

# ENEP BULLETIN

European Network of Environmental Professionals



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

Our Federation is gradually increasing its name recognition in Brussels. With increasing frequency, our Project Officer and members of our Executive Committee meet with EC officials and Members of Parliament and their assistants to discuss the role of environmental professionals. Sometimes the discussion focuses on sound environmental implementation 'on the ground', i.e. where it really matters; recently we discussed how independent professionals with all sorts of specialisms and language backgrounds could assist when an acute environmental problem somewhere in Europe requires a quick expert opinion; and always the potential of cross-border knowledge exchange our Federation offers is welcomed, as are ENEP's member services aimed at disseminating relevant information about European legislation and policies.

In light of this it has been a little disappointing that our application to the European Commission for an 'NGO Operating Grant' for funding in 2012 has

not been successful. We have made a substantial effort to prepare this grant and some frustration is therefore understandable. On the other hand, experienced 'EC watchers' indicated that it is quite common for such a grant application not to be successful the first time round, and we will therefore surely make another effort for next year. This is not only expected to have much higher chances of success, it is also necessary as our Federation needs extra funds to strengthen and extend the services our members expect. There is also a positive side-effect of our grant preparation efforts: today, the ENEP name and organisation enjoy a much wider recognition in 'Brussels' than a couple of months ago.

Meanwhile, we update our operational plan for the near future and will discuss priorities during our next General Assembly (26-27 April in Basel, hosted by our Swiss member ASEP). We look forward to meeting all members there!

*Jan Karel Mak, President*

## SECRETARIATS MEETING

Dear ENEP members

Your General Secretary is writing to inform you of the outcomes of a very important ENEP meeting that took place in Brussels in February 2012: the Secretariats Meeting.

Representatives of the ENEP associations (11) came together with the desire of improving the cooperation among associations. Some of the topics analyzed and discussed were: i) 2012 is ENEP's 10th

anniversary, which represents an important mark in our history. A great deal has been achieved so far but even more will be done if we work together (see the message from our President on the subject at: <http://www.efaep.org/news/article/80/>); ii) the description of the submitted application for extra funding (EU LIFE programme), intended to increase the activities for our members; iii) new contacts made by ENEP with important

associations such as European Water Association (EWA) and the European Federation for Clean Air (EFCA); (iv) the discussion on an ENEP Code of Ethics, which we are aware is of great interest for the EU; and (v) how to improve the communication among members, associations and the external world.

In order to improve our communication I strongly believe that the ENEP Platform, which was a focal part of the discussion on the Secretariats Meeting, is the best tool that the Environmental Professionals have. Its strength lies in the fact that it is a powerful search engine, where CVs of members can be found and expertise and skills can be shared. This tool makes us different from any other social network and belongs only to ENEP, so that we are aware of the background of anyone on it. My hope is that that more and more

members will register on the Platform in order to create a communicating channel that has no comparison.

Concluding, ENEP has achieved a great deal in this past 10 years and all of us from the ExCo hope to be able to strengthen the ties among members and associations. Our aim is to promote communication and reach out to you in the best way possible (e.g. most up-to-date EU legislation).

To do this in an efficient way we need your help. So please, get in contact with me

([elisa.vignaga@environmentalprofessionals.org](mailto:elisa.vignaga@environmentalprofessionals.org)) or by joining the Platform ([www.environmentalprofessionals.eu](http://www.environmentalprofessionals.eu)). I look forward to hearing from you and do not hesitate to contact me for anything.

*Elisa Vignaga, ENEP Secretary*

## FINLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Preparations are underway for the Autumn General Assembly, which will take place on 6-7 September 2012 in Helsinki, Finland.

A welcome reception and guided visit to the energy-efficient, brand-new Viiki Environmental House of the City of Helsinki will be organised on Thursday 6 September 2012. On Friday the General Assembly will meet in the same place.

Our hosts for the General Assembly will be our Finnish member, FAEP, who have kindly offered to organise an easy walk in the nearby Sipoonkorpi National Park or elsewhere if there is interest. If you are interested, please contact the ENEP co-ordinator

([coordinator@environmentalprofessionals.org](mailto:coordinator@environmentalprofessionals.org)).

## EMS FORUM 2012

The ENEP Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Working Group, along with the German member VNU, have again organised the EMS Forum, now in its fifth year.

The event will be held on 8 May 2012 in Brussels.

For more information please see <http://www.efaep.org/news/article/79/>.

## PRESTIGIOUS MEDAL AWARDED TO THE ENEP SECRETARY

The British Geomorphological Society's Dick Chorley Medal for Postgraduate Research is to be awarded to Elisa Vignaga (Heriot-Watt University). Elisa is

also the ENEP Secretary and a member of the Italian association, AIAT.

The 2012 award to Ms Elisa Vignaga was made for the paper: Haynes, H., Vignaga,

E and Holmes, W.M. 2009. Using magnetic resonance imaging for experimental analysis of fine-sediment infiltration into gravel beds. *Sedimentology*, doi: 10.1111/j.1365-3091.2009.01064.x.

Ms Vignaga will be presented with her award at the British Geomorphology Society Annual Conference at Nottingham (25-27th June 2012).

## POSITIVE BIODIVERSITY

A new web platform (published only in French unfortunately) promoting the concept of "positive biodiversity" has been started. The platform offers free advice on how to enhance biodiversity

through the activities of the building industry for all stakeholders and contractors involved. See more at <http://www.biodiversite-positive.fr>.

## ITM 2012

The 32nd International Technical Meeting on Air Pollution Modelling and its Application will be organised from 7-12 May 2012 in Utrecht the Netherlands.

In 1969 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) established the Committee on Challenges of Modern Society (CCMS). From the outset, the subject of air pollution was one of the priority problems of concern to the CCMS. They initially organized a number of pilot studies, which evolved into a series of regularly-offered conferences, named NATO/CCMS International Technical

Meeting (ITM) on Air Pollution Modelling and its Application. The organization and support of these meetings has become one of the main activities of the newly constituted NATO Committee on Science for Peace and Security (SPS). The present 31st ITM continues the series, and is a confirmation of the interest and high level of confidence of the scientific community and various supporting agencies in the ITM series of conferences.

For more information please see <http://www.int-tech-mtng.org/>.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Weblink
26-27 April 2012	ENEP Spring 2012 General Assembly	Basel, Switzerland	<a href="http://www.efaep.org/documents/topic/125/">www.efaep.org/documents/topic/125/</a>
8 May 2012	ENEP EMS Forum	Brussels, Belgium	<a href="http://www.efaep.org/news/article/79">www.efaep.org/news/article/79</a>
7-12 May 2012	32nd International Technical Meeting on Air Pollution Modelling and its Application	Utrecht, Netherlands	<a href="http://www.int-tech-mtng.org/">http://www.int-tech-mtng.org/</a>

13 June 2012	IEEM Summer 2012 Conference – Enhancing Biodiversity Through Soil Management	London, UK	<a href="http://www.ieem.net/conferences.asp">www.ieem.net/conferences.asp</a>
26-29 June 2012	SIDISA 2012: International Symposium on Sanitary and Environmental Engineering	Milan, Italy	<a href="http://www.sidisa2012.it">www.sidisa2012.it</a>
6-7 September 2012	ENEP Autumn 2012 General Assembly	Helsinki, Finland	TBA
12-14 September 2012	17th International Congress for Battery Recycling	Amsterdam, Netherlands	<a href="http://www.icm.ch">www.icm.ch</a>
7-8 November 2012	IEEM Autumn 2012 Conference – Renewable Energy and Biodiversity	Cardiff, Wales	<a href="http://www.ieem.net/conferences.asp">www.ieem.net/conferences.asp</a>

#### MEMBER IN FOCUS – OVED



OVED is a professional association that represents the Belgian energy experts. It is an organisation that defends the rights and duties of its' energy experts. The main aim of this organisation is the overall strengthening of the social position of the energy experts in general. They do this in 3 different ways; information through communication coordination, advocacy and the provision of quality training and education.

The higher attention for the environment of the last few years has made sure that energy experts are becoming larger in numbers. This is the reason why OVED was established, to represent those energy experts. Our members must sign a code of ethics and act independently of energy suppliers and product vendors. Our members are active consultants in three areas: efficient use of energy for industry, renewable energy and low-energy building.

#### 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](http://www.environmentalprofessionals.org)

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

---

#### ENEP MEMBERS

---

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

---

#### CONTACT US

---

ENEP, Mundo-B, Rue d'Edimbourg 26 Edimburgstraat, Brussels 1050, Belgium

[coordinator@environmentalprofessionals.org](mailto:coordinator@environmentalprofessionals.org)

[www.environmentalprofessionals.org](http://www.environmentalprofessionals.org)