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### RATHER THAN AN END, A NEW BEGINNING...

Dear all,

As we announced in our December 2010 newsletter, HELIO is now engaged in a process of strengthening its activities, designing multi-year programs and continuing to develop the existing projects which have made HELIO's reputation.

Today, after nearly four months serving as HELIO's Executive Director, it is my pleasure to report that the new strategy has been approved by the Board and that new proposals for cooperation have been submitted to our partners. We are enthusiastic and confident about what lies ahead.

Nevertheless, after several months serving as a volunteer, I am no longer able to perform that function. HELIO is not currently in position to fund any permanent employees and this is why I have stepped down from the role. I will, however, continue to do my best to assist HELIO as an elected member of the Board and we all expect that HELIO will soon be in position to strengthen its team of volunteers.

The last months have been a great pleasure for me due as much to HELIO's rich heritage as to the creativity contributed by each of HELIO's members in reaching our common goals.

Rather than an end, this is a new beginning ... See you soon.  
Regards, Stéphane POUFFARY  
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### PLUS QU'UNE FIN, UN NOUVEAU DEPART...

Chers tous,

Comme nous vous en avons informé dans notre précédente lettre en décembre 2010, HELIO a entrepris de renforcer ses activités et de s'organiser autour de programmes d'activités pluriannuels tout en continuant à mener à bien les projets qui ont fait sa réputation.

Aujourd'hui après bientôt 4 mois de responsabilités en tant que Directeur exécutif, je tenais à vous informer que la nouvelle stratégie a été validée par le Conseil d'administration et que plusieurs dossiers ont été déposés auprès de partenaires. Nous sommes confiants et enthousiastes pour la suite.

Pour autant, la trésorerie d'HELIO ne lui permet à ce jour de financer du personnel salarié et c'est pourquoi après avoir accepté une période de plusieurs mois en tant que bénévole, je ne peux continuer à assurer cette fonction aujourd'hui. Je continuerai à aider de mon mieux HELIO en tant que membre élu au Conseil d'administration afin que très rapidement nous puissions renforcer notre équipe de bénévoles.

Cette période a été pour moi un immense plaisir tant au regard de la richesse du patrimoine d'HELIO que par la créativité que chacun de ses membres a mis à la disposition d'un objectif commun.

Plus qu'une fin, c'est donc un nouveau départ ..... A très bientôt.  
Amicalement, Stéphane POUFFARY  
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The Board of HELIO International extends a big thank you to Stéphane Pouffary for having provided his expertise and energy to support the development of HELIO over the past four months serving as a volunteer in his Executive Director role. His work has helped HELIO to elaborate some interesting new perspectives. We wish him the best for the continuation of his already rich professional career and we will be happy to benefit from his advice as a member of the Board.

Hélène CONNOR –Chairman and  
HELIO Board members

Le conseil d'administration d'HELIO International tient à remercier vivement Stéphane POUFFARY pour avoir mis bénévolement pendant ces 4 mois toute sa compétence et son énergie au service du développement de l'association, dans le cadre de sa mission en tant que Directeur exécutif. Ses actions auront permis à HELIO d'envisager des nouvelles perspectives. Nous lui souhaitons bonne chance pour la poursuite de sa déjà très riche trajectoire professionnelle et aurons plaisir à bénéficier de ses conseils en tant que membre du conseil d'administration.

Hélène CONNOR—Présidente et  
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### HELIO's Mission

Founded in 1997, HELIO International is a network of recognised independent energy analysts who identify, assess, measure and publicise the contribution of energy systems and policies to eco-development (sustainable and equitable development). These analysts also examine the impact of changing climatic conditions on energy systems and prepare recommendations to help climate-proof energy policies. HELIO's analysts:

**Design and develop analytical tools** that are shared with other analysts, decision-makers and NGOs worldwide.

**Provide independent input** to the design and implementation of ecodevelopment projects.

**Organise training workshops** on energy policy design, assessment and monitoring.

**Promote the creation and integration of citizen users' councils** in the energy decision-making process.

**Support the work of other international energy and development networks** by providing strategic expertise and disseminating information via HELIO's and other networks.

**Maintain a website** that includes reports on national and regional energy developments, information on HELIO projects and relevant energy developments occurring elsewhere.

[www.helio-international.org](http://www.helio-international.org)

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### ...HELIO PARTICIPATES AT...



HELIO participated at the second week of COP 16. We met with our network members and funders as well as presented our work at several side events.

Two of our staff members took some time to visit an anticipated REDD project in Mexico's Great Selva Maya forest. Here visitors can see first hand how local communities (with the help of NGOs) are both using

and preserving the forest through innovative management schemes. For example, Q. Roo (an area within the Great Selva Maya forest) is second in the country for honey production thanks to the flowers that thrive in the forest. The surrounding communities also practice sustainable forest management including the harvesting of non-timber resources. Traditional field management to use to ensure food security and there are ecotourism opportunities.

Research is also carried out to improve understanding of this little-studied and unique ecosystem. Dozens of farmers are also involved in research projects,

allowing them to add a new perspective to their traditional knowledge and experience. The participating communities are hoping to use the UNFCCC REDD+ mechanism to strengthen and support their work in forest management and preservation.

#### For more information about this work :

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