

The Newsletter of the International Federation of Environmental Health

FUTURE EVENTS

IFEH Council Meeting
Nicosia, Cyprus
20/21st October 1995

The Colors of Change,
California Environmental Health Association
Seminar 12/13 October (Superior Chapter)
Embassy Suites 4130 Lake Tahoe Boulevard
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96510

4th World Congress on Environmental Health,
Aberdeen,
Scotland
27-31 May 1996

Expressions of interest to:
REHIS 3 Manor Place
EDINBURGH EH3 7DH

International Conference on Environmental Health Education,
Strathclyde University,
Glasgow,
Scotland
22 - 24 May 1996

Expressions of interest to:
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PAST EVENTS

Further information of the
IFEH Council Meeting 31st
March/1st April 1995
Manchester, U.K.

accommodation cost of M. Bonnefoy's visit to Dublin to attend the IFEH Council Meeting.

95.7 The treasurer was asked to submit a report on possible methods of chasing outstanding subscriptions.

95.19 Mike Halls and the Chair will prepare a review of the constitution for the next Council meeting.

95.8 The Council approved the audited accounts for the year ending 31 December 1994.

95.20 Review of membership criteria to be considered at the next Council meeting

95.11 The draft budget for 1995 prepared by the treasurer was accepted.

95.22/95.23 Reports on Third World Aid and Educational Development were presented by the Co-ordinating officer.

95.13 The level of annual subscription for 1996 was to be the subject of a report of the Finance Working Group. The Finance Working Group met in Doncaster on 17 August 1995 and a report will be circulated in the near future and considered at the Council meeting in October.

95.24 Arrangements for future Congresses in Aberdeen (1996). Norway and Sweden were progressing well. It was agreed that 2002 World Congress should be considered for California with the backing of NEHA.

95.16 The Council approved payment of approximately £500 sterling for the travelling and

95.26 Federation 10th Anniversary - any suggestions to mark the 10th Anniversary should be sent to the Public Relations Officer.

95.28 Michael Cooke, Chief Executive of the CIEH, was appointed as Company Secretary of the IFEH.

NEHA

Annual Conference 1995

During the annual Conference of the National Environmental Health Association of the USA which was held in Denver, Colorado, President Diane Evans called a meeting of the North American Regional Group and this was also attended by members from the Pacific Rim group and the Euro-Cypriot group. The meeting was short but successful.

The NEHA Conference was also successful although held under difficult circumstances. The Federation was well represented by the President, President elect and the immediate past President. This was the first time the three had been together at a meeting which was not an IFEH gathering.



New U.K. Food Hygiene Legislation

On 15th September 1995 the Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations 1995 came into force. These Regulations implement the requirements of the Food Hygiene Directive (93/43/EEC) which should, by December 1995, be enforced in all European Member countries.

These Regulations are unique to food safety legislation in the U.K. as they are the first major regulations to effectively tackle the risk of food poisoning and confirm the move away from the walls, floors and ceilings approach to food hygiene inspections.

The main features of the Regulations will be a requirement for properties of food businesses to :-

- a) Handle, supply and sell food in a hygienic way.
- b) Identify any step in the activities of the food business which is critical to ensuring food safety and ensure that adequate safety procedures are implemented, maintained and reviewed on the basis of the following principles:
 - 1) analysis of food hazards;
 - 2) identification where these food hazards may occur;
 - 3) decide which of these points are critical to food safety;
 - 4) implement effective control and monitoring procedures at the critical points; and
 - 5) review the food hazards, critical points and the control and monitoring procedures periodically and whenever the operations change.
- c) Ensure that food handlers engaged in the food business are supervised and instructed and/or trained in food hygiene matters commensurate with their work activities.

In addition, the Regulations introduce a new concept of voluntary industry Guides to good hygiene practice. These Guides, essentially produced by trade associations, will after approval by the Department of Health and European Commission provide detailed guidance on complying with the Regulations. Furthermore, although not legally binding, the Guides will undoubtedly be referred to by the courts.

Further Information - Richard Sprenger, Public Relations Officer

The International Conference on Health Education

Previous successful Conferences on Health Education have been held at the University of UMEA Sweden, the University of Wolverhampton and at Kings College London. As the Federation is being increasingly drawn into Educational issues it was decided that an attempt would be made to set up the fourth International Conference. As this is being written the preliminary

fliers are being distributed and already over twenty people from ten different countries have expressed an interest.

We plan to hold future Education Conferences in conjunction with each World Congress and, as a side line, help people to get two events for the price of one travel cost.

Please spread the news around.

New Associate Bodies

We have been very pleased to welcome as an Associated Body the Arizona Environmental Health Association, and an application for similar status is being processed for the Cape Technicon, Cape Town, South Africa, and also the Minnesota Environmental Health Association.

We are also working on an application for full membership from an organisation in Peru... and that would mean that except for Antarctica we would have members in each Continent.

In addition to the above we are using the promotional activities for the 1996 Conference and Congress to invite more and more members and associated bodies... we have the whole world to grow into.

PERSONAL NEWS

We are sad to record the death of To Cheuck-lap, Secretary of the Hong Kong Public Health Inspectors Association after a short illness. He was part of the delegation of two who represented Hong Kong at the Kuala Lumpur Congress. He is sorely missed by his colleagues. Yeung Chun-hoi has taken his place as secretary and representative on the Council, and we wish him well in his important new role.

Faisal Jawaheer the former President of the Mauritius Cadre of Health Inspectors has resigned to take up a post in local commerce.



Caring for the Environment in the Interest of World Health

Magazine Articles

Many thanks for those of you sending journals, although I would appreciate a special effort from those members whose journal is not included below.

New Zealand Journal of Environmental Health

Editor, Rodney Giddens, 348 Ngatai Road, Tauranga, New Zealand

April 1995 Vol. 18 No 2

1. Official Information and Privacy Act
2. Electromagnetic Radiation and Health Risks - Part I (Cell phones and microwave radiation)
3. Superbugs in Food
4. Initiating Political Change - Hepatitis B
5. The Dairy Industry Act of 1952 and the Role of MAF Regulatory Authority
6. Dealing with Substandard Food Premises

July 1995 Vol. 18 No 3

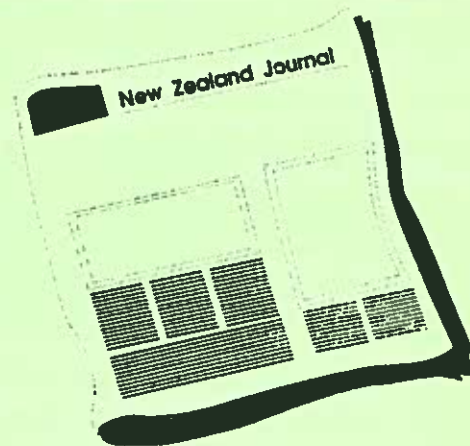
1. HACCP in a Small Business
2. Environmental Health Officers gain ISO Certification
3. A Report of a New Zealand EHO working in Nyamirangwe (Zaire)
4. Electromagnetic Radiation and Health Risks Part II
5. Deja Food (Tales of food problems through the ages)

Environmental Health Scotland

The Chief Executive, John Frater
REHIS 3 Manor Place, Edinburgh, EH3 7DH U.K.

REHIS Newsletter 8/95

1. University of Edinburgh Beginning BSc. Course in Environmental Health
2. Health and Safety - Training in Partnership
3. Shrapnel Rains on Crowd as Tractor Explodes
4. Bungee Jumping - Accident Investigation
5. Environmental Health - Forward with Scottish Environment Protection Agency
6. Environment Week Promotion



Environmental Health Review - Australia

The Editor, Adrian O'Loughlin, P.O. Box 77., Deakin West ACT 2600, Australia

November 1994 / January 1995

Volume 23 Number 4

1. Rwanda the Response to a Crisis
2. Benalla Area Floods an Unprepared Experience
3. Independent Meat Retailers - Survival or Extinction
4. Reforms in Food Regulations
5. Legionnaires Disease and DNA Fingerprinting
6. Recent Advances in Microbial Water Quality Monitoring - A Review
7. An Appreciation of the Risk of Infection Originating Outside the U.K.
8. Food Labelling

May 1995

Volume 24 Number 1

1. An Evaluation Aimed to Progress Wollongong City Council's "Rise and Shine" Environmental Improvement Campaign
2. Enforcing Swill-feeding Regulations
3. Environmental Restoration Technologies
4. Waste Auditing and the Role of the Environmental Health Officer
5. Waste Service N.S.W. Meeting Expectations, Getting Results
6. An Investigation of Suspected Copper Intoxication in Children Following Consumption of Drinking Water
7. Pathogenic E. coli N.S.W. Health Department

Environmental Health

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

April 1995 Vol. 103/4

1. Racial Equality
2. Out of Hours Noise Services
3. When Sport Becomes Too Breath Taking
4. Framework for Improving Air Quality
5. Time to Act on Minewater Scandal
6. Cryptosporidium in Drinking Water
7. How to Make Private Rented Housing Work
8. Exercises in Dog Control
9. E.U. News

June 1995 Vol. 103/6

1. Sustainable Development - The Next Stage
2. Blue Print for Leicester
3. Hazard Analysis for Small Businesses
4. Measuring Performance
5. Rodent Infestations on the Rise
6. Fuelling the Benzene Debate
7. Removing Nitrates in Drinking Water
8. Polymerase Chain Reaction

**Centre Point,
Journal of the North Western
Centre of the Chartered Institute
of Environmental Health**

May 1995

Volume 6 Number 2

1. Value for Money - Competitive Tendering for Waste Collection
2. Quality Assurance in Environmental Health - A Sensible and Realistic Approach
3. Waste and Waste Water - A United Kingdom Perspective

May 1995 Vol. 103/5

1. EHO's Face Risk of Violence at Work
2. Food Hygiene in Public Eating Places
3. Radon Exposure in Caves, Abandoned Mines and Dwellings
4. The Risks of VDU Work
5. Heartbeat - Hit or Miss for Sandwich Bars
6. Regulating Industrial Pollution
7. EU News

July 1995 Vol. 103/7

1. Gypsies and Travellers
2. The Fight Against Tobacco Deaths
3. Britain's Cheapest Composting Plant?
4. Safety in Care Homes
5. Asthma in Children
6. New Rodent-Borne Diseases
7. Measuring Noise Nuisance
8. VOC Emissions Directive

Environmental Health Review, Canadian Institute of Public Inspectors

Spring 1995

Volume 39 Number 1

1. A Survey of Health and Safety Practices in Canadian Elementary School Art Programmes
2. Cluster Investigation Methods. Part I Methods and Issues
3. The Health Effects of Listening to Loud Music in Adolescents
4. Foodborne Hepatitis A - Victoria B.C October and November 1992

Summer 1995

Volume 39 Number 2

1. A Framework for Assessing Environmental and Health Consideration Associated with Site Remediation Technologies
2. Algal Like Organism as Pathogen in Humans
3. White Lead; Reducing Exposure to a Lead Source in the James Bay Communities
4. Cluster Investigation Methods. Part II Calculation of Rates
5. Safety Investigation of Public Playground Equipment in the City of Toronto