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Exchange between members of IFEH

It is highly recommended by the IFEH Council, that you, as a private member of a National Association within the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH), take the chance to see for your self how the work you are normally doing, is carried out somewhere else in the World.

There is now an agreement between the national associations within the IFEH, opening the possibility for members of the national associations to swap office and chair for a period of up to two or three weeks. Most national associations have decided to sign up for this agreement.

At present only Singapore is not an option for you to go for a stay as a professional inspector in the exchange program.

The agreement is meant to permit exchanges of experience and knowledge about environmental protection, nature protection and environmental health and food safety, so environmental health in the broadest perspective. Now you have a chance to see and personally feel, how professionals in other countries are working, trying to deal with the same problems that you are facing in your daily work.

There is a possibility for you to be placed at national, regional or local level, depending on what your own preference is, and what may be the structure of organisation in the visiting country.

Accommodation is expected to be based on staying with colleagues, families, friends or in private accommodation, perhaps more than one over the period of up to two or three weeks.

Your National Association may try to (partly) cover for travelling costs, but cannot provide any help or assistance in making agreements with your employer about exemption from daily work. Arrangements for leave or other arrangements needed for this exchange program are at your own responsibility.

Don't expect to go for a holiday.

You will be placed in an office or team, and you will be expected to do a proper job. Off course you need to learn from it and be able to communicate with your hosts.

To get abroad you must:

- Describe three to five areas of environmental protection, nature protection, environmental health or food safety you want to work with when you are abroad
- Agree to work seriously with the subjects you are presented with
- Agree to stay in private homes or similar and perhaps more than one
- Present a written report in English which may be to be published in the IFEH magazine or on the IFEH website, and/or in your national association magazine or website
- Deliver the report to the IFEH secretary no later than one month after your return from the exchange
- Agree to host colleagues from other countries at your office and in your home, reciprocating the hospitality to a similar standard

What to do:

When you decide to apply for an exchange visit, contact your national coordinator, representing your national association (find the person at [IFEH website](#)), and describe the ideas you have for the exchange visit. Your national coordinator will then get in contact with the national coordinator of the receiving country, and see when or what is possible. If an agreement has been made, you will be connected directly to the office that has agreed to host your visit.

As well as the professional experience it will be expected, that you get to see some of the magnificent nature and cultural sights in the area where you will stay.

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