care buildings such as hospitals and assisted living facilities, hotels, restaurants, religious worship buildings, public assembly buildings, supermarkets, retail malls, agricultural facilities and many others."** An array of new development projects could be delayed, perhaps for several years, causing "an economic train wreck".

This conclusion was supported recently by the Heritage Foundation's Center for Data Analysis, which found that EPA's new carbon regulations would destroy over 800,000 jobs and result in a cumulative GDP loss of \$7 trillion by 2029.

See also here in the [Houston Chronicle](#), how the U.S. climate change laws could create a market for carbon dioxide emissions much like the risky mortgage-backed derivatives market that contributed to the global recession, according to a report set for release today.

Let's together work to block this nonsense. I am and always have been for conservation and smart and clean energy usage and of course innovation. I believe we should leave no stone unturned with regards to energy sources to meet the needs of a growing vibrant economy. The last two years, extremist green groups have blocked power plants while pushing renewables, but then blocking hydro, wind and solar power. See several stories on home page on the issues with [wind power](#) (and [here](#)) and these [obstructionist tactics](#). It appears the most extreme environmentalists really don't want solutions they just want to cure us of our dependence on energy and our high tech consumer ways. I don't know about you, I am not ready to step backwards to the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Thanks for using wand supporting ICECAP.

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