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**IFEH Council Meeting Canberra October 1993**

FOREWORD

This annual report contains information on the events which took place in 1993 and provides details of membership as at the 31st December 1993. It was presented to the AGM held at the 3rd World Congress on Environmental Health in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in September 1994.

Officers of the Federation are aware of the need to improve the quantity and quality of information provided for members and associated bodies of the International Federation and several initiatives have been considered. However, these goals will only be achieved if the financial base of the Federation can be strengthened. Several options are under investigation but any additional suggestions from members would be welcomed.

The annual report is intended to provide concise but important information to as many members as possible. A decision was therefore made to seek limited sponsorship to improve the quality and numbers of reports produced. I trust you will continue to support the decision to, where appropriate, use sponsorship of the type in the report to enhance the image of the Federation's publications.

I should be pleased to receive comments on the format of the report, suggestions for improvements and ideas for future activities or initiatives that you believe the Federation should consider.

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THE FEDERATION'S CONSTITUTION

The Federation's Constitution is to be found in its Memorandum and Articles of Association and includes the following objectives, which may be summarised as:

PROTECTING

Public Health
 and the Environment

PROMOTING

Better Health
 Health Education
 Understanding of
 the Environment

ENCOURAGING

Exchange of
 Information and Experience

ADVOCATING

Research & Enquiry
 Beneficial Change

FOSTERING

Understanding
 Mutual Support
 Personal Contact

CO-OPERATING

With other Professions, National and
 International Organisations

OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATION

President	Eric W Foskett, OBE, BSc(Econ), DPA, FIEH
Senior Vice President	Haji Ungku Abu Bakar Bin Abdul Rahman
Chairman of the Council and Vice President	Michael Halls, FREHIS, FRSH, MIWM
Vice Chairman of the Council	Ms Kia Regner
Honorary Executive Secretary	Brynley R Jones, FIEH
Honorary Public Relations Officer	Raymond Ellard
Honorary Assistant Public Relations Officer (WHO affairs)	Brian P Hanna, DMA, MIEH
Honorary Assistant P R O	Richard A Sprenger, BSc(hons), DMS, FIEH
Honorary Editor	Frederick P O'Brien, BA, MBA, FEHOA
Honorary Regional Editor International Journal of Environmental Health Research	Kenneth Stewart, MPH, PhD, MREHIS
Honorary Co-ordination Officer	Eric W Foskett, OBE, BSc(Econ), DPA, FIEH
Honorary Treasurer	Fred W Osborne, DMS, FIEH, MBIM, AIMO

HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS:

Roy Emerson, FIEH, FRSH, FIH (1988)

Kenneth Collins, MEP, MSc (1987)
(Nominated by REHIS)

Terence Moody, MA, FNZIEH, MRSH (1989)

Ronald G Spratt, JP, FAIEH (1991)

Frederick P O'Brien, BA, MBA, FEHOA (1992)

**THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
MR E W FOSKETT OBE BSc[Econ] DPA FIEH FRSH**

1993 was an interesting year in the development of the Federation and if it was not a period of great expansion it was one of innovation. The Council met twice in the year thus breaking its normal practice of holding three meetings. The meetings were held in vastly different places, the venue for the first being in Oslo and the second in Canberra, places being chosen because of the Council's resolve to visit as many member countries as possible.

Because the meetings were at longer intervals it was necessary to change the format to allow more time for discussion and review. The Council has a policy of having open meetings and the Canberra meeting held at the Australian Conference, was attended by several observers.

This has proved to be a wise move and has followed the success of a venture of a Presidential Consultation at an earlier Australian Conference. Such consultations are of great value because they bring a wider circle of people and opinions into the counsels of the Federation. The success of the first consultation led to a second held at the National Environmental Health Association Conference in Orlando. This too, with a different congregation and style, was very successful and for the first time brought American and Canadian colleagues into consultation.

The Federation also managed in 1993 to initiate its scheme of regional organisation. The first two regional organisations, representing respectively Scandinavia and Europe and Cyprus, held meetings to discuss regional issues as well as matters to be referred to the wider Council. The concept of regional organisations had been in mind for some time; it is now a reality and will widen our information gathering and decision making as the groups develop.

There was little expansion in the size of the Federation during the year but some organisations underwent revival and there was a great deal of activity in contacting potential new members.

The Presidential visits continued in 1993 and while it is improbable that I will be able to visit each member organisation during my tour of office, the number of members visited or revisited has grown. A memorable event was the visit to our German colleagues at their annual Conference in Bonn.

We look forward to 1994 with the first North American Council meeting, the third World Congress in Malaysia and a review of our constitution. We make progress only if we make the changes which new circumstances demand.

**THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL
MR M HALLS FREHIS FRSH MIWM**

The year just gone has seen the last of my two years spell as Chairman of the Council of the International Federation and this period has marked the pinnacle of my career in Environmental Health to date. It is gratifying to have been chosen by my peers to lead the Federation's Council and I am grateful to all the officers of and volunteers connected with the Federation who have been of assistance to me during this period.

During the year I was further flattered to receive and gratefully accept a nomination from the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland to succeed to the post of President of the Federation with effect from the Fourth World Congress in Aberdeen, Scotland in May 1996.

At times it is difficult to see and appreciate where the Federation is going especially when one has also to hold down a job as a busy local government officer, but at every meeting of the Federation Council and whenever I am in contact with colleagues on Federation business, I realise that it is vital that we keep the Federation alive and kicking.

The co-operation and liaisons which now exist between associations and individuals can only be of benefit to everyone concerned and I am sure that they have developed to such an extent that it is unlikely that they will ever be broken and that the Federation withers away. Certainly, my experience over the past two years has been that with the calibre of people involved with the Council there is no chance of this happening. There is also the spin-off which results in building up inter-personal relationships and of making lasting friendships which are equally as important.

During 1993, I was fortunate to be able to attend the Federation Council Meeting in Oslo, Norway, in May where we were indebted to the extraordinarily hospitable welcome from our Norwegian colleagues who planned the visit and the meeting around Norwegian National Day which in itself was a fantastic experience.

Unfortunately, I was unable to be present at the second meeting of the Federation Council held in Canberra, Australia, in October but I received very good reports of the meeting from those who were in attendance. It is important that the support of our Australasian colleagues continues as they were among the founder members of the Federation but because of their geographical position, must at times feel isolated. The Federation Council must therefore endeavour to keep all of its members fully informed as to its activities so that the co-operation built-up over the past nine years keeps the Federation moving forward and growing apace.

In concluding this report, I would reiterate my thanks to my colleagues on the Federation and my undying gratitude to my Institute in Scotland for the support which they have given me in my work for the Federation. A special tribute to Eric Foskett who continues to lead the Federation by example and whose resources of time and money seem to be infinite. Without him the Federation would have been stillborn.

**THE REPORT OF THE HONORARY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
MR B R JONES FIEH**

In 1993 for the first time, only two Council meetings were held in keeping with the policy decided in 1992. The May meeting was held at the offices of Teknisk Hygienisk Forum, Oslo, and was well attended. This visit gave members an opportunity to visit the proposed venue for the year 2000 World Congress. The visit coincided with a National Festival, and members were privileged to join in part of Norwegian Heritage.

The October meeting was quite different. It took place in Canberra in conjunction with the annual Conference of the A.I.E.H. Neither the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Council could attend and the meeting had a great Southern Hemisphere ambience with only the President and Secretary representing northern climes.

Both meetings were distinguished by the excellence of the hospitality of the hosts.

One success story of the year was the publication of the long awaited Federation Directory in December. It appeared in a different and enhanced format and this was a better presentation about the Federation. Not all the material acquired was in the Directory but the material omitted, plus other text, will appear as a reference volume. A start has also been made on the first up date. Thanks are due to Eric Foskett and Diane Eastman for their work on this publication.

A third policy document published during the year relates to the Federation's attitude to the effect of trade agreements on environmental health issues. This document was due to an initiative of the California Environmental Health Association and illustrates the potential roles of both the Federation and an energetic Associated Body.

A survey of each Member's prime concerns revealed a very wide range of topics from high technology to fundamental health concerns. This was a timely reminder that we do not all yet enjoy the same quality of life. It was agreed that while the Federation was not, and was unlikely, in the foreseeable future, to be in a position to give direct help to members, it should liaise initially with International Aid Organisations.

Criteria for membership of the Federation has been under review. Some feel that the current criteria for full membership of the Federation, which, basically require organisations to cover the full range of traditional environmental health functions denies full status to those who only dealt with some of these functions, a situation common in Europe. A complimentary position also affects those in more scattered communities such as the South Pacific islands where lack of numbers prevents the formation of representative bodies. Problems such as these were posed in a consultation paper prepared for circulation and discussion in 1994.

With regard to education the suggestion that the Federation had a role to play in establishing an international qualification accrediting organisation was considered briefly and it was decided to explore the possibilities but without any present commitment.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCES AT COUNCIL MEETINGS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council held two meetings in 1993 - in May at Oslo in Norway, and in October in Canberra, Australia.

The attendances of members was as follows:

		Possible Attendances	Actual Attendances
THE PRESIDENT	Eric Foskett	2	2
AUSTRALIA	Jim Dodds	2	1
	Murray McCafferty	2	1
ENGLAND, WALES & NTH IRELAND	Bryn Jones	2	2
	John McCandless	2	1
	Graham Slec	2	1
IRELAND	Ray Ellard	2	1
	Fred O'Brien	2	1
MALAYSIA	Hj Sulaiman Kassim	2	1
	Hj Ungku Abu Bakar	2	1
NEW ZEALAND	Steven Lawrence	2	1
NORWAY	Lars Olsen	2	1
	Sonia Skotheim	2	1
	Bjorn Gudevold	2	1
SCOTLAND	Michael Halls	2	1
SINGAPORE	Koh Geok Beng	2	1
	Chia Chin Boey	2	1
SWEDEN	Kia Regner	2	1
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Diane R Eastman(d)	1	1
	Vicki Everly (d)	1	1

(d) signifies attendance as a deputy councillor.

VICE PRESIDENTS

Roy Emerson attended both meetings.

Kon Spratt attended the Canberra meeting at which he acted as Chairman

The following also attended meetings as observers

OSLO

Arvid Kjeldsen, Kjetil Drangsholt both from Norway.

CANBERRA

Chris Derry, South Africa

Ng Kam Khen, Tan Kai Hei, Singapore

Ron Pickett, Wai Maguire, Bruce Fleming, Adrian O'Loughlin, Australia

**THE REPORT OF THE HONORARY TREASURER
MR F W OSBORNE FIEH DMA**

The Federation needs funds to develop and promote its activities. The Treasurer collects subscriptions from the constituent Members and Associated Bodies of the organisation together with other financial donations from individual sustaining subscribers. During the year each Member organisation paid a subscription of £50 (sterling) plus a capitation fee of 0.12p in respect of each individual member within the Member organisation. Each Associated Body paid a nominal subscription of £50. Fifty three sustaining subscribers made donations totalling £880.

The total income from subscriptions and donations during the year was £5,067. Additional income from bank interest, tax refunds and contributions towards the cost of the Federation's Directory amounted to £265.

The Treasurer is also responsible for keeping accurate records of all transactions and for disbursing such funds as are needed in the course of the Federation's activities. During 1993 £2,937 was spent on the various administrative expenses.

Income received during the year exceeded expenditure by £2,395. Out of this some £700 was transferred to the Development Fund to provide funds for the development of further Environmental Health Organisations.



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**THE REPORT OF THE HONORARY EDITOR AND LIBRARIAN
DR K M STEWART MREHIS MPH PhD**

International Federation of Environmental Health Library

It has been decided to establish a library of publications which will be of interest to environmental health professionals throughout the world. This is being set up at the Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health and will, hopefully, be a useful source of reference. Journals and other material from members of the International Federation will be welcome. This is critical to the success of the library which should include publications from the wider environmental health profession throughout the world.

Information, journals, documents etc. should be addressed to Dr K Stewart SCIEH, Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow, G20 9NB Scotland

International Journal of Environmental Health Research

The International Federation of Environmental Health are now in partnership with the publishers of the International Journal of Environmental Health Research. This arrangement has been in operation since March 1993 (volume 3 No. 1) with the IFEH providing a section highlighting International Federation news and events.

The IFEH section has featured reports of conferences, of different member organisations of the Federation, advance notice of meetings and conferences and some other items of interest. The co-operation of the Journal publishers has been very helpful.

The reservation I have is that the Journal reaches a very limited number of environmental health professionals throughout the world and to some extent this severely restricts the extent to which the International Journal can serve as an adequate means of communication between IFEH and environmental health professionals. It may be that some additional/alternative format will be required to ensure that news information etc. from IFEH reaches the wider audience of environmental health professionals which is necessary.

THE DIRECTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - MEMBERS AS AT 31/12/93

AUSTRALIA	Australian Institute of Environmental Health Adrian O'Loughlin, Executive Director.
CANADA	Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors James Bradley, Executive Director.
CYPRUS	Public Health Inspectors Association of Cyprus George Georgallas, General Secretary.
ENGLAND, WALES & N IRELAND	The Institution of Environmental Health Officers
FINLAND	Finnish Communal Association of Environmental Health and Protection. Dr. Antti ponka.
IRELAND	Environmental Health Officers Association Mr Raymond McLoughlin.
MALAWI	Association of Public Health Inspectors of Malawi K C Tembo MA, Secretary.
MALAYSIA	Malaysian Association of Health Inspectors (MAHIR)Mr Haji Sulaiman bin Haji A Kassim, Hon Secretary.
MAURITIUS	Health Inspectorate Cadre Mr F Jawheer,President.
NEW ZEALAND	New Zealand Environmental Health Institute Mrs Marion White, Secretary/President.
NORWAY	Teknisk Hygienisk Forum. Lars Olsen, Chairman.
SCOTLAND	Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland Ms Edna Milne, Chief Executive.
SINGAPORE	The Society of Public Health Inspectors, Singapore Chia Chin Boey, Secretary.
SWEDEN	Swedish Environmental Health Officers Association (Miljohoch Halsoskyddstjanstemannaforbundet) Ms Kia Regner, Chairman.
TANZANIA	The Tanzania Health Officers Association.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	The National Environmental Health Association Nelson Fabian, Executive Director.
ZIMBABWE	Zimbabwe Environmental Health Officers Association Gear Hanyawe, President.

ASSOCIATED BODIES - AS AT 31/12/93

1. **California Environmental Health Association**
2. **The Gibraltar Environmental Health Officers Association
Secretary Mr Leon Mena MIEH.**
3. **Federal Association of Food Inspectors. (Bundversband der
Lebensmittelkontrolleure).**
4. **The Scottish Communicable Diseases & Environmental Health Unit.
Dr Kenneth Stewart, MPH, PhD, MREHIS.**
5. **University of Salford, Civil Engineering Department, per
Mrs N Ford BSc, MIEH. University of Salford.**
6. **University of Ulster, per Mr Harold Harvey.**
7. **Ngee An Polytechnic, per Laurence Loon, Head of Building Department.**
8. **University of Umea, Sweden, Department of Public Health & Environmental
Studies, per Prof. Bergit Haglund.**
9. **Ryerson Polytechnical University. School of Environmental Health,
per Professor Robinson.**
10. **University of Strathclyde. Division of Civil Engineering & Environmental
Health, per Professor M H Jackson.**
11. **The Cardiff Institute of Higher Education, per Professor G Coleman.**
12. **The College of Catering, Dublin, per Dr M Proctor.**
13. **Queensland University of Technology, Department of Health & Nutrition,
School of Public Health, per Mr B Fleming MS.**
14. **The College of North East London, per Dr John Lowe.**
15. **The American/Soviet Environment Centre, Novgorod, per Dr Harry C Silcox.
Pennsylvania Institute for Environmental & Community Service Learning.**
16. **Department of Environmental Health/School of Public Health.
Curtin University of Technology, per Mr Ron Pickett.**
17. **University of Edinburgh, per Professor Agius.**
18. **Division of Biosphere Sciences, Kings College, University of London,
per Mr Norman Parkinson.**
19. **The Northern School of Public Health, Manchester. M Eastwood MSc, FIEH.**
20. **Manchester Metropolitan University, per Ms Sue Powell.**

**MEMBERS & ASSOCIATED BODIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
FEDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.
BY REGION**

FULL MEMBERS

ASSOCIATED BODIES

AFRICA

**The Association of Public Health Inspectors
of Malawi**

The Tanzania Association of Health Inspectors

**The Zimbabwe Association of Environmental
Health Officers.**

**The South African Environmental Health
Officers Association.**

EUROPE, WEST & SOUTH

**The Association of Public Health
Inspectors of Cyprus.**

**The Environmental Health Officers
Association (Ireland)**

**The Royal Environmental Health
Institute of Scotland**

**The Institution of Environmental
Health Officers**

**Gibraltar Environmental
Health Officers Association**

**Manchester Metropolitan
University**

**The Scottish Communicable
Diseases & Env Health Unit**

University of Strathclyde

University of Edinburgh

The University of Salford

The University of Ulster

The College of N E London

Kings College London

**The College of Higher
Education, Cardiff**

College of Catering Dublin

FULL MEMBERS

ASSOCIATED BODIES

NORTH AMERICA

The National Environmental Health Association USA

The Ryerson Technological University Canada

The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors

The California Environmental Health Association.

The American/Russian Centre, Philadelphia.

THE PACIFIC RIM

The Association of Public Health Inspectors of Singapore

The Ngee Ann Polytechnic Singapore

The Malaysian Association of Health Inspectors

The Australian Institute of Environmental Health Officers

The Queensland University of Technology, Queensland.

The Institute of New Zealand Environmental Health Officers.

The Curtin University of Technology, Perth, W A

The Health Inspectors Cadre, Mauritius.

The Hong Kong Public Health Inspectors Assoc.

SCANDINAVIA

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Teknisk Hygienisk Forum, Norway.

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