

The EFAEP Bulletin

News from the European Federation of Associations of Environmental Professionals



Greetings from the President

Dear Colleagues,

A new year has started with feverish activity to keep the winter cold at bay, that covers Europe as I write this. Following the latest General Assembly, many of you have brought forward proposals regarding topics to address in working groups. Your joint response represents such a rich harvest, that we have decided to put all proposals in one of four groups. Group A consists of two relatively well-defined proposals that enjoy the support of more than one Association right from the start. These two proposals, on water (from CIWEM and AFITE) and on biodiversity (from IEEM and VVM, with support from ASEP and AIN), are currently being set up and more information will follow shortly; we are hoping to promote an immediate take-off for both.

A set of ten other proposals is grouped into 'Group B': these proposals are also clearly focused, but were brought forward by one Association. We propose that working groups be set up for these if further interest and support from other member organizations can be found. In the coming days, we will develop brief descriptions in consultation with the respective proponents, and then publish these for you in a next communication around 15 February. Three proposals form a 'Group C': these require some more focus or clarity, to allow other Associations to review them and see if they want to join in. We will work with the proponents of these to make them more specific and then come back to you. And finally we have two proposals that would not be a topic for a Working Group, as they do not deal with an environmental issue. Instead, they revolve around a strategic issue regarding EFAEP itself, and would therefore require establishing a Task Force co-ordinated by the Executive Committee:

'EFAEP Funding' and 'Professional Accreditation'. We will develop these two topics a little further as well, and then ask for potential experienced specialists within your Association to participate in a Task Force.

Meanwhile, we have decided to rent some – modest – office space within the 'Mundo-B' building in downtown Brussels, and we will start looking for a Brussels-based 'project officer' that will support us part-time. He or she should perform tasks related to network development, EU environmental policy and lobbying activities, seeking funding opportunities, etc. Doing this sorely needed work, this staff member will complement the activities of ExCo members and of our Coordinator Jason Reeves. Jason focuses on day to day operations, internal liaison and secretarial support activities, working out of his UK base.

After the latest General Assembly, a partially renewed ExCo team took off; below, you will find a brief overview of how we have distributed tasks. Notwithstanding this list, you can be assured that we work as a team and make joint decisions on major issues.

Finally, let me mention to you that we have come into contact with two potential new members, one or both of which we hope to introduce to you as candidates at our next General Assembly in Porto: one is in Iceland, the other in Spain (Catalunya).

As mentioned, we will send you another message in a few weeks. Meanwhile, I hope this Bulletin will be of use to you – do take a close look at the Working Group proposals when these are sent out and help get these off to a good start!

Jan Karel Mak
President



Roles of the ExCo

The roles of the members of the ExCo (Executive Committee) have been agreed as follows:

President (Jan Karel Mak, VVM, Netherlands):

Representative Head, chairs ExCo and GA, liaises with members.

Vice President (Bruno Weinzaepfel, AFITE, France):

New members, supports Water Working Group and Biodiversity Working Group.

Vice President (Kristof De Smet, VMD, Belgium):

Manages Belgian legal requirements, supports EMS Working Group, oversees Funding Task Force and Accreditation Task Force.

General Secretary (Mario Grosso, AIAT, Italy):

Supervises Co-ordinator, oversees and guards Statutes, manages archives, ENEP, website, office, meeting minutes, ICT affairs.

Treasurer (Jim Thompson, IEEM, UK):

Prepares Budget, manages income and expenditure, presents accounts to GA, arranges audits, seeks funding sources, oversees subscription payments.

Note: any ExCo member can be approached regarding any EFAEP issue, should the responsible ExCo member - according to the above - be unavailable.



Proposed EFAEP Working Groups

Following on from the President's introduction, the full list of proposed Working Groups is listed below. More details will be sent out to member associations in the coming weeks.

Group A:

These proposals have support from more than one member organisation and Working Groups will be set up immediately.

- Water
- Biodiversity

Group B:

These proposals are clearly focused and Working Groups will be set up if further interest and support from other member organisations can be found.

- Innovation and Environment
- Energy
- Soil Contamination and Pollution
- Environmental Communication and Knowledge Transfer
- Resource Efficiency

- Diffuse Sources of Air Pollutants
- EIA and SEA
- Environmental Mediation and Consultation
- Waste and Solid Waste
- Green power supply

Group C:

These proposals will be returned to the proposers and asked to redefine and focus the proposal before it is reconsidered.

- Sustainable Development
- Marine Pollution
- Climate-Proof Cities

A fourth set of groups was agreed that would be Task Force groups co-ordinated from the ExCo.

- Funding
- Accreditation



General Assemblies 2010

Please remember that the first General Assembly of 2010 will be held in Porto, Portugal on 28 and 29 May 2010. The event will be hosted by APEA. More information will be sent out in due course.

The second General Assembly of 2010 is currently planned for Frankfurt, Germany in October but is still to be confirmed.



EFAEP and EEP Innovation Awards 2009

It is now seven years that the EEP (European Environmental Press) Association along with the Pollutec organisation (French Environmental Trade Show), and with the support of EFAEP, have been organising the EEP Awards with the aim of celebrating technical and scientific environmental innovation in Europe.

For selecting the nominees, a meeting jury was held in Zurich on 15 September 2009.

This jury included fifteen EEP journalists and three EFAEP representatives (Heli Jutila, FAEP, Finland; Hans-Jürgen Wicht, VNU, Germany; and Bruno Weinzaepfel, AFITE, France). Ten nominees were short-listed and the winners selected. The EEP Awards were announced during the last Pollutec exhibition on 2 December 2009 in Paris.

The Gold EEP Award 2009 was given to a small French company named NHEOLIS for

the realisation and commercialisation of an horizontal wind turbine capable of working within a wide range of wind speeds.

The Silver EEP Award 2009 was presented to a Portuguese company named A4F-ALGAFUEL for a technology based on the fixation (biological sequestration) of CO₂ from the combustion gases of a cement plant.

The Bronze EEP Award 2009 was awarded to the Danish company GRUNDFOS for a process able to remove nitrogen oxides from the exhaust gases of diesel engines using a sensor-based urea dosing pump.

For more information, or for those who would like to present an innovation at the 2010 awards, please contact Bruno Weinzaepfel at: bweinz@afite.org.

January	February	March
April	May	June
July	August	September
October	November	December

Upcoming Events

24 March 2010
IEEM Spring Conference - Ecosystem Services
London, UK
www.ieem.net

28 - 29 April 2010
CIWEM Annual Conference - Water & Environment 2010
London, UK
www.ciwem.org

27 - 29 May 2010
Clima 2010
Porto, Portugal
www.apea.pt

2-4 November 2010
IEEM Autumn Conference - Biodiversity Beyond 2010: Missed Opportunities, New Targets
Dublin, Ireland
www.ieem.net



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Member in Focus - IEEM

IEEM was established in 1991 and has seen rapid growth so that it now has over 4,000 members. It has its headquarters in Winchester, England. Our Vision is to maximise gains for biodiversity through the skills and judgement of all ecologists and environmental managers. Our Mission Statement is to develop the science, technology and practice of ecology and environmental management for the benefit of people and biodiversity.

There are various membership levels, determined by qualifications and extent of professional experience. All members have to sign up to our Code of Professional Conduct and to produce an annual Continuing Professional Development report. The majority of our membership is in the UK but there is a thriving all-Ireland Section which is one of the 11 Geographic Sections also spread across England, Scotland and Wales.

The Institute provides its members with a range of services from technical reports,

2-3 Conferences per year and a workshop programme of over 100 courses which attract about 1,000 participants per year. In addition we produce a quarterly Bulletin, a quarterly E-newsletter and proceedings of conferences. Consultant members are offered the opportunity to be on the IEEM Commercial Directory which attracts enquiries on many issues from habitat restoration, impact assessment and species surveys. We aim to respond to government consultations across the full spectrum of Ireland, Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales and we are developing position statements on various relevant issues. IEEM is also pursuing its own individual charter.

IEEM being quite tightly focused on biodiversity, welcomes the opportunity to be part of a broader professional environmental body at the European level and this has always been a key reason for our long-standing support of EFAEP and our belief in its future development.



Current members:

AFITE, France
 AIAT, Italy
 AIN, Italy
 AISA, Portugal
 APEA, Portugal
 ASEF, Switzerland
 ATEGRUS, Spain
 CIWEM, UK
 CSPZP, Czech Republic
 FAEP, Finland
 IEEM, UK
 IEMA, UK
 IES, UK
 VBU, Germany
 VDI, Germany
 VMD, Belgium
 VNU, Germany
 VVM, the Netherlands

About EFAEP

EFAEP is the European Federation of Associations of Environmental Professionals, which seeks to promote and coordinate the professional status, level and content of environmental work and of those working in this field.

Its objectives are:

- to be the representative organisation for all Environmental Professionals across Europe;
- to promote and co-ordinate environmental work and environmental professionals while recognizing the separate identities of its member organisations;
- to promote adherence to environmental professional standards as one of the

essential prerequisites for achieving sustainability;

- to influence and implement the environmental policy, science and education agenda throughout Europe.

It will do so by being respected for its adherence to sound science rather than political lobbying but will be proactive where supported by scientific or technical evidence. Where possible it will also use its influence within the global context, beyond the European boundaries.

For full statutes and how to become a member association of EFAEP, please consult the website: www.efaep.org.