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**ENVIRONMENTAL FILM SERIES**

The Czech Embassy in Ottawa, a participant at the Globe 2008 Trade Fair, is presenting a film series to be screened the afternoon of Friday, March 14, 2008 from 1 pm to 6 pm at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel. The environmental award winning films were previously shown at the EKOFILM Festival in the Czech Republic and at other international festivals. As a global community what happens in any country will ultimately have consequences for all of us.

**Where: Malaspina Room, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, 900 Canada Place Way, Vancouver**

**When: Friday March 14, 2008, from 1 to 6 pm**

**Free admission. All movies are in English or with English subtitles**

*The films to be presented in Vancouver include:*

**Prapodivný svět (Bizarre World)** (2006, 26', director Steve Lichtag) a Czech documentary on micro-life in the waters of Czech and Slovak rivers and streams; a tragic life of small fish in an often brutal and apparently legal fishing environment.

*Starts at 1pm*

**A Killer Bargain:** (2006, 57', director Tom Heinemann) a movie about the availability of cheap consumer goods, imported by Western companies, whose prices don't reflect the actual human and environmental costs of the production in the developing world. The connections are shockingly clear.

*Starts at 1.30 pm*

**Prokletě smutné kuře (Damn Sad Chicken)** (2005, 11', director Ivo Bystřičan) A documentary expedition through the vicious circle of consumer buck-passing. The tragedy of a chicken within the framework of an impersonal system of production is not something worth a consumer's attention; it shows how a man in the midst of a humanistic society loses the ability of being able to influence his surroundings. I am hungry: What more is there to it?

*Starts at 2.30 pm*

**The End of the Glacier:** (2005, 47', director Uwe Muller) Large areas of Earth are covered with ice. It is an unfriendly environment for life. People stand no chance in these icy regions, still the ice masses have a great importance even for them. However, this frozen beauty is in the retreat. Whether it be the Alps, south America or the polar regions, it is getting warmer all over the world. What will happen when the glaciers recede even further?

*Starts at 2.45 pm*

**Crude Impact:** (2005, 98', director James Wood) A powerful exploration of the interconnection between human domination of the planet and the discovery and use of oil; a movie on our deep-rooted dependency on the availability of fossil fuels and the implications of the impending threat of a global peak in oil availability.

*Starts at 3.40 pm*

**Ropáci (Oil Gobbler)** (1988, 20', director Jan Svěrák) directed by one of the most popular Czech filmmakers Jan Svěrák; awarded in 1989 a Student Oscar by the American Film Academy; a fictional documentary about the discovery and research of a unique animal the "ropák" („oil gobbler") who lives in the Northern Bohemian region, and lives on coal and above all loves exhaust gases...

*Starts at 5.20 pm*

**Má vlast (My country)** (2002, 13', director Alana Hynková) Immense floods damaged the capital of the Czech Republic Prague in 2002. A documentary about frustration, fear and hope.

*Starts at 5.45 pm*

**EKOFILM FESTIVAL** ([www.ekofilm.cz](http://www.ekofilm.cz)) is the oldest film festival in the environmental domain, founded in 1974 in the city of Ostrava. Since 1997 the festival has been held in the very picturesque towns of Cesky Krumlov and in Ceske Budejovice. In addition to the screening of films the festival hosts seminars with special guests, and other additional activities. The festival is held in the Czech Republic every year in October.

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