



The Newsletter of the International Federation of Environmental Health

WHO MEET IFEH

Xavier Bonnefoy the Regional Adviser on Environmental Health Planning/Ecology of the World Health Organisation, Regional Office Europe, together with several representatives from Eastern Europe and France, met Kia Regner and several members of the IFEH Council at a meeting in Aberdeen on Friday, 24th and Saturday, 25th May 1996. Mr. Bonnefoy stressed the importance of developing National Environmental Health Action Plans, identifying problems and setting priorities to solve problems, he said the Environmental Health Profession will be strengthened by training and sharing information and it was important that countries with a strong tradition in Environmental Health should share their experience and success with countries with little experience and lacking national environmental health organisations.

The close links developing between the WHO and the IFEH were emphasised by Mr. Bonnefoy suggesting his support for the IFEH:

- (a) to use the WHO worldwide web;
- (b) to become a collaborating centre for the WHO;
- (c) by providing administrative assistance for six months free of charge

BRAIN TEASER No. 1

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IFEH COUNCIL MEETING

25th/26th May at the Aberdeen Conference Centre, Scotland, UK.
It was agreed that policy documents and budget reports should be circulated to all members six weeks prior to Council meetings.

The Association of Public Health Officers, Kenya, was accepted as a full member.

The following applications to become Academic Associate Members were successful:

Hong Kong College of Technology
British Columbia Institute of Technology
West Lothian College, Scotland.

The result of the ballot supported the change of title from Associate Body to Associate Member or Academic Associate Member.

MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

It was agreed that these urgently require updating and all members are invited to send proposals to Michael Halls ("Eastfield" Abbotsford Road, Galashiels TD1 3DS Scotland Fax 01896 758089) as quickly as possible.

It was agreed that the proposed endorsement of food hygiene certificates should be progressed by a meeting of Bryn Jones (Secretary of IFEH), John Frater (Chief Executive of the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland), and Dee Waite (Chartered Institute of Environmental Health), at the earliest opportunity.

It was agreed that the Finance Working Group should consider the proposal that a grant and/or loan of up to £1,000 should be made available to subsidise attendance at future World Health Congresses of member organisations who would otherwise not be able to attend and to act as seed money for future congresses. A decision will be made at the next Council meeting in November.

The Public Relations Officer requested all members to consider sponsorship of the IFEH Annual Report by the placing of advertisements in the Report. Anyone interested should contact the Public Relations Officer as soon as possible.

The accounts submitted by the Treasurer were approved.

It was agreed that Kia Regner, the current Chair of the Council, should continue in office until 1st January 1997 so that the President and the Chairman would take up office in alternate years.

One member urged organisers of future World Health Congresses to reduce the registration fees to enable more representation from abroad.

The Secretary was asked to ascertain the types of software accessible to the majority of members so that cheaper and more effective forms of communications could be considered.

It was agreed that the Chair should decide on the venue for the next Council meeting, which may be South Africa.

FUTURE EVENTS

The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Conference will be held at Harrogate 2nd to 5th September. Further details from CIEH, Chadwick House Group Limited, Chadwick Court, 15 Hatfields, London SE1 8DJ
Tel: 0171 928 6006 Fax: 0171 827 5865

California Environmental Health Association 46th Annual Educational Symposium - 16th to 18th April, 1997. To be held at the Los Angeles Airport, Marriott Hotel. Further details from Diane R. Eastman, CEHA, 6098 Cardinal Street, Ventura, CA93003, USA.
(Fax +1 805 644 8163).

5th World Congress on Environmental Health, Stockholm, Sweden - 7th to 12th June 1998. Further details from Kia Regner Tallholmsvagen 5, 185 94 Vaxholm, Sweden.
(Fax. +46(0)8541 377 36.)

Australian Institute of Environmental Health 1996 23rd National Conference. Menzies Hotel, Sydney - 14th to 18th October 1996. Further details from State Secretary, Australian Institute of Environmental Health, NSW Division, PO Box 384, Drummoyne, NSW 2047.

The report on the 4th World Congress on Environmental Health is to be included in the next edition of the Newsletter.

BRAIN TEASER No. 2

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Magazine Articles

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

California Journal of Environmental Health

Editor: Thea Lee Bullock, 2211, Westchester Drive,
San Jose, CA 95124, USA.

Vol. 18 No.3 Winter 1996.

1. Emergency Diseases and Ecosystem Instability: New Threats to Public Health.
2. Venomous Bites and Stings in North America.
3. Hazard Analysis of Street Foods and Considerations for Food Safety
4. Graduate Environmental Health Program Competencies Re-examined
5. Meats Meet the Mega Reg.

Environmental Health Review - Australia

Editor: Adrian O'Loughlin, PO Box 77, Deakin West, ACT 2600, Australia.

Vol.25 Issue 1 February 1996

1. A Role for Local Government - Air Particulate Monitoring
2. Applying HACCP to Small Food Premises - the Real Implications
3. Microbiological Quality of Packaged and Unpackaged Ice
4. The Role of Exercise in Nutrition and Health.



Thought for the Day

'A complaint against the service is an opportunity to improve the organisation and should be welcomed'



The New Zealand Journal of Environmental Health

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

Vol. 19 No. 1 January 1996

1. Backyard Burning: Control Measures Taken Around Melbourne.
2. Are Your Investigations Effective?
3. EHO's Do Have Ancestors
4. Creating Supportive Environments for Health. Health Action Trust (Nelson)
5. Foodborne Cryptosporidium Infection
6. Appropriate Sewage Treatment for Small Communities in New Zealand
7. Treatment Plant has Domestic Applications
8. Study Finds Salmonella in House Gardens
9. Noisy Car Stereos

Environmental Health Scotland

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

REHIS Magazine February 1996

1. Views of the President
2. Organic Waste Disposal on Agricultural Land
3. Pollution Control
4. The FLEP HACCP Symposium
5. National Food Safety Week 1995 - In Glasgow

More Magazine Articles

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

Vol. 104/3 March 1996

1. CIEH Response to Government Housing Bills
2. Eric Foskett: Stoking the Fires of International Cooperation
3. Are Food Inspectors Across Europe Wearing the Same Hat?
4. Waste Regulation: Taking on the Illegal Traffickers

Vol.104/4 April 1996

1. Home Energy Conservation Act - Councils Can Rise to the Challenge
2. At the Helm of the Environmental Health Commission
3. Analytical Quality Assurance in Air Analysis
4. DNA Analysis:
New Weapon Against Dog Fouling
5. A Beginners Guide to the Internet
6. Getting to Grips with the Brown Tail Moth
7. Cryptosporidium in Water Supplies

Vol. 104/5 May 1996

1. South Africa's Post-Apartheid Housing Policy
2. Quantitative Risk Assessment in Food Hygiene Inspections
3. Public Health Threat from Plague
4. Risk Assessment Model for Large HMOs and Hostels

PERSONAL NEWS

New Vice President of the IFEH.

Haji Ungku Abu Baker Bin Abu Rahman, the immediate past President of the IFEH has been appointed as an Honorary Vice President.

IFEH LAPEL BADGES AND CUFF LINKS

To coincide with the 4th World Health Congress the Public Relations Officer arranged, courtesy of Ungku Bakar, for the production of IFEH lapel badges and cuff links. These proved to be extremely successful. Any member requiring either badges or cuff links should contact the Public Relations Officer. The badges cost £1 and the cuff links £3, plus postage and packing.

IFEH PUBLICATIONS

'History of the International Federation of Environmental Health Tenth Anniversary Congratulations to the authors, Diane R. Lastman (USA) and Eric W. Foskett (UK)

The 3rd edition of the IFEH Directory has now been published.

REGIONAL GROUPS

Joint Eurocypria Group and Nordic Group meeting, 27th May 1996 at the Quality Hotel, Aberdeen.

The main item on the agenda was closer co-operation between the two Groups attending the meeting. It was agreed that minutes should be exchanged and that joint meetings should be held whenever sufficient members of each Group were in the same place, for example, at the International World Congress on Environmental Health. The next Eurocypria Group meeting will be held in Harrogate in the 1st week of September.

The North American Group will be meeting in July 1996.

