

## **Janine Selendy**

### **Biography**

Janine M. H. Selendy is Founder, Chairman, President and Publisher of Horizon International, a non-profit organization based at Yale University which addresses health, environmental and poverty issues. She also serves as principal editor and publisher of the Horizon Solutions Site, <http://www.solutionssite.org>, a collaborative program with UNDP, UNEP, UNFPA, Unicef, the IDRC, Yale and Horizon's colleagues at Harvard and of Horizon's oceans and coral reefs program website at [www.magicporthole.org](http://www.magicporthole.org) and [www.coralreefs.co](http://www.coralreefs.co). She is Editor of "[Water and Sanitation Related Diseases and the Environment: Challenges, Interventions and Preventive Measures](#)" published by Wiley-Blackwell in collaboration with Horizon International which was released in November 2011.

Selendy is executive producer of more than 20 television documentaries focusing on solutions that were co-produced by Swedish, German, China and Mexican TV stations, among others. These TV programs were broadcast in many countries and are available for viewing and downloading on [www.horizoninternationaltv.org](http://www.horizoninternationaltv.org) and at [jselendy's channel](#) on YouTube.

Her role as producer required research, knowledge of the subjects, writing, editing and fact checking with advisors as well as making co-production arrangements, in-country research and filming preparations, selecting talent and production teams and overseeing entire productions. Her background in medical, scientific, environmental and other areas provides her with an appreciation of the interconnectedness of many subjects.

She has lectured at Yale, Harvard, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, among others, participated in many forums including ones in Pakistan, at the World Bank and at the UN, consulted for entities which include UN-Habitat, WHO and the World Bank, and has worked with numerous volunteers, interns and research fellows who have helped to advance Horizon International's goals while improving their own academic and professional abilities.

## A Brief Manifesto

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If I have the honor to serve on the WSSCC Steering Committee, I will work with dedication to further the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council's "vision of a world where everybody has sustained water supply, sanitation and hygiene."

As I wrote in reference to my new book, Water and Sanitation Related Diseases and the Environment: Challenges, Interventions and Preventive Measures, a Wiley-Blackwell publication in collaboration with Horizon International,( released in November 2011), "Meeting water and sanitation needs, coupled with protection of the environment and prevention of pollutants, is essential to every effort to improve the health and living conditions of billions of people. Meeting these needs is fundamental, not only to effectively diminish incidence of diseases that afflict a third or more of the people of the world, but also to improve education and economic well-being and elevate billions of individuals out of vicious cycles of poverty."

This publication includes DVDs with four hours of coverage including all of the images from the chapters, 17 videos including ones from the Carter Center, the Sulabh International Social Service Organization, UNICEF, SIWI, and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), and the Schistosomiasis Control Initiative among others.

There is a Supplementary Material section of the book's website on Wiley and that will be on the Horizon Solutions Site to which ongoing updates on the material covered in the book will be added along with new material from other sources. A proposal is underway from a major international school of design to work with Horizon with the preparation of an animated series, apps and games to further disseminate the messages of the book and related material. Plans are also underway for my preparation of a lay version of the book.

An example of Horizon International's related water and sanitation work is that of its Associates (interns and research fellows). For example, a draft proposal is has been submitted to Horizon by doctoral students from the Harvard School of Public Health who hope to work with Horizon to further its outreach in China. We are currently refining their proposal with them. Their year and a half-long project would include a focus on hand-foot-mouth disease (HFMD) which continues to be an important cause of morbidity and mortality among young children in China. This year, as of November 22, 2011, 1,340,259 cases were reported in China according to WHO.

For thirty years, I have worked with Horizon International to find and advance solutions to health and environmental problems reaching out in multimedia to share knowledge of what can and is being done in order that that knowledge can benefit others. As a member of the Steering Committee, I would hope to build on WSSCC's aim to be at the forefront of global knowledge," assisting in its mission to work in collaboration with others to work to see that no one is left without adequate clean water and sanitation, and that everyone has knowledge of and the ability to practice good hygiene. As WSSCC and others work toward these goals, millions of babies, boys and girls, mothers and fathers will be relieved from the scourge of diseases related to lack of clean water, sanitation and hygiene.