IPRO 331 - SPRING 08

Global Warming: Research and Community Outreach

Presentation Outline

- Introduction to Global Warming
- Team Organization
- Summary of Subgroup Topics
- Differences from last semester
- Goals for this semester
- Accomplishments
- Problems faced
- Results/Feedback from outreach
- Conclusion / Future possibilities

Global Warming

Definition

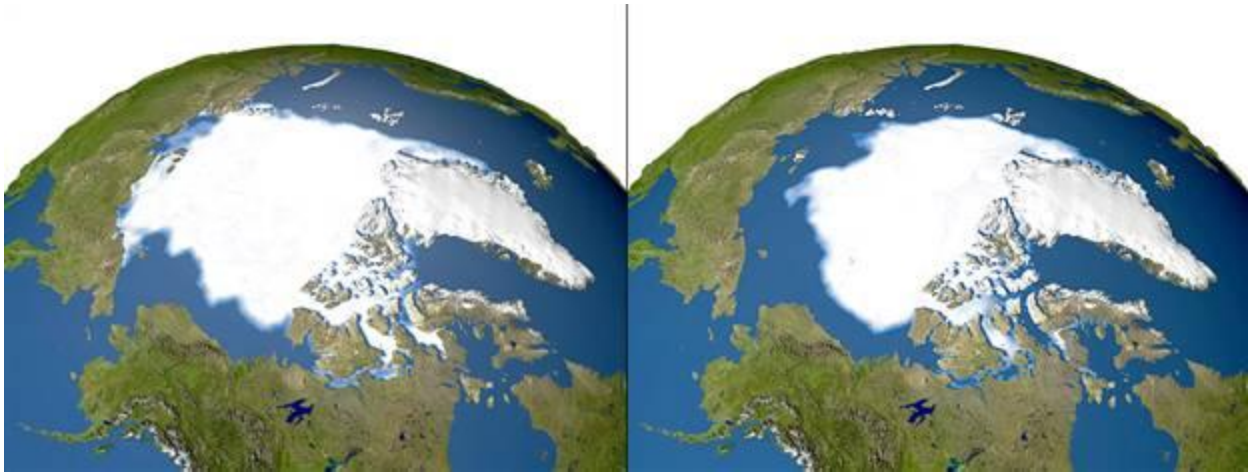
Relevance

Controversy

Definition

The increase in the average temperature of the earth's surface and oceans

Relevance?



Picture: The decreasing ice cover in the North Pole

Controversy?

- Are we the cause?
- Is this *actually* happening?
- What are the proven effects?

Global Warming Subgroups

IPRO was divided into four subgroups:

- Biofuels
- Carbon Dioxide
- Solar Energy
- Polar Ice Caps

Biofuels

Highlights

- **Fossil fuels produce Greenhouse gases**
- **Fossil fuels are Running out**

Harshill Parikh – Leader, 4th yr. electrical engineering
Thomas Kennedy – 4th yr. mechanical engineering

- **Biofuels as an alternative source of energy**

Carbon Dioxide

Highlights

- **Largest air pollutant of greenhouse gases**
- **Sources of carbon sinks**

Amber Juilfs - 3rd yr. Chemistry
Suraj Chandrasekar – 4th yr. BME
Ravi Inyegar – Leader, 4th yr. Biochemistry

- **Future projections of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere**

Solar Energy

Highlights

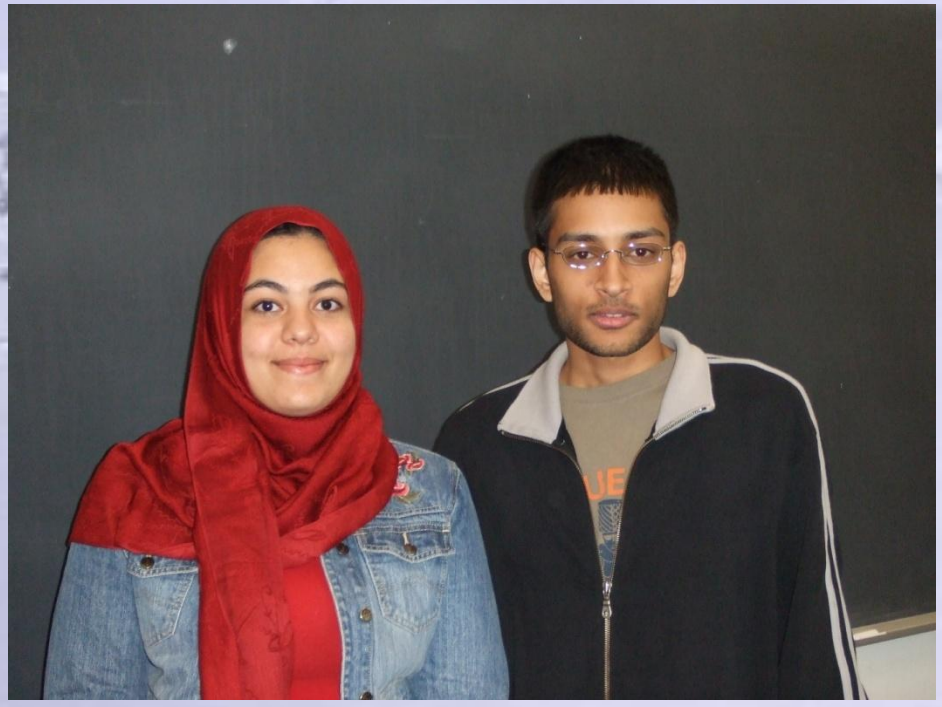
- **Possible way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions**
- **Case study on a solar smart home**
- **Comparison with other eco-friendly solutions**

Natalie Mikosz – Leader, 4th yr. Architecture
Trevor Dickson – 4th yr. Architecture
Lexie Manke – 4th yr. Architecture

Polar Icecaps

Highlights

- **High sensitivity to temperature change**
- **Abundant evidence in reduction of ice**



Yosra Shaaban – 2nd yr. Biology
Rohan Amin – Leader, 3rd yr. MBB

- **Global consequences on marine life, coastal cities, ocean levels**

Goals for the Semester

- Create four factual presentations pertaining to the four subtopics

- Broaden outreach spectrum to:
  - High Schools
  - Local Colleges
  - Community Centers

Accomplishments

2 outreach locations:

Rotary Club of Chicago

Biofuels

University of Chicago

Solar Energy

Polar Ice Caps

Problems Faced

- Improve upon rushed and overloaded presentations from last semester
- Broadening the outreach audiences

Results From Outreach

- Provided with great feedback and future contacts
- Audiences filled out evaluations and verbally expressed opinions

Main Points from the presentations:

- Material was organized and easily understood
- Presenters were educated and experienced in their subject matter

Conclusion

Semester Accomplishments:

- Created 4 simple understandable presentations
- Made presentations to local audiences
- Printed business cards and brochures
- Produced a website with video footage
- Set a strong foundation for next semester

Future Possibilities

- Enhance the completed presentations
- Begin outreach efforts in the first few weeks

Recap

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Thank You!