



The Newsletter of the International Federation of Environmental Health

FUTURE EVENTS

**New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health
Conference 1996 13th to 15th March,
Christchurch, New Zealand.**

Further information:

**Conference Professionals, PO Box 13308
Armagh, Christchurch, New Zealand.**

**CEHA 45th Annual Educational Symposium
Parc Oakland Hotel, 1st - 3rd May 1996**

Further Information:

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San Luis Obispo, CA93406, California USA**

THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH'S FOUR POLICY STATEMENTS

Policy Statement 1 (23rd September 1988)

'The Declaration of Sydney'

Policy Statement 2 (24th May 1991)

**Originated by the Swedish Environmental Health Officers
Association**

Policy Statement 3 (15th May 1993)

**Originated by the California Environmental Health
Association**

Policy Statement 4 (20th September 1994)

'The Declaration of Kuala Lumpur'

POLICY STATEMENT NO. 1

On September 23, 1988, at the inaugural World Congress of Environmental Health in Sydney, Australia, the Congress unanimously endorsed 'The Declaration of Sydney', which is as follows:-

'The International Federation of Environmental Health meeting here in Sydney, this twenty third day of September in the year nineteen hundred and eighty eight, in conjunction with the Inaugural World Congress of Environmental health, pledges its support to the declaration of Alma Ata and for its part, calls on all governments of the world, international organisations, and the world community, to make care for the environment in the interest of human health, an essential primary concern in their efforts to achieve progress and strive to rid the world population of exposure to environmental hazards which pose a threat to human health'.

PAST EVENTS

NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL GROUP

Minutes of Meeting of the North American Regional Group
26th June 1995, Adams Mark Hotel, Denver, Colorado,
USA.

(Apologies from CIPHI)

The purpose of regional groupings was to consider regional issues affecting regional areas.

NEHA and CIPHI give discounts to members of both organisations.

Improved communication with IFEH via the Newsletter.

Recruitment of new Members and Associated Bodies.

Work Programme of IFEH.

IFEH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The IFEH Council Meeting was held at the Ledra Hotel, Nicosia, Cyprus, on the 20th/21st October 1995, and the Council Officers were very appreciative of the hospitality provided by the APhi of Cyprus.

Countries Represented

Cyprus, Hong Kong, Ireland, Malaysia, Norway, Sweden, Scotland, England and Wales and Northern Ireland.

NEW ASSOCIATED BODIES

The following organizations were granted Associated Body Status:

The Arizona Environmental Health Association (USA)

The Minnesota Environmental Health Association (USA)

Cape Technikon, Capetown (South Africa)

Natal Technikon, Durban (South Africa)

Stevenson College, Edinburgh (Scotland)

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

An application for full membership has been received from Direction General de Salud La Libertad Region Peru. Further information about the organization is required to determine the appropriate membership status.

Review of the IFEH constitution and the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Proposed amendments were considered at the meeting. It was decided that members should be allowed additional time to submit comments and these should be sent to the Secretary (Bryn Jones) by 31st December 1995.

Criteria for Membership

It was agreed that a ballot of members should be held to determine whether or not the criteria for membership should be amended.

The proposed amendments for consideration will be:

A Full Member - a national association of environmental health professionals or a national association of professionals engaged full time in work of a specialist branch of environmental health.

The title of **Associated Body** should be changed to either **Associate Member** or **Academic Associate Member**.

Any comments on the proposals or the ballot should be sent to the Secretary (Bryn Jones) by the 31st December.

The Chairman (Kia Regner) submitted an updated Work Programme and Action Programme for 1995/96 (as required by IFEH Policy Statement Number 2). Some of the tasks included in the Action programme are:

Each member organisation should:

- * Recruit one new member
- * Recruit two Associated Bodies
- * Recruit two Sustaining subscribers
- * Disseminate information about the IFEH to all individual members. To be partly accomplished by reproducing the IFEH Newsletter (or parts of the Newsletter) in their journal or by other appropriate means.
- * Promote and make use of the four IFEH policy statements.
- * Follow up the Rio UNCED and Agenda 21.
- * Send appropriate information to the Librarian (Ken Stewart).
- * Contact or visit the WHO Regional Office.

In addition each Regional Group is charged with the task of developing one regional project.

Relevant Officers were given particular specific tasks including:

Undertaking an economic review of the IFEH.

Improving cost-effective communication between members by the use of new technology.

Developing a relief programme.

Obtaining recognition of the IFEH as a NGO (Non government organisation).

Job descriptions for each officer were submitted and the Chairman given delegated authority to amend them as appropriate and in line with the discussion at the meeting.

The Annual Report submitted by the treasurer for 1994 was agreed together with a draft budget for 1996.

The finances of the Federation are in a healthy state and a small balance of several thousand pounds has been established. The Council will be considering how such funds may be utilised to achieve the aims and objectives of the Federation and improve the service to individual members.

The Public Relations Officer would be pleased to receive suggestions from members on what they expect from the IFEH together with recommendations for improvements in the service they receive.

The Finance Working Group (FWG) submitted a detailed list of recommendations concerning the financial management of the IFEH. With a few minor amendments the recommendations were accepted by the Council.

It was agreed that:

- a) The specific officer authorised to act as a focus for financial matters and address the recommendations of the report be the treasurer (Fred Osborne).

- b) Fund raising ideas outlined in the report be pursued without delay by the FWG or the honorary officers appointed by the Council.

- c) The principle of endorsing food hygiene certificates be approved and that a small sub committee consisting of the Chairman, the Secretary and a Course Accreditation/Validation expert from the CIEH and REHIS urgently provide criteria for the approval of courses by the IFEH for ratification at the next Council meeting in Aberdeen. The Chairman be given delegated authority to endorse the proposed Malaysian Hygiene Course subject to meeting the criteria and an agreed fee for the use of the IFEH logo on each certificate.

It was further agreed that the scheme would be entirely voluntary and there was no requirement or expectation that existing hygiene courses organised by members would need the endorsement.

- d) Members be balloted on the proposed increase in per capita fee to 0.15p. All other fees to remain constant.
- e) Members be balloted on the reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses incurred by IFEH Officers (not representing a Member Organisation) for attendance at meetings as required by the Chairman and President. The maximum number of officers involved would be six although currently only three officers do not represent a Member Organisation, the Treasurer, the Coordination Officer and the Public Relations Officer.

- f) A recruitment campaign be mounted without delay with a view to generating further income from sustaining subscribers with a target figure of 250 subscribers in 1996.

THE IFEH ANNUAL REPORT

It was agreed that the annual report of the Treasurer and the Public Relations Officer would, in future years, be combined and presented to the first annual meeting of the Council.

After approval by the Council the Public Relations Officer would publish the glossy annual report for distribution to members and other interested organisations.

The 1994 annual report will include a list of sustaining subscribers whose payment has been received by the Treasurer.

The Chairman provided a proforma of the type of information that was required for all members who wished to make a formal bid for future IFEH Congresses.

FUTURE CONGRESSES

IFEH Congress in Stockholm
8th to 12th June 1998

IFEH Congress in Oslo at the
Folkets Hus Congress Centre
5th to 9th June 2000

IFEH Congress in California
April 2002. Preliminary planning
already commenced.

IFEH 10TH ANNIVERSARY

On the 25th September 1995 the IFEH celebrated its 10th anniversary. Any members with ideas on how to mark this anniversary should contact the Public Relations Officer as soon as possible.

PROGRESS REPORT WORLD CONGRESS 1996 ABERDEEN 27TH TO 31ST MAY 1996

British Airways has been appointed as the official carrier for the 1996 Congress and substantial discounts are available provided contact is made directly with British Airways Offices throughout the world quoting reference number **CIC*115/14**.

The IFEH Council meeting will be held on 25th and 26th May 1996.

Contributions will be made by speakers from Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, USA, England, Ireland, Scotland, South Africa, Canada, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Belgium. Topics include:

Occupational Asthma in Bakeries
Lead Paint Hazard in Housing
Drinking Water Standards in
New Zealand
Power Lines and Cancer
Creating Shade to Prevent Skin Cancer
Radon Awareness
Monitoring Environmental
Particulates
The Impact of Industrial Emissions in
Urban Areas
Staphylococcus aureus in Poultry
Campylobacter in Mussels
Sanitation Doesn't Cost - It Pays!
Environmental Health & Sustainable
Development
Control of Cryptosporidium and
Giardia in Water Treatment
Environmental Health in Post
Apartheid South Africa
Beach Surveillance for Litter
Listeria in Blue Cheese
Routes of Infection for E. coli 0157

Hotel accommodation available from £40 to £80 per night. Further details will be sent to delegates who register for the congress.

The cost of the Congress is £360 which covers all sessions, the exhibition, all social events, except the IFEH dinner, participation in one sport during Wednesday afternoon, at least three mid-day meals, one technical visit and full documentation

A full programme of social events is being arranged, including tours for accompanied partners.

A reception for overseas delegates will be hosted by the Secretary of State for Scotland.

A Civic Reception will be provided by the City Council of Aberdeen on Monday evening (27/5/96).

The International Federation Dinner will be held on Tuesday evening (28/5/96).

Scottish entertainment evening on Wednesday (29/5/96).

Final Congress Dinner on Thursday, 30th May (30/5/96).

PERSONAL NEWS

Henry Dowler has 'retired' as Executive Director of the New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health. His replacement, whom we welcome to the IFEH, is Ian Macfarlane. Best wishes to Henry for his much appreciated support of the IFEH.

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.

California Journal of Environmental Health
Editorial Board: 2211 Westchester Drive, San Jose,
CA 95124, California, USA.

Spring 1995 Vol. 18, No. 1

1. What is the International Federation of Environmental Health
2. Removal of Nitrogen from Septic System Effluent
3. Disaster Response: The Environmental Health Field Manual
4. Sustaining Water: The Future of Renewable Water Supplies
5. Upgrade and Repair requirements for Underground Storage Tanks
6. Pesticides in Food

They Put That in Cigarettes?



'Ammonia, Beeswax, Beet Juice Concentrate, Butter, Caffeine, Carbon Dioxide, Carrot Oil, Chocolate, Clover Tops, Corn Oil, Dill Seed Oil, Ethyl Alcohol, Fig Juice Concentrate, Geranium Rose Oil, Grape Juice Concentrate, Honey, Hops, Hydrolyzed Milk Solids, Isobutyl Alcohol, Jasmine, Lactic Acid, Lavender Oil, Licorice Root, Mace Powder, Malt, Maple Syrup, Myrrh Oil, Oak Chips and Moss, Patchouli Oil, Pepper Oil, Pine Needle Oil, Pineapple Juice Concentrate, Plum Juice, Prune Extract, Rum and Rum Extract, Rye Extract, Sherry, Smoke Flavour, Snakeroot Oil, Sugar, Thyme Oil, Urea, Vanilla, Vinegar, Wine, Yeast.'

(Courtesy of CEHA Bulletin Spring 1995)

Thought for the Day

'Progress would be wonderful if only it would stop'
(Robert Musil)



Environmental Health Scotland

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REHIS Newsletter 10/95

1. The Scottish Environment Protection Agency
2. Education v Enforcement
3. Pest Control SVQ
4. Public Awareness, Perception and Influences regarding Environmental Health

Environmental Health

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

September 1995 Vol.103/9

1. Across a Great Divide (How the Government and the Friends of the Earth regard Environment and Health).
2. Germany's System for Air Pollution
3. Environmental Protection, Housing, Food Safety, Port Health and Health and Safety at Work
4. Radon in the Workplace
5. Food Prosecutions and the 'Due Diligence' defence

October 1995 Vol.103/10

1. CIEH Annual Congress
2. The EHOs Role at Notting Hill
3. Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons: the case for prosecution