

# Environmental Trophy and Award for Yachay Wasi



On its return from Peru in mid April, Yachay Wasi officers were surprised with a DHL Express GO GREEN package from Kenya.

It contained a **commemorative trophy** sent to the first 100 participants of the Climate Neutral Network (CN.Net), an initiative led by the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) to promote global action and involvement in moving towards low carbon economies and societies.

Yachay Wasi, a small Indigenous NGO based in Cuzco, Peru and in New York City, USA has undertaken a Campaign of planting a Million native trees in the Peruvian Andes as a way to offset Climate change. This campaign is an outgrowth of a Water and Sanitation project implemented in the beautiful Circuit of Four Lakes in the Department of Cuzco, Peru.

[http://www.climateneutral.unep.org/cnn\\_members.aspx?m=439](http://www.climateneutral.unep.org/cnn_members.aspx?m=439)

The Peace Bell in the United Nations is rung every year at the time of the Equinox, which was this year on Friday 20 March 2009 at 7:44 am EDT.

**Yachay Wasi** was presented with the International **Earth Day Award** by the Earth Society Foundation, in recognition of its “outstanding contribution as a dedicated Earth Trustee”.

The environmental projects which Yachay Wasi is implementing in the Peruvian Andes were cited.

The Earth Society Foundation was established by John McConnell and Margaret Mead to foster worldwide participation in the peaceful care of the Earth and the annual celebration of Earth Day on the Equinox, March 20-21. On March 20, 1971, Earth Day was celebrated at the United Nations in New York City. UN Secretary-General U Thant addressed the gathering and rang the Peace Bell. The 2009 event was sponsored by UNESCO.

