

19.9 Smoking at IUCN Events

RECOGNIZING that medical authorities have established that exposure to tobacco smoke in the environment significantly increases the risk of disease and death among non-smokers;

NOTING that the World Health Organization has found that passive smoking is a serious environmental threat to human health;

CONSCIOUS that IUCN, an organization committed to improving the human environment, should set an example by establishing the highest standards for its own activities;

The General Assembly of IUCN - The World Conservation Union, at its 19th Session in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 17-26 January 1994:

DECIDES that smoking will be prohibited at events organized by IUCN, including official social functions, unless everyone present agrees to permit smoking, or unless smoking areas are designated that substantially reduce exposure to non-smokers.