



Future Events

The next meeting of the IFEH Council will be held on 29th November in Durban, South Africa.

California Environmental Health Association 46th Annual Educational Symposium 16th to 18th April 1997.

Call for Papers: Papers should relate to the theme 'California's Approach to Global Environmental Health Issues, International Exchange of Experience and Expertise'

Abstracts should be submitted by 31st December 1996 to Elizabeth Huff, 1050 Stern Lane, Oxnard, CA93035, USA.

New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health Inc.

77th National Conference 'Bridge the Gap' - 4th to 6th March 1997, Waipun Lodge, Auckland.

Call for Papers: Submit to Barbara Burt, 67 Lucerne Road, Remuera, Auckland, New Zealand.

The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland Annual Congress - 20th to 23rd May 1997, Inverness, Scotland.

Call for papers to Mike Halls c/o REHIS, 3 Manor Place, Edinburgh, Scotland EH3 7DH.

The 5th World Congress on Environmental Health, 7th to 12th June 1998, Stockholm, Sweden.

Request for persons interested in attending, submitting papers or programme suggestions to: Kia Regner, The Swedish Environmental Health Officer Association, c/o Stockholm Convention Bureau, PO Box 6911, S-102 39, Stockholm Sweden.

Exchange of Information

Western Australia Food Monitoring Programme

Organisations interested in exchanging information on food monitoring should contact Carole Theobald, Food Safety, Environmental Services, PO Box 8172, Stirling Street, Perth, WA 6849, Australia.

Environmental Health Overseas

On the 25th June 1996 the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health was accepted by the Executive Committee as a Corporate Member of Environmental Health Overseas. The certificate number is 002. Which of our organisations obtained the certificate number 001?

Past Events

Eurocyprria Group Meeting, CIEH Conference, Harrogate, UK - 5th September 1996.

It was agreed to explore the possibility of twinning with appropriate representatives in Eastern Europe.

Endorsement of Food Hygiene Certificate - report to be given at the next meeting of the IFEH Council in South Africa.

It was agreed to develop Regional projects in Europe. For example, exchanging information on pollution levels or joint seminars.

Policy Statement No. 4

At its meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on September 20, 1994, the council of the Federation unanimously resolved as follows:

'THE DECLARATION OF KUALA LUMPUR'

'The Federation subscribes to the concept of the generic Environmental Health Professional, as promulgated some years ago by the World Health Organisation in its publication 'The Environmental Health Officer in an Industrial Society', and recognises the broad spectrum of activities which comprise environmental health practice.

In addition to recognising that the environmental health team must be broadly based, the Federation is committed to the view that the principal officers in the environmental health team are fully qualified in environmental health sciences and whose training should enable them to exercise an overview of the whole range of environmental issues concerning human health.

Thus, the Federation believes that successful environmental control in the future depends on the adoption of an holistic approach to the subject, and recommends that all member organisations and associated bodies promote in whatever way possible to all interested organisations (including governments) at the local, national, and international level, the adoption outlined in this Declaration.'

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THE FOURTH WORLD CONGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH 27th-31st May 1996 - Aberdeen Exhibition & Conference Centre, Scotland.

'Environmental Health - a Global Challenge'
by Richard Sprenger, Honorary Public Relations Officer
for the International Federation of Environmental Health

The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland was host for the very successful Fourth World Environmental Health Congress, held at the excellent Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre.

It is always a memorable experience to greet friends and colleagues at the annual REHIS conference, but even more so when they originate from all over the world. Delegates arrived from Malaysia, Australia, Cyprus, Singapore, USA, Eire, Sweden, Norway, South Africa, Canada, Morocco, Papua New Guinea, Hong Kong, Latvia, Finland, Lithuania, Belgium, Isle of Man, Wales, Northern Ireland, England and Scotland.

The main success of a conference depends on many things including the quality of speakers and the participation of delegates but the main reason is the professionalism, skill and hard work of those involved in the planning and organisation of what is undoubtedly a major, and time consuming, event in anyone's life. In particular, I would like to pay tribute to Mike Halls, John Frater and Helen Black who have worked tirelessly to promote the congress, REHIS and the IFEH. I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate the President of REHIS, John Summers, and his wife Alison, who played a tremendous part in making this one of the most professional, friendly, and musical conferences I have attended. The opening session of Conference was chaired by David Cameron and after an excellent civic welcome by the Lord Provost of Aberdeen, Mrs. Margaret Farquhar, the Ministerial Address was lucidly presented by the Earl of Lindsay, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Environment at the Scottish Office, who had personally welcomed all overseas delegates to Duff House, Banff, the evening before. The quality of papers continued with the Presidential address by John Summers and the Keynote address 'The Role of Professional Organisations in the Development of Environmental Health Services in the European Region' by Xavier Bonnefoy, Regional Adviser at the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

One of the most important events of the opening session was the installation of Michael Halls by Haji Ungku Abu Baker Bin Abd Rahman of Malaysia, as the new President of the IFEH. Ungku Bin Abd Rahman has been an excellent Ambassador for the IFEH during his term of Presidency, and will continue to support and promote the IFEH.



An excellent array of over 40 papers were ably presented by speakers from Scotland, England, USA, Norway, Australia, Singapore, Finland, Sweden and South Africa, with subjects ranging from Public Protection, Lysteria, Allergies, Housing, Water Supplies, Waste Management, Health and Safety, HACCP, Electromagnetic Fields, Noise Pollution, Infectious Disease and Contaminated Land.



It would be remiss of me not to mention the full programme of social events including the Civic Reception hosted by the City of Aberdeen Council, the Teknisk Hygienisk Forum (Norway) Reception, the IFEH Dinner at the Town and Country Hall, the Scottish Experience and the Congress Dinner. These events are an essential and integral part of Congress in that it gives colleagues from various countries the opportunity to continue the exchange of information and the search for worldwide solutions in pursuit of our Holy Grail - to Care for the Environment in the Interests of World Health.



The closing ceremony involved the handing over of the IFEH flag to Kia Regner, Chair of the Environmental Health Officers' Association of Sweden and the International Federation of Environmental Health, who will host the 5th World Congress in Stockholm in June 1998.



I am sure that as delegates sang 'Auld Lang Syne', they were reflecting on the events of the week and, in particular, the many new friends they had made. The IFEH continues to grow and Environmental Health professionals all over the world have, through the Congress, been given an opportunity to meet and discuss common problems. We all benefit and hope we will have the opportunity to strengthen links across the world and, of course, most importantly to meet again in Stockholm in 1998.



Recruiting New Members

In the recent past the Federation has been in touch with groups of environmental health professionals where each group is small in number. Because there has been a perceived need, the Federation has produced a guide advising how to form an Association and such groups are invited to use such a guide if it is appropriate.



The Public Relations Officer made contact with the environmental health professionals in Malta and they number about 50. Graham Butterworth, formerly with Manchester City Council has met environmental health officers in the Caribbean island of Barbados. They number about 50 and are planning to form an Association. They have been invited to join the Federation.



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After attending the World Congress in Aberdeen, Adrian O'Loughlin, Executive Director of the Australian Institute of Environmental Health visited Bermuda and made contact with the environmental health team through the Chief Environmental Health Officer. They are small in number, hold Canadian qualifications and are members of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors.

Members of constituent organisations or Associate Members who plan to visit other countries might think of undertaking some missionary work by contacting local colleagues. They should get in touch with the Honorary Co-ordination Officer (Eric Foskett) who may be able to supply contact names and addresses and will certainly be able to provide some introductory literature.

Shortly before and during the Aberdeen Congress several organisations made approaches with a view to becoming Associate Members and these are all being followed up.

(Eric Foskett, Honorary Co-ordination Officer)

Thought for the Day
'Face your fears, live your dreams'

Display for the IFEH stand at exhibitions

As those of you who have attended any of the world congresses will know, the IFEH issues a stand to promote itself and its members at such events. If you have any interesting photographs or other display material (lightweight please) that you believe would be of interest to visitors to conferences, please send them to the Public Relations Officer. Very small flags, badges, logos, etc., would all be welcome.

Notifications of Campylobacter and Salmonella per 100,000 population (1992)

	Campylobacter	Salmonella
New Zealand	152.3	36.0
Australia	54.2	27.4
Britain	75.2	61.5
Canada	47.2	34.0
Scotland	97.2	58.5
USA	?	16.0

Useful Hints for Managers - Filling in Staff Reports

As Reported	The Truth
Single minded and uncompromising	Pig Headed - obstinate
Resourceful	Ignores all procedures and rules
Dynamic	Uncontrolable
Capable of very original thought	Crackpot should be locked up
Retains a youthful outlook for his age	Will not leave the female staff alone
Does well in view of his poor health	A natural malingerer
Is now developing a cost awareness	At last I have got it through his thick skull
Is now ready for promotion	I wish somebody would take him off my back
A born leader	Can't keep his nose out of everybody else's business
A keen awareness of modern industrial problems	A stirrer who spends all his time on Trade Union affairs
Rarely makes mistakes	Rarely does anything
Has a relaxed non-flappable attitude	Lazy - half asleep most of the time
Keeps me personally in touch with his work	A born creeper
Needs the minimum of supervision	Resents any supervisor and has put three in hospital
A perfectionist - attends to detail	A nit picking idiot
Forthright	Bloody rude
Delegates well	Passes the buck

Editor's Note: The above hints are very useful when the company rules required you to interview your staff and tell them what you think of them - and still remain friends!

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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.

The New Zealand Journal of Environmental Health

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

Vol.19 No.2 May 1996

1. Epi Surv - How it can help you
2. Dust Mites - Ancient Associates or a 20th Century Blight?
3. Red-Back Spiders
4. Fabrics for Food Handlers
5. White tailed spiders
6. Food Contamination from Flies



Vol.19 No.3 July 1996

1. Pentachlorophenols
2. Our Housing is Valuable
3. Excluding and Monitoring for Exotic Mosquitoes of Public Health Significance
4. The Constantly Changing Role of New Zealand's Quarantine Service
5. Hydatids Eradication Close
6. Yersinia enterocolitica
7. The Storage of Polychlorinated Biphenyls

Environmental Health,

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

Vol:104/6 - June 1996

1. An Environmental Health Officer's Perspective of Asthma
2. Stubborn contamination with Anthrax Spores
3. Killing Pests and Keeping customers
4. Food Safety: A Shared Responsibility

Vol. 104/7 - July 96

1. An Outbreak of Hepatitis A in St. Helens
2. Control of Flying Pests



Environmental Health Scotland

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

May 1996

1. Environmental Health: Important Issues - Causation, Association and Collaboration
2. Air Quality and Respiratory Health in Edinburgh
3. E coli Outbreak Associated with Unpasteurised Farm Cheese
4. Water borne Campylobacter outbreak in Holiday Cottages
5. Secondment to World Health Organisation

July 1996

1. IFEH - President's Address (John P. Summers)
2. IFEH - Presidential Address (Mike Halls)

Vol.104/9 - September 1996

1. A Survey of At Work Road Accidents
2. Taking Environmental Health to Developing Countries
3. Nationwide Pressure for Quieter Roads (Traffic Noise)
4. BS8800: An Aid to Safety Management (Workplace Safety)
5. Contaminated Land
6. Mapping for the Masses (Geographic Information System)