

The ENEP Bulletin

News from the European Network of Environmental Professionals



Our Federation Shifts into Higher Gear

Attendance was less than perfect at our latest General Assembly, on 26 October at our headquarters in Brussels. We dearly missed a number of our colleagues large (e.g. VDI, CIWEM and IEMA) and smaller (e.g. FAEF, Ategrus and APEA), but nonetheless we've made important steps in a good atmosphere. Here is a brief overview of what the members present from Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Switzerland and the UK discussed and decided.

Firstly, at this meeting not only our superb Co-ordinator **Jason Reeves** attended – as always – but for the first time our new Project Officer **Simon Pascoe** was with us too. He started adding value immediately by inviting a key EU official (DG Environment Unit Head Paulus Brouwer) over for an informative luncheon address.

Regarding the **ENEP database**, which is continuously growing in membership but still underexploited, we decided to further experiment with connections through LinkedIn, and to increase its

attractiveness by making relevant news available first via this medium (job offers, EU News Flashes, etc.). And yes, the **EU News Flash** has been relaunched – the first issue was produced by Simon just before the meeting, and so this useful service to our members is available again! We will also reinstate an **EU Legislation Update** service soon – this too is a service highly appreciated by many professionals.

We also decided to make the **name change from EFAEP to ENEP** effective from 26 October 2010, following up on the decision made during the previous General Assembly in Porto. We will change letterheads, website, banners, brochures, etc. within the next few weeks. Although our legal name will remain 'EFAEP' (to avoid having to change our Statutes), we will only speak of ENEP from now on. And from now on too, we will call the members database that carried the name 'ENEP database' our 'ENEP platform'.

Our Treasurer **Jim Thompson** reported that ENEP is financially in good shape,



with a substantial surplus expected over 2010. The **budget for next year** was fixed with increased funding for Working Group activities, and with higher personnel expenses - due to Simon's arrival.

Jim Thompson was to step down as Treasurer at this Assembly, but IEEM has agreed to endorse him as Treasurer until the next General Assembly: no candidates were brought forward by any member for the **Treasurer election** that was supposed to take place in Brussels. So there was no election, and we call upon you to look once again into whether you could make available a talented member in your association who could be a candidate for the post of Treasurer at the next General Assembly (next Spring in Frankfurt). Preferably someone not from Holland, Italy, France or Belgium (we already have one of each in the Executive Committee), preferably female (we have none!), but first of all: talented and dedicated – see the 'job description' on the web site.

The minutes and appendices from the General Assembly will be available shortly from www.efaep.org/documents/topic/97/.

More good things happened – the day before the General Assembly we had a presentation from the **Humboldt Project** and then a very useful and intensive session going through the four **Working Groups** that are now active or starting their activities. More on that later in this Bulletin. No need to explain that those absent missed a very pleasant evening in Brussels. But they can make good: we decided that from now on every second General Assembly will take place at our Headquarters, the Mundo-B office building in Brussels' government centre.

Finally, we will step up e-mail communication with all members between General Assemblies: there is a lot brewing, and we need all of you to participate in the activities of what is also YOUR ENEP!

Jan Karel Mak, President



Humboldt Project Presentation

The first side event hosted with the Brussels General Assembly was a presentation from Laura Berardi from the Sapienza University of Rome on the Humboldt Project.

The Humboldt Project 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. The main goal of the Humboldt project is to enable organisations to document, publish and harmonise their spatial information.

The presentation from the day can be found at www.efaep.org/documents/topic/97/.

For further information about the Humboldt Project please visit www.esdi-humboldt.eu.



Working Group Presentations

The second side event associated with the recent General Assembly was a set of presentations from active Working Groups.

Four Working Groups presented their work so far: Biodiversity; Climate Proof Cities; Innovation and Environment; and Environmental Management Systems.

The **Biodiversity Working Group** is chaired by Mike Barker (IEEM, UK) and is currently working on green infrastructure policies. As a result of this work the group has been invited to a Commission invite-only expert meeting on green infrastructure in November.

The **Climate Proof Cities Working Group** was presented by Leendert van Bree (VVM, NL). The group intends to offer a network/platform to environmental professionals and climate change and city spatial professionals to: join forces to learn about urban climate change risks, adaptation options, and practical implementation of adaptation strategies; and share ideas that contribute to climate proof cities, research agendas, and adaptation strategies and policies.

The **Innovation and Environment Working Group** is chaired by Yoram Krozer (VVM, NL). The aims of the group are to look into learning, incubating, entrepreneurship, financing, and policy-making in emerging issues, e.g. innovations in biodiversity (ecosystem services); social capital for environment (social experiments); blending culture with nature (design for sustainability); localized development

(distributed economy); and living in densely populated areas (urban resilience).

The **Environmental Management Systems Working Group** is chaired by Matthias Friebel (VNU, D) but was presented by Hans-Jürgen Wicht (VNU, D). Hans-Jürgen presented an overview of the work of the group, which included the European EMS Forum and participation in the ISO (International Standardisation Organisation) Technical Committee 207, Subcommittee 1 (ISO TC207/SC1) responsible for the revision of ISO 14001 and related environmental standards and guidelines, such as ISO 14005.

All of the Working Groups are currently looking for new members. For more information please contact coordinator@efaep.org.

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Member in Focus - SocEnv

The Society for the Environment

The Society for the Environment is a leading independent, non-political umbrella organisation for environmental and sustainability professionals. Our purpose is to support and champion the role of environmental professionals everywhere in the pursuit of a sustainable future.

The Society was granted a Royal Charter in May 2004.

The overall objective of the Society as stated in its Royal Charter is:

“...to promote the advancement of, the dissemination of, knowledge of, and education in good environmental practice for the public benefit.”

The 24 institutions and learned societies which form our membership represent

over four hundred thousand practitioners, working across a broad spectrum of disciplines and sectors.

Since achieving our Royal Charter, we have overseen the establishment of the Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) qualification – the highest level of professional qualification available to environmental practitioners. At the moment there are nearly 6000 Chartered Environmentalists. 22 of our member bodies are licensed to award the CEnv qualification.

The Society for the Environment also provides an independent forum for debate on matters such as environmental guardianship in issues of broad interest to our members and on sustainability.

www.socenv.org.uk

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

Upcoming Events

Date	Event title	Location	More information
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
13 December 2010	IES Burntwood Lecture (Jonathan Porritt)	London, UK	www.ies-uk.org.uk
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
10 - 11 August 2011	Solaris 2011	Brno, Czech Republic	mohelnikova.j@fce.vutbr.cz



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 VVM, the Netherlands

About ENEP

ENEP is the European Network 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 ENEP, please consult the website: www.efaep.org.

The European Network of Environmental Professionals (ENEP) is the trading name of the European Federation of Associations of Environmental Professionals (EFAEP).

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