

Appendix I: Speaker Biographical Sketches

Keynote Lectures

Robert Costanza, Professor and Director
University of Maryland Institute for Ecological Economics

Robert Costanza is a professor in the Center for Environmental Science and Department of Biology at the University of Maryland. He also is the director of the University of Maryland Institute for Ecological Economics, the co-founder and president of the International Society for Ecological Economics, and chief editor of the Society's journal, *Ecological Economics*. Paul Ehrlich has described ecological economics as "arguably the single most important discipline today." Professor Costanza has also served on numerous editorial and advisory boards and as a research program director for the Beijer International Institute of Ecological Economics, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm.

Professor Costanza's work has focused on the relationships between ecosystems and economic systems. He has developed innovative large-scale landscape models to evaluate land use and water quality changes and written extensively on the importance of a broad, transdisciplinary approach to environmental research and policy. He has published over 140 journal articles and book chapters, 12 books, and presented over 200 invited seminars and lectures. His recent article on the value of the world's ecosystem services in *Nature* was widely reported in the national and international press including feature stories in *Science*, the *New York Times*, and *The Chronicle for Higher Education*. Professor Costanza's work has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Ford and MacArthur Foundations.

Professor Costanza received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Society for Conservation Biology, the Outstanding Publication Award from the National Wildlife Federation, and he was selected as a Pew Scholar. He received three degrees from the University of Florida, a Ph.D. in systems ecology in 1979, a M.A. in Architecture/Urban and Regional Planning in 1974, and a B.A. in Architecture in 1973.

Senator Jack Latvala, The Florida Senate
Senate District 19, Palm Harbor, Florida

Senator Jack Latvala was born November 3, 1951 in Oxford, Mississippi. He moved to Florida in 1961, graduated from Bartow High School in 1969 and received a B.A. degree from Stetson University in 1973. Senator Latvala was elected to the Florida Senate in 1994 and was reelected with over 60% of the vote in 1996. Latvala chairs the Natural Resources Committee and serves on the Education, Transportation, Executive Business, Ethics & Elections, Ways and Means, and Rules and Calendar Committees. He is also Alternating Chairman of the Joint Committee on Everglades Oversight and formerly chaired the Select Committee on Water Policy.

Out of the 39 bills filed in 1997, Latvala passed 21, including the first major election campaign reform package in recent years, a bill giving mobile home owners increased rights. He also passed the Brownfield Redevelopment Act to promote the clean-up and use of abandoned, environmentally-damaged property, and a comprehensive water bill setting Florida's policy about water management and supply. As Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, Latvala worked to protect marine resources by putting increased bite into the net ban and a requirement for greater surety fees from oil companies drilling off Florida's Gulf Coast.

In earlier years, Latvala passed bills designating Lottery money for college scholarships for hardworking students and creating The Florida Health Insurance Coverage Continuation Act, and he was the author of the significant Homebuyer's Protection Act, the Mangrove Trimming and Preservation Act, and the Educational Facilities Act.

Jon Mills, J. D., Founder and Director
Center for Governmental Responsibility

Jon Mills, J.D. , is the Founding Director of Center for Governmental Responsibility, the state's oldest legal and public policy research center and a former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, which he served for ten years. Since founding Center for Governmental Responsibility in 1972, he has directed major studies on a wide range of environmental and constitutional topics. He has published and litigated in international environmental and land use issues, policy-making, constitutional issues, and especially privacy and voting rights. He also directs the Center for Governmental Responsibility's programs in Brazil, Poland, Central America and Haiti. Under Mr. Mills, the Center has received over \$6 million in outside grants and funding from sources as diverse as the MacArthur Foundation, the United States Information Agency and Caixa Economica Federal (The Federal Bank of Brazil). Mr. Mills also teaches Legislative Drafting, Florida Constitutional Law, Comparative Legal Strategies for Sustainable Use of Natural Systems, and Environment and Trade. He was a member of the 1997-98 State of Florida Constitution Revision Commission and chaired the Style and Drafting Committee of the Commission. He is currently a member of the Public Education Committee appointed by the Constitution Revision Commission.

Terry L. Rice, Colonel (Ret.), Ph.D., P.E.

Dr. Terry L. Rice was born in Herrin, Illinois on May 19, 1947. He graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in 1969 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the US Army Corps of Engineers. He received a Masters of Science in civil engineering from the University of Illinois in 1977 and a Doctorate of Philosophy in hydraulic engineering from Colorado State University in 1981. Dr. Rice's military education included the Command and General Staff College and the War College as a Fellow at the Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. He served as a professor of Environmental Engineering and Development Assistance at USMA and Georgetown University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer and a recognized specialist of both Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East/North Africa. Dr. Rice's publications cover a broad range of subjects and he speaks French at the professional level.

Dr. Rice served 29 years as an officer in the Corps of Engineers, with over 16 spent in Africa, Asia, Europe, and South/Central America. He commanded units from platoon through brigade level. As both commander and staff officer, he managed over \$2 billion of construction and hundreds of projects in over 25 countries. He served in the US Embassies in Niamey, Niger and Rabat, Morocco. In addition, he worked three years for the US Agency of International Development and the Niger Basin Authority. His final assignment in the Corps of Engineers was Commander of the Jacksonville District where he had civil works, military construction, emergency management, regulatory, and real estate responsibilities for Florida, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and the nations of the Caribbean. Everglades restoration was his greatest challenge.

Dr. Rice became a member of the Southeast Environment Research Program (SERP) at Florida International University and President of T.L. Rice, Inc. during February of 1998. He represents the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida on the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group and serves on the Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida. From this platform, Dr. Rice will pursue his personal goal of ensuring a healthy Greater Everglades Ecosystem and world.