

# Restoring the Earth Meeting 'Sold Out'

Restoring the Earth – a conference described by the *San Francisco Chronicle* as “a global movement to *repair* the environmental wreckage wrought by man, not merely to keep it from spreading,” took place Jan. 13-16 in Berkeley, Calif., to sold out crowds.

Participants and presenters covered a broad range of topics from the global environmental crises of acid rain, CO<sub>2</sub>, and deforestation, to succinct, local how-to-restore-your-nearby-marsh presentations. Industry, government, environmental organizations, and hands-on, grass roots practitioners from across the United States and other nations were present.

Sessions were separated into general and scientific presentations and workshops, permitting attendees to select the level of discussion appropriate to their needs. It was an excellent opportunity to share knowledge, see success stories, and reinforce public awareness of serious environmental problems facing our global community.

The rehabilitation program at Redwood contributed three rehab posters, which were the hit of the Wednesday ice breaker, and two papers presented in a workshop format. We had a full house in spite of playing opposite Alston Chase and several other simultaneous workshops.

John Berger, executive director of Restoring the Earth (1713C Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94709), told the *Chronicle* reporter that the conference “could signal a new phase in the environmental movement, placing restoration efforts alongside resource protection and pollution control. . . . Millions of jobs can be created by restoration work,” he said. “When that is fully understood, restoration will spread like wildfire.”

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