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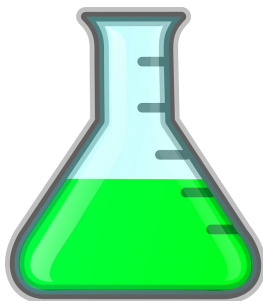
SUSTAINABILITY NEWS AND EVENTS AT HLC AND BEYOND

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DID YOU KNOW? Green Team's like Eco Opportunity exist across Harvard's 13 schools and institutes! They occur at the School level and in some cases at a department level. EcoOp is comprised of individuals from HMS, HCSPH, and HSDM who are dedicated to creating a more sustainable Harvard. More info can be found here: <http://green.harvard.edu/programs/green-teams>

Second Annual HLC Green Labs Competition

The 2015 Longwood Green Labs Winner is The Harvard Program in Therapeutic (HiTS), a team that was organized and led by Noel Peters, their Director of Research Operations!



What was their secret? Breadth, of course!

HiTS: discarded over 14,000 unneeded tubes, 7 people took the lab sustainability survey, they donated +100 items to the Freecycle, and their PI, Peter Sorg-er, helped clean out a -20 freezer with samples that were older than their graduate students!

The top five labs were:

1. HiTS, HMS
2. Kanki, HCSPH
3. ICCBL, HMS
4. Brugge, HMS
5. Farese/Walther, HCSPH

All of the actions by these labs will play a huge role in bringing down our energy use and save money overall.

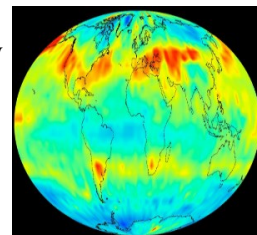
All in or Fold: COP 21, Paris -The United Nations Conference of the Parties on Climate Change

This December representatives and negotiators from nearly every nation on Earth come together in Paris around climate change.

Since 90 percent of the negotiations take place prior to these meetings, we have some sense of what may happen.

Harvard (via President Faust's convened some experts to discuss the conference, we watched and listened, and you can too:

<http://goo.gl/hosuia>



In case you can't watch, here's what may play out and why it's significant:

- We'll only be able to tell the true impact of Paris in 5, 10, 15 years, but there's promise.
- This time around, over 90% of global emissions are represented in the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs).
- INDCs will largely determine whether the world achieves an ambitious 2015 agreement, putting us on a path towards a low-carbon, climate-resilient future.
- Ambition is present! Both the US and China have stepped up to the plate in serious ways.
- Whether the product is an international treaty or is legally binding isn't as important as its transparency and reporting provisions.

"Common but differentiated responsibility" means, we all have to be involved, but we don't have to be involved in the same way.

GREEN TIPSTER

This Holiday season, take the Season of (No) Lights Pledge on our website:

tinyurl.com/nolights2015



This year both lab and office members can take some easy steps to reduce the burden on our resources by shutting down unnecessary equipment during the Winter recess.

DON'T MISS THIS!

EcoOp Meeting: - Wednesday, Dec. 16th 2015

When: 11am-12pm

Where: Minot Room, 5th floor Countway Library

