

ENEP BULLETIN

European Network of Environmental Professionals



FROM THE PRESIDENT – IMPORTANT TIMES FOR THE NETWORK

Dear Colleagues,

At the end of the latest General Assembly, last September, I shared with the delegates the following view on where our Federation stands.

Looking back upon some 10 years of development of ENEP, we can be proud of what has been achieved: we have together built a large Federation of over 40,000 environmental professionals represented by member associations in no less than 11 countries. We have a clear purpose and goals, and a small headquarters in Brussels with two highly dedicated part-time professionals supporting our work. We have developed contacts with EC officials and MEPs, as well as with some NGOs with whom we can co-operate in specific areas. The theme conferences we organise as side events to our bi-annual General Assemblies are highly appreciated by participants. And we have a sophisticated internet-based platform for internal communication and information exchange.

Simultaneously, we have arrived at an important stage in our development: we are facing some major hurdles on the road to further successful development, and there are some 'brutal facts' we must face if we want to overcome these.

We struggle with two major impediments – which are interconnected. They are our lack of 'executive power' and our lack of financial means. No matter how enthusiastic and dedicated the members of our Working Groups and the Executive Committee team members are, to support a Federation with the aspirations and size of ENEP simply takes more

professional support than the 0.3 FTE staff we now can muster. Both our Coordinator Jason Reeves and our Project Officer Simon Pascoe are excellent and do much more than they are paid for, but all their combined efforts cannot provide enough professional support to assist, encourage and, where necessary, admonish the volunteer work being done within ENEP. Since our only source of funding is the annual membership fee (which has been €1 per member since ENEP's start), we lack the funds to increase this professional support, to make investments into network building or even to work more intensely with the member associations to familiarise the 40,000 professionals better with ENEP and its potential benefits.

It is in view of these circumstances that we prepare an application for financial support of the EC through the LIFE+ programme, hoping that this second time round we will be successful. We will also consider other options to increase our income stream – options that will be at the table during our next General Assembly. However, as these words are written we first complete the LIFE+ bid – an effort to which Executive Committee members as well as Simon and Jason, with some external counseling, dedicate a great deal of energy.

ENEP is a great concept and an organisation with fantastic potential to serve the goals of environmental professionalism and sound environmental policy in Europe. We put in our best efforts to realise this potential to the fullest!

Jan Karel Mak, President

BRUSSELS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Autumn General Assembly took place on Friday 7th September 2012 in Brussels, Belgium.

The minutes and appendices are available to download from the ENEP website at:

<http://www.efaep.org/documents/topic/132/>

ENEP BIODIVERSITY WORKING GROUP GETS INVOLVED IN AFIE 2013 CONFERENCE

The ENEP Biodiversity Working Group (BioWG) will get involved in next year's AFIE Conference "Biodiversity and Business". The event will take place in October 2013 in Lille, France, and will be an excellent opportunity to exchange experiences about ecological engineering.

The BioWG will participate in a round table to talk about how Green Infrastructure and Ecosystem Services can enhance and contribute to the

implementation of biodiversity targets from a European perspective (Natura 2000, Water Frame Directive, etc.).

We hope that this conference will interest ecologists in France and perhaps from all over Europe, and that new members will join AFIE.

More information will be provided in the coming months, or you can visit AFIE's website www.afie.net.

JOURNAL OF INTEGRATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

The Journal of Integrative Environmental Sciences (JIES) aims to provide a stimulating, informative and critical forum for intellectual debate on significant environmental issues. It brings together perspectives from a wide range of disciplines and methodologies in both the social and natural sciences in the effort to develop integrative knowledge about the processes responsible for environmental change. The Journal is especially concerned with the relationships between science, society and policy and a key aim is to advance understanding of the theory and practice of sustainable development.

The subject matter, authorship and readership are international in scope and cover issues from across a range of scales, from the global to the local. Key themes include: interdisciplinary assessment methodologies; governance and regulation; technology and innovation; science, society and policy; knowledge, perceptions and discourse. The journal

publishes work on a wide range of issues, including:

- energy
- climate change
- pollution, waste
- urban sustainability
- biodiversity conservation
- environment and development
- environmental management systems

Journal of Integrative Environmental Sciences is keen to publish original material including theoretical developments, new empirical data, innovative methods and policy analysis. The Journal publishes original research articles, review articles, essays, research notes and book reviews. The journal also publishes occasional Special Issues covering interdisciplinary research and policy perspectives on specific environmental issues. Published papers

are accessible to a wide audience consisting of natural and social scientists, professionals and policy makers.

All published papers in this journal have undergone rigorous peer review, based on initial editor screening and anonymous refereeing by independent expert referees.

Affiliated societies

Journal of Integrative Environmental Sciences is the official journal of and founded by the Netherlands Association

of Environmental Professionals (VVM). Other Affiliated societies are the European Network of Environmental Professionals (ENEP) and the European Federation of Clean Air and Environmental Protection Associations (EFCA).

Individual members of VVM, ENEP and EFCA are eligible to receive the journal at a preferential subscription rate. Please contact the publisher for further details.

<http://www.tandfonline.com/action/aboutThisJournal?journalCode=nens20>

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST JOURNAL

IES's specialist edition on Land Contamination is now available in open access. Recent changes to UK government guidance are explained in detail and various facets of land contamination risk assessment, including the analysis of

uncertainty, are reviewed. Currently available techniques for remediating sites are highlighted, as are the principles of sustainable remediation.

http://www.ies-uk.org.uk/content/contaminated_issue

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Weblink
15 November 2012	Water Regulation: Understanding the Opportunities of Innovation and Change	London, UK	www.ciwem.org/events/events-calendar.aspx
20 November 2012	Reptiles – Research, Survey and Mitigation: IEEM Regional Conference	Basildon, Essex, UK	http://www.ieem.net/events/297/east-of-england-section-conference-reptiles-research-survey-and-mitigation
29 November 2012	The Role and Future of EIA	London, UK	www.ciwem.org/events/events-calendar.aspx
5 December 2012	DMUG 2012: Much Ado About Modelling	London, UK	http://www.ies-uk.org.uk/events/dmug_2012
13 December 2012	Water and Innovation - Learning from Innovators	London, UK	www.ciwem.org/events/events-calendar.aspx

10-11 April 2013	Water & Environment 2013: CIWEM's Annual Conference	London, UK	www.ciwem.org/events/events-calendar.aspx
11-12 April 2013	ENEP Spring 2013 General Assembly	Brussels, Belgium	TBC
April 2013	Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity: IEEM Spring Conference	TBC	www.ieem.net
17-18 October 2013	ENEP Autumn 2013 General Assembly	Rome, Italy	TBC

MEMBER IN FOCUS - REA

The Romanian Environment Association (REA) was founded in 1998 as a communication platform, providing an interface between environmental professionals in Romania. Our members come from various disciplines, such as education, public administration, research and the private sector. Recently, a youth section has been set up for students and young professionals. The need for sharing information became imperative after Romania joined the European Union and European environmental legislation had to be transposed into national laws while specialists' qualification had to increase.



Thus, our internal discussions and meetings proved to be very useful in this sense. The association offers its members the opportunity to be visible on the growing Romanian environmental market through a public database available to investors and other interested bodies. The database configuration provides essential information on the qualification and experience of the members who can be directly contacted. One of REA's objectives is to facilitate the interconnection between ENEP professionals who can communicate, interact and work together on specific projects in Romania and Europe as well. REA currently has almost 500 members and continues to grow.

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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