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Princess Zahra of Aga Khan Development Network to speak at international volunteer conference

Princess Zahra of the Aga Khan Development Network will participate in a keynote session at the International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE) world conference to be held in Edmonton, Alberta, from August 23 to 27. The participation of Princess Zahra was announced by Alberta Community Development Minister Shirley McClellan, minister responsible for the Wild Rose Foundation and volunteerism.

"Having someone of Princess Zahra's stature at the conference provides a rare opportunity for delegates to discuss volunteerism on a world-wide level," said McClellan. Princess Zahra is the daughter of His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan, the 49th spiritual leader of the Ismaili Muslims, and is widely known for her responsibilities with the Aga Khan Development Network.

Princess Zahra joined the Secretariat of His Highness the Aga Khan at Aiglemont, France, in 1994. Her responsibilities involve coordination of social development institutions under the Aga Khan Development Network. Princess Zahra also works with institutions supported by the Ismaili Muslim community in the areas of social welfare, women's activities and youth programs. She chairs the International Social Development and Sports Foundation, which strives to establish and seek out model, short-term programs addressing youth issues, as well as the issues faced by women and the elderly in developed and developing countries.

Delegates to the International Association for Volunteer Effort world conference will share ideas and learn about volunteer issues faced worldwide. An estimated 2,500 volunteers and volunteer leaders representing up to 100 different countries are expected to attend the conference. The 1998 theme is "Leading into the Next Millennium - a Global Quest for Volunteer Effort".

IAVE '98 will be the first Biennial World Volunteer Conference hosted in a Canadian city. Previous world volunteer conferences have been held in Washington, D.C., Buenos Aires, Tokyo, Cape Town and Paris.

Information about IAVE '98 program guides and registration is available by contacting the Wild Rose Foundation at 403-422-9305 or Volunteer Canada at 1-800-670-0401. In Alberta, call toll-free by dialing the RITE line at 310-0000; program and registration material is also available through all MLA constituency offices and volunteer centres across the province.

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Media interviews with Princess Zahra can be scheduled by contacting the Wild Rose Foundation at 422-9305.

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