

The Newsletter of the International Federation of Environmental Health

**THE OBJECTIVES OF THE
FEDERATION**

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

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The Federation's Constitution lists the objectives of the Federation which impose constraints and discipline, and also provide incentives to innovate. Members are national organisations of professionals in state, regional or local government or private employment whose concern is the control of the environment in the interest of public health. The main objectives are to provide a focal point for and means of exchanging information about environmental health matters, systems of organisation and management, to promote the study of environmental sciences and exchange information about training, education and field studies. This is undertaken in cooperation with other organisations related to environmental health and also by promoting the interchange of persons engaged in environmental health work

REGIONAL GROUPS

A major reason for the establishment of the Federation was the recognition that environmental health problems can be transboundary issues. There are local problems, and, as we are increasingly aware, there are global problems, and there are regional problems.

The regional groups exist so that Member organisations can work with neighbouring Members; increasingly, the Regional groups are involving the Associated Bodies within their area. The Regional Groups, becoming more and more important, report their deliberations to the Federation through the Council.

BRAIN TEASER No. 1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Arrange the numbers 1 to 9 in the cells of the square so that the horizontals, verticals and diagonals all add up to the same number.

**WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION
WORLD HEALTH DAY -
7TH APRIL 1996**

Any Member or Associated Body that intends to promote World Health Day should advise the Public Relations Officer so that it can be reported in a future edition of the IFEH newsletter.

THE FEDERATION AS AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION

As an international organisation the Federation has needed to appear to be internationally driven. While, for good reasons, the organisation's administrative base is mainly located in the British Isles there have been fundamental changes. Currently the Federation's President is a Malaysian and its Chairman of Council is Swedish. The Federation has endorsed a number of World Congresses on Environmental Health which have been held in Australia, England, and Malaysia, a fourth such Congress will be in Aberdeen in 1996 and that will be followed by others in Stockholm (1998) Oslo (2000), and in California (2002)

Council meetings are now regularly assigned to member countries as are Presidential consultations. This process will continue.

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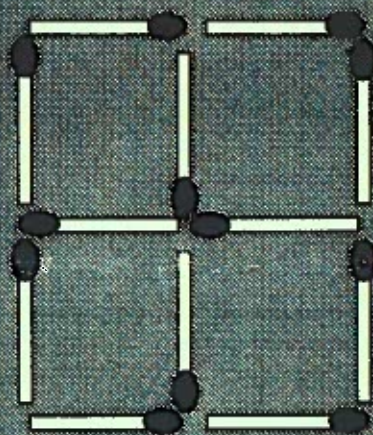
POLICY STATEMENT NO. 2

On May 24, 1991, the Federation's Council approved the proposal of the Swedish Environmental Health Officers Association which is as follows:

"Every Member organisation and Associated Body should:

- (a) *Adopt a programme of action to encourage a central role for the public sector in the co-ordination of environmental policies in each member country.*
- (b) *Ensure that the programme of action lays down the standards to be achieved and a time scale for their achievement.*
- (c) *Maintain pressure to ensure that environmental policies are continuously monitored and reviewed as appropriate.*
- (d) *Ensure that policies affecting the environmental health have regard to best practical means.*
- (e) *Attempt to co-ordinate locally, policies on the environment which have an international context.*
- (f) *Undertake research into environmental conditions in their local sphere of operation.*
- (g) *Work towards increasing public sector supervision of processes affecting the environment.*
- (h) *Co-operate with other Members and Associated Bodies of the Federation to assist in achieving these goals."*

BRAIN TEASER No. 2



Move just two matches to make seven squares.

BRAIN TEASER No. 3

**CALMNESS
CANOPY
DEFT
FIRST
SIGHING
STUN**

**These words have a common feature.
What is it?**

POLICY STATEMENT NO. 3

The Federation Council, on 15th May 1993, approved the proposition of the California Environmental Health Association as follows:

- (a) *The International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) is an association comprising national environmental health associations from around the globe, and serves to foster and encourage environmental health education and communication.*
- (b) *IFEH supports measures that work to improve environmental conditions throughout the world and opposes any measure that may have a detrimental effect on the environment or health in any country. It recognises the economic importance of international trade such as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), but neither specifically supports or opposes them.*
- (c) *IFEH resolves to encourage its member organisations to acquaint themselves with possible environmental and public health ramifications of international trade agreements.*
- (d) *IFEH further encourages the leadership of national environmental health associations to contact their individual government leaders to request consideration of both environmental and public health ramifications of any international agreement prior to ratification.*

Magazine Articles

Many thanks for those of you sending magazines. Please send details of future annual congresses or other major events.

The New Zealand Journal of Environmental Health

Editor: Rodney Giddons, 348 Ngatai Road, Tauranga, New Zealand.

Vol.18. Number 4 October 1995

1. Obligations of Territorial Authorities to Research and Monitor Noise - Sections 32 & 35 of the Resource Management Act.
2. Researching Better Outcomes from Food Borne Illness Investigations
3. Marketing a Healthy Lifestyle
4. Creating a Curriculum Vitae that Works for You
5. Reform Process Affects Environmental Health
6. Joint Survey of Geothermal Pools -
Wailemata Health Ltd., Health Waikato Ltd.

The Journal of the Society of Environmental Health Officers, Singapore.

Editorial Committee: Society of Environmental Health Officers, 16 Richards Place, Singapore 546346.

Vol.10 - January 1996

1. Planning and Implementation of a Drainage Project: The Singapore River Experience.
2. Food Poisoning and other Food-Borne Diseases in Singapore: Trends and Prevention.
3. Mosquito Control with Special Reference to the Urban Environment.
4. Management of Hospital Waste in Singapore.
5. HACCP - The Food Safety Management System.

Thought for the Day

This newsletter is only as good as the information provided



Environmental Health Review - Australia

The Editor, Adrian O'Loughlin, PO Box 77, Deakin West, ACT2600, Australia.

Volume 14 Issue 2 September 1995.

1. Strategic Plan for the Australian Institute of Environmental Health.
2. Composting Sewage Sludge - a Local Government Case Study
3. The 'P's and 'Q's of Immunisation Clinics: A Review of Public Immunisation Services.
4. Assessing Waste Management Issues in a Regional Land Use Context.
5. Waste Management in Japan.
6. How Safe is Wood?
7. Visionary with a Heart of Green (Agenda 21)

Volume 24 Issue 3 November 1995

1. Risks to Health, Risk Management and Environmental Health Impact Assessment
2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Health - An Environment Health Problem.
3. HACCP -
The Awakening of a New Era in Food Safety.
4. Pilot Study of Aerated Septic Tank Systems on Residential Premises (NSW) 1994-1995
5. Information Management in Emergency Recovery
6. Naturally Occurring Toxicants in Foods.
7. Effects of Aircraft Noise upon Kurnell Residents



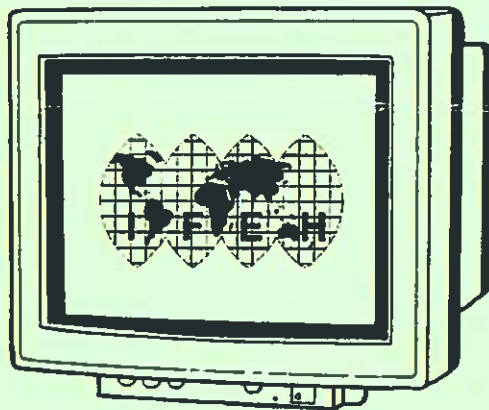
More Magazine Articles

Environmental Health, Editor, Claire Brown, CIEH, Chadwick Court, 15 Hatfields, London SE1 8DJ.
Volume 103/11 November 1995 **Volume 104/1 January 1996**

1. Health and Safety Action Programme
2. Lift Safety Directive Adopted
3. A report on Hygiene in Prison Kitchens
4. Reducing Risk on the Party Patrol

Volume 103/12 December 1995

1. Ambient Air Quality Assessment
2. Making Zoos a Safer Attraction
3. Continuing Professional Development (A Guide for Members)
4. Birmingham's Study of Urban Noise Trends
5. Front Line Action needed on Clay Pigeon Shooting
6. What's on Screen for Environmental Health



Environmental Health Scotland
The Chief Executive, John Frater,
REHIS, 3 Manor Place, Edinburgh, EH3 7DH,
Scotland.

REHIS Magazine. December 1995

1. Environmental Health: What are the Important Issues for the Discipline and the Profession.
2. The Integration of Public Protection Services.
3. The Scottish Pollution Control Co-ordinating Committee
4. Algal - like Organism as a Pathogen in Humans
5. Education and Training Review
6. Health and Safety

1. Improving Services for Landlords and Tenants
2. Paying Lip Service to the Environment
3. Case of an Unfit Water Supply
4. Fire Water Run-off Limiting the Damage
5. Sampling in Food Premises
6. EHO in Bangladesh

Volume 104/2 February 1996

1. On the Trolley (Poverty and Malnutrition)
2. HMO Management Systems - A Time for Change
3. Nuisances - Do We Need a Duty of Care?
4. Practical Training for Environmental Health Students: Call for Consistency
5. Industry Scales Down Investments in Environmental Protection
6. Fire Alarms: A Step Towards Safer HMOs
7. New Weapon in the Fight Against Radon

PERSONAL NEWS

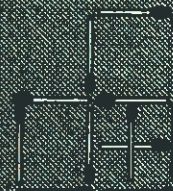
Bruce Fleming Msc, Head of Department dealing with environmental health education at QUT Brisbane has been elected a Fellow by the Australian Institute of Environmental Health. Bruce is well known in Australian academic circles and has been much involved with the profession in the Western Pacific region.

**Brain Teasers
 The Answers**

No. 1

4	9	2
3	5	7
8	1	6

No. 2



No. 3

The six words listed each contain three letters in their normal alphabetical order, e.g. LMN, NOP, DEF, RST, GHI and STU.