



Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Celebrate SIPP

Join Us For Our Year-End Party

Food, Drink, Schmoozing, and Learn how you are supporting our efforts

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, December 9, 2017

7:00 - 9:00 pm

at the home of Robert and Tara Winer

Project Updates - Electronic Waste

Electronic waste consultant **Anne Peters, Gracestone, Inc.**, has been working closely with SIPP since 2016. Last month, Anne presented a paper ("[Scrap Struggle in the Holy Land](#)") at the 2017 E-Scrap Conference in Orlando, Florida, where it was received with great interest. The paper, also published in E-Scrap News, an industry trade journal, related to her work on behalf of SIPP, including a series of trainings and meetings last fall in the **West Bank** and **Tel**

Aviv. For more information about our 2016 trip to Israel and the West Bank, read our online trip report [here](#).

In addition to Anne's presentation of her paper at the Orlando conference, she and SIPP provided comments on a policy paper addressing Israel's electronic waste law, written by Adam Teva V'Din (and Israeli NGO).



Nidal Allis - Techno Rescue, Inc. Visit To the Region, Fall 2017

Nidal Allis, who owns and operates an environmentally compliant and growing electronic waste recycling business near Denver, [Techno Rescue, Inc.](#), is travelling this month to the region to see how he can support ongoing efforts of the Green Land Society for Health (GLS, a Palestinian NGO), and the Arab-Jewish Center for Equality, Empowerment and



Cooperation-Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development (AJEEC-NISPED, an Israeli NGO), and to explore possible business opportunities on both sides of the border. SIPP is helping Nidal coordinate his trip.

Project Updates - Pollution and Recycling in the Kidron

SIPP is planning another trip to the region in January, 2018, with several goals in mind:

- To help **define the sources of pollution** that are contaminating the drinking water at the historically and religiously significant **Mar Saba Monastery**, east of Jerusalem, Board members Peter Ornstein and

Bernard Amadei will walk the watershed and consult with local engineers to help generate options to divert and treat upstream sewage.

- To identify an appropriate **intern candidate** from the West Bank who would spend several weeks in Boulder at **Eco-Cycle** learning about US waste and recycling processes, Peter and Bernard will meet with waste management professionals and the Mayor of Al Ubeidiya . Our expectation is that the intern will be able to take that knowledge and apply it to his/her community.
- To develop a **recycling program** involving students and their families, Peter and Bernard will meet with school principals and the manager of the **Al Menya landfill** .



Meet Our Board Members: Bernard Amadei

**Professor of Civil Engineering
at the University of Colorado
at Boulder.**

SIPP welcomes new Board Member Bernard Amadei. Dr. Amadei has been on the CU-Boulder faculty in the Department of Civil,



Environmental and Architectural Engineering for 35 years, with teaching and research interests in geological engineering and international development.

Dr. Amadei is the Founding President of Engineers Without Borders- USA as well as the co-founder of the Engineers Without Borders-International network. Dr. Amadei holds the Mortenson Endowed Chair in Global Engineering and serves as a Faculty Co-Director of the Mortenson Center in Engineering for Developing Communities. In both 2013 and 2014 Dr. Amadei served as a Science Envoy to Pakistan and Nepal for the U.S. Department of State. CU Chancellor Phil DiStefano described Amadei as having “distinguished himself as an educator, a humanitarian and a global citizen.”

Why SIPP? Dr. Amadei has always been interested in the topics of sustainability and global development. He has demonstrated his passion for humanitarian action through environmental and socially sustainable projects. Dr. Amadei stresses to his students his belief in an engineer's obligation of "doing good" and that it is an engineer's responsibility to use his or her skills to help developing communities. In a past speech at Drexel University, Dr. Amadei defined the new generation of global engineers for the 21st century as change-makers, peacemakers, social entrepreneurs, and facilitators of sustainable human development.

Meet Our CU Intern: Gavriella Ben-Zaken

2017-2018 Intern

Gavriella joined the SIPP team this year as our new intern. She is currently pursuing a degree in Political Science and International Affairs with a concentration in the Middle East at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Before coming to Boulder, Gavriella took a gap year in order to volunteer as a corps member in the South Bronx for an Americorp program known as City Year that works to close the education gap in the U.S. She has also worked as a volunteer coordinator at a women's' community center for refugees in South Tel Aviv, Israel. There she worked with asylum seekers from the Horn of Africa, helped implement vocational training programs, and helped individuals apply for refugee status, access social services, and more.



Gavriella decided to join SIPP because of her passion for both the environment and her personal connection to Israel. Growing up with an Israeli father and yearly trips to visit family, Gavriella wants to help create sustainable solutions for the future.

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