

The EFAEP Bulletin

News from the European Federation of Associations of Environmental Professionals



Porto General Assembly – May 2010

EFAEP's held its 15th General Assembly in Porto, Portugal in May this year. A number of important issues were discussed at the meeting which are outlined below. The full minutes of the meeting can be found on the EFAEP website at www.efaep.org.

Jim Thompson (IEEM, UK) is the current EFAEP Treasurer, however he will be stepping down at the autumn General Assembly in Brussels in October and we will of course need to elect his replacement on the ExCo. Further details will be distributed to members in due course.

There was much discussion on the new Working Groups. One of the decisions relating to this was to amend the Byelaws so that only two members are needed to create a Working Group rather than three. This is just one way of reducing obstacles to members becoming more involved.

The most important decision made at the General Assembly was regarding the EFAEP name. It was proposed that 'EFAEP' should be renamed as 'ENEП'. The advantages being

that it is simpler to promote and market as a brand. A number of concerns were raised, including losing the obvious notion of EFAEP being a 'body of associations', and the costs of lost heritage, of promoting a new name and of changing promotional material, website, etc. The proposal was approved by a vote of 9 for and 2 against, with 7 abstentions. It was agreed that 'EFAEP' will remain the official name and that 'ENEП' will simply be the trading name. The ExCo has been delegated to oversee the changeover but as yet no timescale has been set.

The General Assembly unfortunately attracted fewer participants than in the past, probably due to the economic situation in many countries. There were also a number of attendees who were frustratingly unable to travel at the last minute because of French strikes.

Thanks must also go to Cândida Rocha and her APEA colleagues for the excellent organisation of the meeting and side-event.



Brussels General Assembly – October 2010



The next General Assembly will be held in Brussels on 25-26 October 2010.

Monday 25 October will be the side-event. This day will be split between presentations and discussions from the Working Groups, and a presentation organised by AISA on the Humboldt project.

Humboldt (www.esdi-humboldt.eu) contributes to the implementation of a European Spatial Data Infrastructure (ESDI) that integrates the diversity of spatial data available for a multitude of European organisations.

Tuesday 26 October will be the General Assembly itself.



Project Officer Update

Since the General Assembly we have managed to filter through the over 230 applications for the Project Officer position and have now also conducted interviews. We are currently

in discussions with our chosen candidate and will hope to have the person in post by the beginning of September.



Office Space Update

We currently have a 'hotdesk' at the sustainable and ethical building, Mundo-B (www.mundo-b.org), in downtown Brussels, but had been looking into permanent office space for the Project Officer, as our registered address, and for some storage. There had been the possibility of sharing an office with the Europarc

Federation, but they have since decided to vacate the building and another organisation has now occupied that office. There may still be the opportunity to share the office and we continue to pursue various options within the Mundo-B building.



Working Groups

The new Working Groups are continuing to draw attention from interested members. Please visit the website (www.efaep.org/documents/topic/91) to see if there is a group that members within your association would be interested in joining.



Green Week 2010

EFAEP was fortunate enough to have a stand at this year's Green Week conference and exhibition in Brussels during the first week of June. This year's theme was on biodiversity and the Mike Barker and the EFAEP Biodiversity Working Group put together the EFAEP poster for the stand. EFAEP

representatives on the stand met a number of useful contacts during the week, many of whom are of wider interest than just biodiversity, and these are being followed up. Furthermore, Green Week was a great opportunity for EFAEP to get exposure to the EU/EC and other relevant Brussels organisations and individuals.



EC Review of the EIA Directive

The European Commission is currently running a public consultation on the Review of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, as amended). If your association is involved with EIAs we would recommend that you respond,

or if you are interested in a joint response from EFAEP please get in touch with the Co-ordinator (co-ordinator@efaep.org).

The consultation closes on 24 September 2010.

For the full details please visit <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/eia.htm>.



Ravenna2010

Ravenna2010 represents the third edition of an environmental event taking place in Ravenna's historic pedestrian centre, in 12 fully equipped meeting halls in Piazza del Popolo and along the main streets of the Old Town Centre; an event in which participants can 'walk about', without the need to use any other means of transport, and which is dedicated to technical and economic issues, but also includes cultural events such as cinema, music, and art.

It is an environment festival, three days of information and training meetings dedicated to technical-economic issues in the fields of waste, water and energy management.

Ravenna2010 will take place from 29 September to 1 October 2010, and has been endorsed by EFAEP.

For more information please visit www.ravenna2010.it.



7th International Phytoconference

Phytotechnologies in the 21st century: challenges after Copenhagen 2009 – Remediation–Energy–Health–Sustainability

The Department of Environmental Sciences of the University of Parma (Italy) has organised this conference from 26 to 29 September 2010.

This will be the seventh conference of the International Phytotechnology

Society (IPS), the only Society which attracts at a global level all those who are interested in the application of plants to the solution of environmental problems, the so-called "green biotechnologies". More details can be found on the website www.phytosociety.org.

The Conference is endorsed by EFAEP, and EFAEP members benefit from a 10% discount on the subscription fee.



Survey on How Environmental Assessments Address Ecosystem Services

With ecosystem services shaping the ongoing UK National Ecosystem Assessment and international safeguards, we can expect ecosystem services to increasingly permeate the world of environmental assessments. The World Resources Institute (www.wri.org) is working on ensuring that the tools and information needed to address ecosystem services in Environmental Assessment are available. WRI needs to understand where you stand regarding ecosystem services, the

ways you address them in your work, when and why you don't address them, and what you think needs to be done to have them addressed. The survey (www.surveymonkey.com/s/Ecosystem-Services-in-Environmental-Assessments) will take about 10-15 minutes. We appreciate you sharing your experience, knowledge, and ideas by 8 October 2010.

For more information please contact Florence.Landsberg@wri.org.



Member in Focus - APEA

APEA – Portuguese Association of Environmental Engineering

The APEA - Portuguese Association of Environmental Engineering - is a private non-profit association, which aims to contribute to the advancement of Environmental Engineering. APEA currently has over 2,100 members.

The APEA (www.apea.pt) has the following objectives:

- Promoting cooperation and solidarity among its members, defending the interests of Environmental Engineers, particularly in the professional, social and cultural level;
- Promote the recognition and dissemination of Environmental Engineering in their technical and scientific characteristics and promote, at national level, progress in knowledge and development of Environmental Engineering as well as their education;
- Contribute to the structuring of the career of the Environmental Engineer;
- Develop exchanges with sister associations, national and foreign, and may for that purpose to join unions and international federations.

Included in the recent projects of APEA is a Publication "Energy and Climate Change". The contents of the publication are designed to provide the readers concise information, practical and current issues on the Energy and Climate Change. Through this publication will be possible to make young people aware of the need to protect the environment, thus contributing to promote a better quality of life. The publication is organized by theoretical explanations and tips on best practices that we use in our day-to-day life. This publication was funded by the European Commission, including the communication plan for 2008 on the European Union managed by the CIEJD - European Center for Information Jacques Delors.

Including the communication plan for 2009 on the European Union managed by the CIEJD, APEA organized the project "Events for the General Public on Energy and Climate Change".

Within this project the APEA conducted a set of 6 activities aimed at the general public with a view to raising awareness of the relevance of the theme of Energy and Climate Change, informing them and mobilizing them to the commitments that the EU took on Energy and Environmental Policy, which are the key challenges for Member States to the EU and the world.

The events for the general public on energy and climate change consisted of the following activities:

- Training on Entrepreneurship in Energy and Climate Change in various Portuguese universities, includes interviews with entrepreneurs
- Cycle of Conversations "From Kyoto to Copenhagen", 10 conversations with experts on Energy and Climate Change in various FNAC stores
- Radio show named "ECOnsigo" (it is up to you) with approximately 1 minute tips on good practice to use on day to day, this radio show reach more than one million listeners every day since January 11, 2010
- Olympics Energy and Climate Change, with high school students
- Roadshow on Energy and Climate Change in shopping centres all over the country
- Climate Network Award, a competition that aims to distinguish the best national projects in the area of energy and climate change, particularly those who have made a concrete contribution in reducing the emission of greenhouse gases and practical implementation of EU policy on energy and climate change.

APEA organizes two major biannual conferences the CNEA - National Congress of Environmental Engineering, on its 10th edition and Climate - National Conference on Climate Change on its 2nd edition. For the first time in 2009 organized the Lusophone Congress of Environmental Engineering. In addition to these major conferences APEA organizes a series of technical workshops on different topics.

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

Upcoming Events

Date	Event title	Location	Weblink
26 - 29 September 2010	7th International Phytoconference	Parma, Italy	www.phytosociety.org
29 September - 1 October 2010	Ravenna2010	Ravenna, Italy	www.ravenna2010.it
25 - 26 October 2010	EFAEP Autumn 2010 General Assembly	Brussels, Belgium	www.efaep.org
2 - 4 November 2010	IEEM Autumn 2010 Conference - Biodiversity Beyond 2010: Missed Targets, New Opportunities	Dublin, Ireland	www.ieem.net
30 November - 3 December 2010	Pollutec - The International Trade Fair for Environmental Equipment and Technologies	Lyon, France	www.pollutec.com
23 March 2011	IEEM Spring 2011 Conference - Invasive Species: New Natives in a Changing Climate?	London, UK	www.ieem.net
7 - 8 April 2011	EFAEP Spring 2011 General Assembly	Frankfurt, Germany	www.efaep.org



Current members:

AFITE, France
 AIAT, Italy
 AIN, Italy
 AISA, Italy
 APEA, Portugal
 ASEP, 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.