

# ENEP BULLETIN

European Network of Environmental Professionals



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

Have you taken a look at our new website yet? If you haven't already, please do and let us know what you think of it. It was high time we had a new one, and we hope it will inspire more and more professionals to become active in our Federation. An important next step will be the modernisation of our internal communications platform which will of course be closely connected to it.

Another recent new communications tool is the organisation of webinars dedicated to specific environmental topics; a few of these have now been staged very successfully under the leadership of our General Secretary Elisa Vignaga.

Meanwhile, we have worked hard throughout the summer preparing a new business plan – with Vice President Kristof De Smet, Treasurer Herman Jan Wijnants and me closely working together, together with the rest of the ExCo team of course. All this could only be done because Jason Reeves and Simon Pascoe were there as gatekeepers taking care of all the regular administrative, secretarial, communications and EC screening work that had to go on simultaneously.

Next week we will meet for a General Assembly that will elect some new ExCo members, including my successor, but some other important decisions will also be taken. We will make choices regarding ENEP's strategy and funding for the coming years, and I truly hope that we will together be capable of reaching a wise solution to the current challenges: a solution that will allow my successors to further develop ENEP with you and that will be – albeit possibly with some

hesitation – acceptable to all. Our discussions about income and expenses may have some similarity with the debates that rage in the EU every now and then; however, we do not have a Commission apparatus that can carry out intensive lobby work to pave the way to an acceptable compromise. We will therefore have to reach that solution during the GA meeting itself. I wish all of us the wisdom, courage and restraint to make the contributions necessary to do so!

It is in a slightly melancholic mood that I write these words – this column is my final one. In 2002, VVM (of which I was the outgoing president to become EFAEP's first Vice President), VDI (at the time represented by Rüdiger Wolfertz, the first Treasurer) and AFITE (whose Dominique Bernard became our first President) founded EFAEP. It was our goal to establish an organisation for exchanging information and knowledge regarding environmental sciences and policy from an integrated perspective, and to make a relevant impact on European environmental policies. Such an organisation did not really exist at the time; efforts to make the European Federation for Clean Air (EFCA) (of which all three were a member) integrate other aspects of the environment did not work out. We thus started something new with great enthusiasm and rapidly found other associations who joined. Since then ENEP, as we now call it, has developed into a truly European federation with members from Romania to the UK. I am very grateful for having had the opportunity to serve ENEP as a Vice President from 2002 to 2005 and as your President since then.

Meeting and working with so many talented professionals, truly dedicated to the environment from whichever angle, and especially the fantastic teamwork in the Executive Committee has over the years been a strong driver to keep dedicating energy to ENEP – next to such things as a rather demanding entrepreneurial career and a family life – and to aim for quality and results. I remember with fondness our team loyalty and many of the moments of – sometimes heroic – effort to get things done with extremely few resources, to reconcile differing viewpoints, to get hold of relevant officials, and to win contests.

I will surely miss being part of ENEP, I will miss hearing about your ideas and plans. I will also miss meeting with you in beautiful venues from Prague to London, Porto to Bergamo, Düsseldorf to Rome. (Fortunately, my firm has become international so the joy of working with people from different cultural backgrounds will not be lost to me.) Thank you for your continued trust over the years and for your great company – see you in Rome!

*Jan Karel Mak,  
Outgoing President*

## ENEP HOSTS CHINESE DELEGATION

ENEP recently received a request from a company called CHESS (Chinese European Strategy Solutions, [www.chess-nv.com](http://www.chess-nv.com)) to help them in defining a suitable EU-program for the 17 Chinese delegates of the QINGHAI HAIXI ECOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DELEGATION who would be visiting Brussels.

ENEP Vice President Kristof De Smet and ENEP Project Officer Simon Pascoe came up with a very interesting and satisfying program for the delegation.

This is a small step forward in opening up the network of ENEP on an international scale and some members of the Chinese delegation represented public companies in the environmental field that are looking for partnerships with representative environmental bodies in Europe.

This is another example of how ENEP can open up its network in order to meet its objectives!

## NCGG7 – SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON NON-CO2 GREENHOUSE GASES

NCGG7 – Seventh International Symposium on Non-CO2 Greenhouse Gases

Innovations for a Sustainable Future

November 5-7, 2014 | Casa 400  
Amsterdam | The Netherlands

First announcement and call for papers!

Submission deadline 1 February 2014

Participants interested in presenting a paper or poster on any of the mentioned themes and topics are invited to e-mail an

abstract in English with a maximum of 250 words to:

Carolien Kroese, Co-ordinator Organizing Committee

Email: [office@ncgg.info](mailto:office@ncgg.info). For more information [www.ncgg.info](http://www.ncgg.info).

There are several possibilities for organizations and companies that want to present themselves during the conference. For more information: [www.ncgg.info](http://www.ncgg.info).

## AFIE CONFERENCE 2013 – BIODIVERSITY AND BUSINESS

As announced last year (see ENEP Bulletin 25), AFIE is organizing a Conference on “Biodiversity & Business” in which the ENEP Biodiversity Working Group (BioWG) will participate to talk about biodiversity and sustainable development of business and regions. European examples regarding Green Infrastructure, Ecosystem Services and the implementation of European biodiversity targets will also be discussed at one of the workshops.

Other topics that will be part of the communications include:

- Integrating biodiversity on the concept of the offer of products and services
- Ecological engineering and planning at the level of industrial states

- Environmental Assessment and recent changes in the Environmental regulations
- Taking into account and integrating the value of ecosystems in the business model
- Ecological engineering at the scale of building and business green spaces
- Green Infrastructure and town planning documents

This event is funded by CCI Région Nord-Pas-de-Calais and the Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales, and will also receive support from ENEP.

The event will take place on the 13th December 2013 at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in Lille. Full details of the venue and overall programme are available at AFIE's website [www.afie.net](http://www.afie.net).

## SAVE THE PLANET – WASTE CHALLENGES IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE

The countries in South-East Europe, no matter whether they are EU members or future ones, are aiming to become a part of the European recycling society. How will the new environmental technology solutions become available there?

The governments across the Region are currently updating their national legislation and the forthcoming EU Programming Period 2014-2020 will activate the local administrations and business to invest in modernizing the old infrastructure. All these actions will contribute for the implementation of EU waste targets: the member countries must recycle 50% of their waste by 2020 and reduce the disposal of biodegradable waste to 25% of total volume.

The rehabilitation of old landfills has been really started and the demand for separating-, baling-, recycling- and composting machines has been increased. This attracts many international

companies to step into the Regional market.

From 5-7 March 2014, in Sofia, Bulgaria, ‘Save the Planet’ - the South-East European Exhibition & Conference on Waste Management, Recycling & Environment will open its doors.

Keeping pace with the market trends and demand, the event will provide participants with a quick market entry and lucrative opportunity to showcase their advanced technologies to all the important players in the Region. The Conference will engage the delegates in lively discussions on real problems and possible solutions in policy and technological development, as well as best practices. European Conference Day ‘Best Practices in Waste/Resource Management among the EU 28’ will be organized in collaboration with ENEP and ACR+.

Since the first edition in 2010, 'Save the Planet' has marked a sustainable growth: the exhibition area has been increased nearly ten times for the past 4 years and the number of exhibitors - three times for the same period.

Brochure - [http://via-expo.com/htdocs/images/fm/Save%20the%20Planet\\_web.pdf](http://via-expo.com/htdocs/images/fm/Save%20the%20Planet_web.pdf)

Post Event Report 2013 - <http://via-expo.com/htdocs/images/fm/psr-web-1.pdf>

Concurrent Events: Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy & Smart Cities

Organizer: Via Expo – [www.viaexpo.com](http://www.viaexpo.com)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Weblink	Notes
17-18 October 2013	ENEP Autumn 2013 General Assembly	Rome, Italy	TBC	
13 December 2013	AFIE Conference on Biodiversity	Lille, France	TBC	
8-9 April 2014	Water & Environment 2014: CIWEM's Annual Conference	London, UK	Contact Lauren Goozee <a href="mailto:lauren@ciwem.org">lauren@ciwem.org</a>	
10-11 April 2014	ENEP Spring 2014 General Assembly	Bucharest, Romania	TBC	
5-7 November 2014	7th Symposium on Non-CO <sub>2</sub> Greenhouse Gases	Amsterdam, Netherlands	<a href="http://www.ncgg.info">www.ncgg.info</a>	

## 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).

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