Electromagnetic Field Radiation Harder to Ignore

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Editor's note: As we burn up the planet, we burn up ourselves. This is no mere coincidence. Obsession with fire? No, that can be healthy, as you might know from a good fire dance. Rather, it is the mass psychosis of illusory human dominance of the universe via technology that has a hold on us, lately with more and more self-induced electromagnetic field (EMF) radiation.

The European Union is hip to the problem, and another study on EMF brain tumor risk has come out from Australia. Anticell phone tower activist Elizabeth Kelley has brought forward much news and research for all of us who value our health and that of the planet -- if we can seriously question our lifestyles.

We want to be informed citizens with meaningful lives, so we try to do such things as read more books and watch less television. But in striving to achieve this, we use our cell phones more perhaps: The latest email release from the literary website Goodreads: "Goodreads on the Go:

Our New Mobile Site

Get your Goodreads fix anytime, anywhere. Whether you are browsing in a bookstore, waiting for a bus, or sneaking off to a coffee break, use our mobile site to search for books, peruse your "wishlist" shelf, update your status, and more!" Is what we need really "more" books, more information, and ersatz spirituality -- when fry-the-planet/fry-your-brain living does not make us any wiser?

This report compiles several recent alerts and announcements by Elizabeth Kelley, Managing Secretariat of the International Commission For Electromagnetic Safety (ICEMS). - JL

- Text of the European Parliament EMF Resolution as passed
- Dutch National Platform on Radiation Risks: PRESS RELEASE
- the risk of glioma, a type of brain cancer, was increased by 50 percent in people who used mobile phones for 10 years or more
- New study on cell phones and brain tumors

This newly published study. see link below, was forwarded to us by Vini Khurana, who is one of the co-authors, along with Michael Kundi. Khurana tells us this is the first entry of this concern into the mainstream neurosurgical literature as far as they can tell.

Dr. Khurana is an Australian neurosurgeon, who signed the ICEMS Venice resolution and has been outspoken about his concerns over cell phone use on the Larry King TV Show in the US and, just recently, on the 60 minutes TV show in Australia.

Recent coverage of this topic by Lateline and 60 minutes Australia, as well as this pdf, are all posted at brain-surgery.us [An excerpt:]

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May 27, 2008: LARRY KING: "Doctor Khurana, you say that the danger of cell phones could have far broader health ramifications than asbestos and smoking. What do you base it on?" VINI KHURANA: "I base it on the fact, Larry, that at this point in time, there's just over three billion users of cell phones worldwide. So that's half of our world population, or almost half. We've reached saturation points. For example, in Australia, there are 22 million cell phones and 21 million people. And the concern is not just brain tumors, but other health effects associated or reported to be associated with cell phones, including behavioral disturbances, salivary gland tumors, male infertility and microwave sickness syndrome. So we're not just talking about tumors, and I was not just implying brain tumors, but there are other health effects. And with so many users and users starting at the age of three and up now, we should be concerned. And I stand by those comments." [Transcript courtesy CNN]

European Parliament EMF Resolution

- A. whereas electromagnetic fields (EMFs) exist in nature and have consequently always been present on earth; whereas, however, in recent decades, environmental exposure to man-made sources of EMFs has risen constantly, driven by demand for electricity, increasingly more specialised wireless technologies, and changes in the organisation of society; whereas the end effect is that every individual is now being exposed to a complex mixture of electric and magnetic fields of different frequencies, both at home and at work,
- B. whereas wireless technology (mobile phones, Wi-Fi/WiMAX, Bluetooth, DECT landline telephones) emits EMFs that may have adverse effects on human health,
- C. whereas most European citizens, especially young people aged from 10 to 20, use a mobile phone, an object serving a practical purpose and as a fashion accessory, and whereas there are continuing uncertainties about the possible health risks, particularly to young people whose brains are still developing,... [read remainder at European Union]

Brain cancer, was increased by 50 percent

From the Collaborative for Health and the Environment cheforhealth.org Gleaned from Above the Fold, EHN:

While the number of people who own mobile phones has dramatically increased in the last decade, so has the controversy about the possible relationship between cell phone use and brain cancer risk. A review of published studies finds that most of those investigating the effect of using mobile phones for less than 10 years find no association with brain cancer risk. However, the risk of glioma, a type of brain cancer, was increased by 50 percent in people who used mobile phones for 10 years or more. 10 April 2009. See More. Recent articles: