
Anti-Gore News

Architects Denounce Gore Speech at AIA Convention

A barrage of opposition to the American Institute of Architects' well-paid invitation to Al Gore to address its national conference in San Antonio on May 5 has broken out among the AIA's membership.

The first batch of negative letters is introduced in the Nov. 10 issue of *AIArchitect's* "Taking Care of Business Section" with this warning: "Some members took issue with Al Gore speaking at the AIA national convention. . . . Here's what they said (minus the personal insults and unprintable language)."

A small sampling:

An AIA member from Savannah, Georgia wrote, "I am totally opposed to the AIA spending the money to have someone of Al Gore's caliber as a speaker. . . . Surely the leadership can find someone with better credentials to speak. . . ."

A member from McKinney, Texas wrote, "I for one will not be in attendance or in support of [Gore's] presence at the event, and can't believe you even requested the presence of such a divisive person. . . . Do the right thing for San Antonio's environment, and tell Al Gore to stay as far away from there as possible."

And from Farmington, New Mexico, "I would recommend in the future to have keynote speakers who speak for the common folks with good reason and who would inspire architects in a positive way, instead of pushing issues without backing it with substance. Just a thought."

Geologists, Astronomers: Global Warming Is Bogus

In an interview on Rupert Murdoch's Sky-News TV, featured on April 12 on *The Australian* newspaper's website, Ian Plimer, a professor of Mining Geology at the University of Adelaide in South Australia, succinctly devastated Al Gore's Global Warming hoax.

Noting that he is "not in the game of popularity," Professor Plimer began by observ-

ing, "Looking at the long history of Planet Earth, we see we've had massive climate changes, driven by the orbit of the Earth, driven by mountains being built and washed away, and driven by the Sun. And all these features have been ignored in the climate connection hysteria that we are hearing. And I think if we ignore history, we do it at our peril. Even slight changes that we are experiencing today, we can relate to solar activity."

Interviewer: "So you're saying we're playing no part in any this?"

Plimer: "We're playing a very, very small part indeed, because the main greenhouse gas is water vapor. Carbon dioxide is a very minor gas in the atmosphere and about 90% of the CO₂ in the atmosphere comes from de-gassing of the planet, through volcanoes, carbon dioxide oozing out from the soils, from algae, from bacteria, from plants. And the human contribution of carbon dioxide probably only contributes about 0.1% of the global temperature. So what we are doing is having an extremely minor effect on the planet."

Interviewer: "So, you'd have to be in the minority among scientists, though?"

Plimer: "I'm not in the minority in the geologists and astronomers. The scientists who are making the noise, and who are frightening people witless, are the atmospheric scientists who are having a wonderful long party of operating in self-interest in doing research on the atmosphere. We have in this country far more geologists than we have atmospheric scientists, and you can count them on the fingers of your hand, the number of geologists who take a contrary view to mine."

Growing Anti-Gore Ferment Over Food and Third World

Several leading news media of Germany began in mid-April to voice criticism of the bio-fuel drive. The *Focus* weekly ran an article warning of drastic price increases for food, if corn-growing for bio-fuels expands. The weekly *Die Zeit* interviewed the CEO of Nestlé, one of the world's largest food producers. Peter Brabeck-Letmathe lam-

basted the idea of expanding bio-fuels as "ecological insanity."

Since the production of one liter of ethanol requires the use of 4,560 liters of water, it is a "waste of our most precious resource: water," Brabeck-Letmathe said." He added, "Bio-fuels cause an increase of prices for basic food items. Car drivers in the rich industrial nations are being subsidized at the expense of the poorest among the world population."

Climate Science Analyst: IPCC Report 'Unscientific'

"There is no scientific evidence for all these 'projections' and 'estimates,' says Dr. Vincent Gray, the only New Zealander who has served as an expert reviewer for all the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports. "It should be obvious they are ridiculous," he notes in an April 12 release from the New Zealand Climate Science Coalition.

Gray notes that because of his intervention, the IPCC changed its second report, which had a section headed "Validation of Climate Models." "I commented that since no climate model has ever been validated, that the word was inappropriate. They changed the word to evaluate 50 times, and since then they have never predicted anything. All they do is make projections and estimates."

"No climate model has ever been properly tested, which is what validation means, and the IPCC's projections are nothing more than the opinions of experts with a conflict of interest, because they are paid to produce the models. There is no actual scientific evidence for all these projections and estimates."

The hard data show something far different than those projections and estimates. For example, global temperatures have not been rising for eight years, and that New Zealand temperatures in the last 50 years have gone down with volcanoes and up with El Niños but have no signs of warming. Christchurch has not warmed since 1917. The sea level in Auckland has been much the same since 1960.