

The ENEP Bulletin

News from the European Network of Environmental Professionals



From the President

This Bulletin provides you with an extensive account of the latest General Assembly. It was a meeting during which the Executive Committee brought forward the need to broaden our financial basis. The time of ENEP's volunteers and our two paid staff members (one day a week each!) is stretched, and if we want to achieve more of our goals and ambitions, more resources are indispensable.

Meanwhile, the potential value of what ENEP does was aptly demonstrated during Green Week, the annual gathering of environmental policy-makers and lobbyists in Brussels. Many of those who came by our stand were pleasantly surprised by the existence and (unpartisan) background of our network and surprised by our enormous size. Now we must find the means to make this network more active – either by boosting our EU policy influencing activities, by increasing 'internal services' to our members, or both!

One new initiative is an investigation into the potential merits of developing a 'European Environmental Professional' accreditation scheme. While in some countries enthusiasm for such a system may be lukewarm, in many others it is seen as a major instrument in establishing a credible professional standard, in supporting the environmental professions, in helping international job exchanges and other benefits. This topic will be on the agenda at the next General Assembly which will be – those whom it will concern please note! – on 6 and 7 October in the Netherlands.

With that I leave you to a wonderful summer vacation – see you this Autumn!

Jan Karel Mak, President



Frankfurt General Assembly

The last ENEP General Assembly took place in Frankfurt am Main, Germany on 7-8 April 2011. The two-days were superbly organised and hosted by one of our German members, the VNU. Both days' events took place in the London Room of the Frankfurt Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The first day was the side event, the 'Environmental Manager Day: Sustainable Products'. This was a conference for managers responsible for environmental and sustainability aspects such as sustainable products, supply chain, product carbon footprint and other related topics and was well-attended. After an introduction of different methods and possibilities to design and measure sustainability in products (PwC), representatives from BASF (chemicals), KYOCERA (printing) and Kärcher (cleaning equipment) presented the implementation of their organisations' strategies towards sustainability. At the end there was an interesting and engaging panel discussion with all of the speakers.

On the second day, before the General

Assembly itself, there was an opportunity to visit the Frankfurt Stock Exchange for the opening bell. This was an interesting and insightful start to the day.

The General Assembly was chaired by our President, Jan Karel Mak (VVM, Netherlands), and a number of important issues were discussed and agreed upon during the meeting.

We welcomed OVED, the Belgian Association of Energy Experts, as an observer, and who will hopefully be ratified as a new member in October.

There was a review of the work that ENEP, including that of the Project Officer and Co-ordinator, has been doing, which highlighted the many positive steps that ENEP is taking forward. However, the major discussion of the meeting was on how to take ENEP to the next level and continue our good progress.

There were some differences of opinion relating to what ENEP should be focussing on. Some felt that services and networking should be the priority, whilst others felt that influencing the

environmental agenda in Brussels should be the priority.

The initial discussion concluded that we have achieved a lot but that we now need more resources to progress further and so need more paid professional staff. We can either stay as we are or we need to find more money to take the next step forward. Various ways of getting more money were discussed, including raising the membership fee but this could be difficult for some member associations.

The suggestion of ENEP offering an environmental professional accreditation/qualification was put forward as a way to raise standards, and as a useful benefit also raise funds. There is an existing model in the Society for the Environment's Chartered Environmentalist that ENEP could use as a template. The majority of members were in agreement that this could be useful in their country, provided that it is highly regarded and widely recognised. The accreditation/qualification would however need to be centrally co-ordinated somehow.

An Accreditation Task Force was created. This will be chaired by Tinus Pulles (VVM, Netherlands). The other members of the group are Jim Thompson (SocEnv, UK), Matthias Friebel (VNU, Germany), Simon Pascoe (ENEP, Belgium) and potentially someone from AISA or AIN. It was agreed that the Accreditation Task Force will have a full proposal ready for the next General Assembly.

It was agreed that a future funding paper, which will clearly set out our possible options will be put forward at the next General Assembly and then a decision can be made on the way forward. This paper will be drafted in advance of the next General Assembly so as to give each member association time to discuss the options internally before the General Assembly. The Treasurer, Jim Thompson, is to prepare this paper. The paper will include various options, which may include, for example, raising the membership fee or changing the membership fee to a percentage of the membership fee of each association.

Regarding finding outside funding, it was discussed and agreed that Jim would include €5,000 in the budget to hire someone to look specifically into researching and applying for funding. The Executive Committee is yet to decide on the details of how to implement this.

At the meeting there were also useful updates on the progress of some the Working Groups, notably Biodiversity, Climate Proof Cities, Innovation and Environment, Environmental

Management Systems, and Sustainable Development.

Mario Grosso (AIAT, Italy) gave a presentation on the ENEP Platform, which appears in good shape with an increasing rate of new subscribers. The presentation included a proposal for a further technical development of the Platform, for a preliminary cost estimate of €10,000-12,000. On the proposal of further developments, the following roadmap was agreed:

- Collection of comments from Association members and local Secretariats (by the end of July 2011).
- Evaluation of funding opportunities.
- Final decision at the Autumn 2011 General Assembly, with budget allocation for 2012.
- Development during 2012.

It was also noted that we need a better understanding of the funding options, costs and potential income from the ENEP Platform.

Jim Thompson (SocEnv, UK) was approved to stay on as the ENEP Treasurer.

Lastly, the proposed future General Assembly dates and locations were discussed and agreed as follows:

- Autumn 2011 – Den Bosch, Netherlands (6-7 October 2011)
- Spring 2012 – Switzerland (location and date TBC)
- Autumn 2012 – Helsinki, Finland (date TBC)
- Spring 2013 – Brussels, Belgium (date TBC)

The minutes from the General Assembly are available at <http://www.efaep.org/documents/topic/106/>.





ENEP Membership Survey

We have recently concluded a survey of the membership. The results from this are currently being analysed and will be presented at the next General Assembly, which will be in the Netherlands in October 2011.



Green Week 2011

Simon Pascoe (ENEP Project Officer), Jason Reeves (ENEP Co-ordinator), Jim Thompson (SocEnv, UK and ENEP Treasurer), Mike Barker (IEEM, UK and ENEP Biodiversity Working Group Chair), Kristof De Smet (VMD, Belgium and ENEP Vice-President) and Adam Donnan (IES, UK) attended various days of Green Week 2011 to man the stand. The European Commissioner for the Environment, Janez Potocnik, visited the exhibition stands on 26 May and normally spends about 30 seconds at each

stand. He stayed at the ENEP stand for nearly three minutes discussing Green Infrastructure, the cross recognition of environmental qualifications and how ENEP

could interface with the Commission in other areas. This was a great coup for us and reflects the Commissions continuing benevolent interest in ENEP.



ENEP Platform Banners

Adam Donnan (IES, UK) has recently completed work on some advertising banners for the ENEP Platform. These can be downloaded from the ENEP website at

www.efaep.org. Please feel free to use these either on your website or in your printed material.



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SIDISA 2012: International Symposium on Sanitary and Environmental Engineering – Ninth Edition

26-29 June 2012, Milan, Italy

SIDISA is the four-yearly conference of ANDIS (Italian Association on Sanitary and Environmental Engineering), and is being organized in 2012 in collaboration with the Department of Hydraulic, Environmental, Road Infrastructure and Survey Engineering (DIIAR) of the Technical University of Milan (Politecnico di Milano). It is an important international and national meeting which involves also ABES (Associação Brasileira de Engenharia Sanitária e Ambiental) and AIDIS (Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering). Furthermore, the symposium hosts the SIBESA (Italo-Brasilian symposium of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering), now in its eleventh edition. As SIDISA endeavours to attract a wide range of participants (universities, research institutes, public administration, companies, and professionals), the Congress is an important opportunity to outline the state-of-the-art and current national and international trends on the themes of environmental protection, management, and monitoring. Proposed themes will be organized in parallel sessions; a first draft is given here below, but it may be modified later:

WATER

- Innovative processes and technologies for water and wastewater treatment
- Priority and emerging pollutants
- Sludge management and disposal
- Treatment and use of non-conventional water resources
- Water and wastewater quality management and modelling

WASTE

- Municipal and industrial waste management, treatment, and disposal
- Reduction, Recycling, Recovery and Reuse

- Integration between material and energy recovery from waste
- LCA as a tool for optimising integrated waste management

AIR POLLUTION

- Climate change and related issues
- Air quality modelling, assessment and management
- Ambient and source characterization techniques
- Emissions reduction and control technologies
- Air pollution and health effects

CONTAMINATED SITES

- Monitoring and risk assessment
- Soil and groundwater remediation technologies
- Sediment management and treatments

SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES

- Economics (financing and cost recovery, pricing and tariffs, benchmarking, etc.)
- Waste, sludge, and wastewater as renewable energy sources
- LCA of processes and products
- Environmental Management Systems (EMAS, ISO 14001)
- Wastewater and waste management in low-income countries
- Green remediation

In this forthcoming edition, international sessions will be organised in some of the themes listed above.

For this and further information, please visit the website www.sidisa2012.it, which will be kept updated with all the news on the Symposium.



Sustainable Consumption – Towards Action and Impact, 6-8 November 2011, Hamburg – European Green Capital 2011, Germany

In modern societies, private consumption is a multifaceted and ambivalent phenomenon: it is a ubiquitous social practice and an economic driving force, yet at the same time, its consequences are in conflict with important social and environmental sustainability goals. Finding paths towards "sustainable consumption" has therefore become a major political issue. However, despite considerable knowledge about the unsustainability of current consumption patterns and numerous initiatives in the field of consumer information, a general trend towards sustainable consumption has yet to develop.

The scholars of the inter- and trans-disciplinary research programme "From Knowledge to Action – New Paths towards Sustainable Consumption", funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) since 2008 as part of its "Social-Ecological Research" initiative (SÖF), invite the international and interdisciplinary scientific community to present and discuss new research findings on sustainable consumption.

The focus of the conference is on consumer behaviour, its social and cultural embeddedness, and its interdependencies with institutional, economic, physical and political frameworks. Researchers from different disciplines (e.g. Sociology, Psychology, Economics, Political Science, Business Administration, Environmental Sciences, Ethics), studying different fields of consumption (e.g. residence, mobility, nutrition, clothing, leisure) are addressed. The conference aims at promoting a comprehensive academic discourse on issues concerning sustainable consumption.

TOPICS

- Determinants of consumer behaviour
- Steering consumer behaviour

- Effects and evaluation of consumption patterns
- Theoretical and methodological issues of research on sustainable consumption
- Conceptual and normative issues related to sustainable consumption
- Gender issues in connection with sustainable consumption

LANGUAGE

The conference language is English as the modern lingua franca. However, in order to value German as an academic language, papers in German will also be allowed, if their scholarly argument and approach requires them to be in German. Appropriate measures will be taken to make these contributions accessible to the international audience.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Sunday, 6 November 2011 - Pre-Conference for young researchers; 5p.m. official opening of the conference and keynote lecture; welcoming reception

Monday, 7 November and Tuesday, 8 November 2011 - Plenary keynote lectures, parallel sessions, social programme; conference dinner on Monday

IMPORTANT DATES

August 10th, 2011 Deadline for early registration

CONFERENCE WEBSITE

<http://www.sustainableconsumption2011.org>



“Effective Urban Waste Water Treatment - a key prerequisite for successful implementation of the Water Framework Directive”, Brussels, 25 Oct 2011

Organised by: European Water Association, in cooperation with: the European Commission

Venue: Representation the State of Baden-Württemberg, Rue Belliard, 60 - 62, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

Directive 91/271/EEC concerning urban waste water treatment has driven major investments on the collection and treatment of waste water in all settlement areas (the so-called agglomerations) of more than 2000 inhabitants. As such, the Directive is a key element to achieve the goals of the water Framework Directive and is to be included in the programme of measures as basic component. Clear deadlines have been set, however, transition periods have been granted to the 12 Member States which have joined the EU since 2004 so that deadlines for them are staggered up to 2015 (in one case until 2018).

The Annual EWA Brussels Conference, in

cooperation with the European Commission DG Environment, is a unique opportunity to take stock on the implementation of Directive 91/271/EEC and its contribution in achieving the goals of the Water Framework Directive.

The event brings together more than one hundred high level water professionals, experts and decision-makers. As such, the EWA conference aims to present stakeholders' views and to stream implementation feedback from those working in the field. With the organisation of this conference, EWA intends to provide a valuable contribution to the ongoing debates on the EU Water Policy Fitness Check and 2012 blueprint.

An updated program and further information about the conference can be found on the conference website at http://www.ewa-online.eu/portale/ewa/ewa.nsf/home?readform&objecid=CC26C86877CBC646C125786B00244890&editor=no&&submenu=_1_4_8&&treeid=_1_4_8&



Member in Focus - AFITE

AFITE

AFITE is a French non-profit institution of individual members (mostly doctor engineers, engineers, technicians, consultants, administrative leaders, institutional organisations, municipal experts). It was created in 1979, counting about 1000 members. These members have a job connected to industrial or municipal environment and/or pollution abatement technologies (AIR, water, waste, noise, industrial risks, etc.)

AFITE brings together specialists, professionals and technicians to discuss major questions concerning environmental protection, inform members about their proposals and questions.

Members are coming from: equipment manufacturers for pollution abatement, energy, industries, monitoring bodies, transport, design and consulting offices, technical governmental

agencies, banks and insurance companies, specialised legal offices, training centres, regional authorities.

AFITE offers its members a professional directory, an internet discussion forum, an electronic bulletin (6-8 issues/year), technical visits, symposiums and conferences.

AFITE has created technical commissions on regulation, communication, waste, water, air, polluted soils, risks, health, energy, mediation.

And AFITE was one of the 3 founders of EFAEP (now known as ENEP) with VDI-Kut and VVM.

The President of AFITE is Alain Rousse, director of a subsidiary of Veolia, and Bruno Weinzaepfel is Vice-President of AFITE and of ENEP.

www.afite.org

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

Upcoming Events

Date	Event title	Location	More information
10 - 11 August 2011	Solaris 2011	Brno, Czech Republic	mohelnikova.j@fce.vutbr.cz
6-7 October 2011	ENEP General Assembly	Den Bosch, Netherlands	www.efaep.org
2-3 November 2011	IEEM Annual Conference: Rebuilding Biodiversity	Liverpool, UK	www.ieem.net
25 October 2011	7th EWA Brussels Conference: "Effective Urban Waste Water Treatment - a key prerequisite for successful implementation of the Water Framework Directive"	Brussels, Belgium	www.ewa-online.eu
6-8 November 2011	Sustainable Consumption – Towards Action and Impact	Hamburg, Germany	www.sustainableconsumption2011.org
8 May 2012	ENEP EMS Forum	Brussels, Belgium	TBC
26-29 June 2012	SIDISA 2012: International Symposium on Sanitary and Environmental Engineering – Ninth Edition	Milan, Italy	www.sidisa2012.it



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.environmentalprofessionals.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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