

## **Announcing ...**

### **the 1999 Cultural Environment Movement Convention: “[theme]”**

**March 25-28, 1999  
Ohio University  
Athens, Ohio**

The Cultural Environment Movement is excited to announce its second Convention, co-sponsored with Ohio University and other supporting organizations on May 25-28, 1999 in Athens, Ohio, located about 75 miles southeast of Columbus.

CEM's Founding Convention was held at Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri in March of 1996, attracting an assembly of 267 delegates and other supporters who helped launch CEM into action. A collection of presentations from CEM's Founding Convention is now in press and will be available at the March 1999 Convention.

Now it is time to take stock of what CEM has accomplished and focus on future strategies for achieving gender equity and general diversity in media ownership, employment and representation. The 4-day event will include meetings of working groups on special topics, artistic presentations, panel discussions, with plenty of time to share ideas with and learn from the many individuals and organizations who support and are actively involved in CEM's mission.

This year's Convention will include a planning session for a national Day of Action in the spirit of the 1996 Agenda for Action, which was written collaboratively by working groups at the Founding Convention. The Convention will again conclude with a plenary session to set the course of CEM's future.

Space is limited and attendance is by invitation only. To receive an invitation to the Convention, fill out a CEM Response Form (see <http://www.cemnet.org> or use the attached form). For more information, contact us at [the number below]

We hope to see you in Ohio this Spring!

#### **Call for Proposals: Panel Discussions and Theme Sessions**

CEM invites submission of proposals for panel discussions (individual papers are not accepted) and theme sessions. Submissions should focus on some facet of the cultural environment such as media monopoly, media literacy, health promotion, gender issues, cultural diversity, ethnicity, community, images of sex and violence, storytelling, drugs and alcohol, aging, marketing and commercialism, war and peace, news reporting, censorship, independent media, media regulations, globalization, and other related matters.

All proposals must meet the following guidelines: (1) submit two paper copies of the

proposal, postmarked no later than December 15, 1998, (2) describe purpose, content and format, (3) identify those who have agreed to participate, (4) indicate prospective size of audience, and (5) specify any special facilities or equipment required.

**Submit proposals and related inquiries to:** Vibert Cambridge, CEM Convention Chair, Department of Telecommunications, Ohio University [contact info]