



FUTURE EVENTS

IFEH Council Meeting
Cyprus
20/21st October 1995

Annual Education Conference of the National Environmental Health Association, June 24-29, 1995, in Denver Colorado.
Contact: NEHA, 720 S. Colorado Boulevard, South Tower, 970; Denver, CO 80222, USA.

PAST EVENTS

The IFEH Council Meeting
31st March/1st April 1995
Manchester, U.K.

Countries represented :- Sweden, Norway, USA, Malaysia, Cyprus, Scotland and England (written comments from Ireland). The meeting was chaired by Kia Regner.

Matters Arising

Preliminary contact has been made with representatives from Holland, Japan, India, Barbados, Dubai, Slovenia, Italy, Brazil, Peru and Malta, with a view to encourage membership of the IFEH.

It was resolved that :-

The Chair (Kia Regner) compiles an Action Programme for consideration at the next Council meeting in Cyprus to supplement the Work Programme adopted at the meeting. This will include job descriptions outlining key job activities and responsibilities of Officers of the IFEH for ratification at the Council Meeting.

The Chair prepares a discussion paper on internal control systems (quality management systems/indicators), to promote environmental health (Please send information on this subject to Kia Regner prior to June 15th 1995).

A Finance Working Group be established to consider all matters associated with the financial management of the IFEH, including, marketing and income generation (Members: Mike Cooke, John Frater, Eric Foskett and Fred Osborne).

The decision on whether or not officers of the IFEH who are not sponsored by a Member Organisation should receive travel and / or subsistence to attend meetings be deferred to the next Council meeting pending the report of the Finance Working Group.

The future annual accounts will contain greater detail of the expenditure incurred by individual officers.

The decision regarding the endorsement of hygiene courses / certificates be deferred to the next Council Meeting and that the Public Relations Officer provides more details of proposals from interested organisations.

It was confirmed that responsibility for decisions between Council Meetings rests with the Chair .

The format of the existing logo be retained, that one IFEH display board be obtained, all stationery used for official purposes be standardised, the PRO obtains business cards for appropriate officers. The PRO obtains IFEH lapel badges and the decision on

the provision of IFEH ties be deferred to the next Council Meeting (anyone interested in obtaining an IFEH tie should contact the PRO).

The IFEH will continue its involvement with the International Journal of Environmental Health Research (now being published by Carfax Publishing Company) for at least the next two years.

Any suggestion for following up on the UNCED conference in Rio 1992 to be sent to the chair before June 15th 1995.

It was agreed that the existing logo of the IFEH be retained but in view of the slight variation in its use the Secretary and the PRO should agree on the precise detail regarding colour of print and "land". Subsequently it was decided that the IFEH logo will be identical to the existing letterhead logo except the land will be solid green. Where a large logo is required the IFEH lettering can be outlined in black.

Other reports considered:

1995 budget and financial reports
Details of meeting with WHO representative
Review of the constitution - progress
Membership criteria
Third World Aid
Educational Development
IFEH 10th Anniversary

Communication

For some time the Council of the Federation has been concerned as to how much news of the Federation and its activities actually reach the members of each constituent organisation and Associated Body. This really is an important question as the real strength of the Federation has to lie in the 35,000 environmental health professionals and all of them knowing what the Federation and its members are doing and what environmental health developments are taking place.

This is the second issue of a new look news letter and it is hoped in the future that every one of the members will have sight of each quarterly issue. We have written to all member organisations and Associated bodies suggesting ways in which they can bring this news letter to the attention of the members.

We would welcome your views on the newsletter. If you like it please tell us; if you don't like it please tell us; if you have changes or improvements to suggest please tell us.

We plan a total of four issues in 1995. The PRO has a list of organisations to whom he will send a separate copy and all the members of the sustaining subscribers scheme will get a copy in their information pack....every one else will need to be served by their organisation.

One of the activities the Federation has undertaken has been to join forces with a commercial publisher to help produce the International Journal of Environmental Research. This is a very good, even if expensive, publication and it should be on the shelves of every academic institution and in every progressive environmental health department.

It has just changed hands and the new owners are planning to enlarge it in page size and number. They are also planning to give a substantial discount to Sustaining Subscribers of the IFEH. The new Publishers are Carfax Publications, PO Box 15, Abington, Oxfordshire, OX14 3EO and just to prove that they are serious the company has itself become a corporate sustaining subscriber.

The Federation is now embarking on a Work Programme and will produce an Action Programme, details of progress of which will be included in future newsletters.

The project which has just been started is a study of the effects of tourism on environmental health and vice versa. All members, Associated Bodies and other people are being invited to make preliminary submissions of their perceptions, their experiences and their apprehensions. So many countries today balance their currency budgets through tourism that it has to be a topic of interest to all members.

An important aspect of every professional officer's life is the basic training he/she receives. This of course is changing as the world and its problems change. So far in the last decade there have been three International Conferences in Environmental Health Education. Now there is to be a fourth. At the third Conference the IFEH was a sponsor but for the fourth it is to be the organiser. It is likely to be held in Scotland immediately before the Fourth World Congress on Environmental Health. This is a bit sneaky really because all our academic colleagues will be able to attend TWO conferences for one air ticket.

One of the interesting paradoxes of life today concerns the environment. Never before has there been so much concern for the environment and at the same time in so many places the resources to deal with environmental deprivation instead of being increased to meet human expectations are actually being reduced.... and this must not continue.

There have been a number of world conferences trying to deal with environmental problems; Governments have put their signatures to "treaties" but later appear to squirm when challenged to show proof that they have kept their word. It is important to remember that IFEH members are trained and skilled watchers of environmental performance and we ought to be ready to understand, ready to praise REAL achievement and ready to express criticism when it is due.



Meeting report of the Eurocypria and Nordic Groups

Secretary : Bernard Forteach, Director of Environmental Services, Renfrew D.C.,
Municipal Buildings, Cotton Street, Paisley PA1 1BU, Scotland.

On 11/14th February the above groups met in Dublin to exchange views and listen to a presentation by Xavier Bonnefoy from the WHO's Regional Office in Copenhagen.

It was agreed that: applications should be made for EU funds for Environmental Projects; Roy Emmerson & Eric Foskett should prepare a paper on Environmental Health Action Plans; continuing dialogue between WHO & IFEH will be mutually beneficial; many countries in the East of Europe require assistance to achieve the standards of the West.

The next meeting of the Group will be at the CIEH Conference in Bournemouth on 12th September 1995 at the Swallow Highcliffe Hotel at 2pm.

Meeting report of the Pacific Rim Region held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 23rd September 1994.

New members, Indonesia and Hong Kong were welcomed to the meeting. Each member is to provide a summary of information on how Environmental Health is administered in their country.

Areas of co-operation were discussed including:-

- *Payment for one member from each country to attend National Conferences.
- *Exchange programmes and assistance with training.
- *Subsidised attendance at conferences.
- *Exchange of journals.
- *Discounted affiliate membership.
- *Development of approved training courses.

Snippets of Information

New Drinking Water Standards implemented in New Zealand.

A code of practice for the safe preparation and sale of food at open air markets and open air venues has been produced in New Zealand.

New Zealand - proposal to establish joint food standards with Australia.

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Sponsorship

I am now starting to think about producing the IFEH Annual Report for 1994. The quality of the production obviously depends on the sponsorship received. Any member who wishes to 'advertise' or knows of an appropriate organisation who wishes to provide sponsorship should send details immediately to the PRO.



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WHO

World Health Day

Friday 7th April 1995



Please let me have details of any activities organised to coincide with World Health Day.

My own authority, Doncaster M.B.C., launched "A Hygiene Merit Award" for food premises based on the requirements of the E.C. Food Hygiene Directive.

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Magazine Articles

Please send the PRO copies of journals, newsletters etc., produced by your organisation so that interesting articles and snippets of information can be included in future newsletters. To date the following journals have been received:

New Zealand Journal of Environmental Health Editor, Rodney Giddens, 348 Ngatai Road, Tauranga, New Zealand

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1. Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development
2. Horowhenua Food Hygiene Bylaw
3. A Little Bylaw and a Little Education (Food Hygiene)
4. Hutt City Council Food Safety Initiatives
5. Kapih Coast Food Hygiene Bylaw
6. The Manukau Experience (Food Bylaw)
7. Food Safety and HACCP
8. Food Safety - The Canadian Approach

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1. Publication of Health Reports
2. Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Health)
3. High Court Decision - Flea Markets
4. Self Employment - Seize the Opportunities and Prepare for the Pitfalls
5. Food Hygiene - USA
6. Australian Food Reforms
7. UK Meat Hygiene



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1. Back belts - A Hindrance Rather than a Help
2. Cautioning Procedures
3. Food Surveys
4. High Concentration of Lead in a Private Water Supply
5. Swimming Pool Safety
6. Environmental Radon

Environmental Health, Editor, Claire Brown, CIEH, Chadwick Court, 15 Hatfields, London, SE1 8DJ

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1. Will the Gas Safety Regulations Reduce the Death Toll
2. Assured Safe Catering - An Approach to Hazard Control
3. An EHO's View of Customer Care
4. Investing in New Computer Systems
5. Planning for Less Noise

Vol 103/1 January 1995

1. Cooke's Tour of Brighter Horizons (New CX of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health)
2. Fighting for Health - an EHO in Croatia
3. Will Noise Law Review Produce Peace & Quiet?
4. Chilled Food Simulants
5. A Consultant's Life

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1. HMO Licensing
2. Computerising Care Services
3. Sensing Vehicle Emissions
4. VTEC *E. coli* 0157
5. The New Policy for Contaminated Land