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**Eric Foskett Kia Regner Roy Emerson Dato' Lee Kim Sai Ron Spratt and  
Hj Ungku Abu Bakar at the IFEH third world Congress in Kuala Lumpur**

**FOREWORD**

This annual report contains information on the events which took place in 1994 and provides details of membership as at the 31st December 1994. It was presented to the AGM held at the hotel Ledra in Cyprus on the 21st October 1995.

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 use of appropriate sponsorship 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

## IFEH POLICY STATEMENTS

### POLICY STATEMENT NUMBER ONE

On September 23, 1988, at the Inaugural World Congress of Environmental Health, in Sydney, Australia, the Congress unanimously endorsed "The Declaration of Sydney":

"The International Federation of Environmental Health meeting here in Sydney, this twenty third day of September in the year nineteen hundred and eighty eight, in conjunction with the Inaugural World Congress of Environmental Health, pledges its support to the declaration of Alma Ata and for its part, calls on all governments of the world, international organisations, and the world community, to make care for the environment in the interest of human health, an essential primary concern in their efforts to achieve progress and strive to rid the world population of exposure to environmental hazards which pose a threat to human health".

### POLICY STATEMENT NUMBER TWO

On May 24, 1991, the Federation's Council approved the proposal of the Swedish Environmental Health Officers Association:

"Every member organisation and associated body should:

- (a) Adopt a program of action to encourage a central role for the public sector in the co-ordination of environmental policies in each member country.
- (b) Ensure that the program of action lays down the standards to be achieved and a time scale for their achievement.
- (c) Maintain pressure to ensure that environmental policies are continuously monitored and reviewed as appropriate.
- (d) Ensure that policies affecting environmental health have regard to best practical means.
- (e) Attempt to co-ordinate locally, policies on the environment which have an international context.
- (f) Undertake research into environmental conditions in their local sphere of operation.
- (g) Work towards increasing public sector supervision of processes affecting the environment.
- (h) Co-operate with other members and associated bodies of the Federation to assist in achieving these goals.

**POLICY STATEMENT NUMBER THREE**

The Federation Council, on May 15, 1993, approved the proposition of the California Environmental Health Association:

(a) The International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) is an association comprising national environmental health associations from around the globe, and serves to foster and encourage environmental health education and communication.

(b) The IFEH supports measures that work to improve environmental conditions throughout the world and opposes any measure that may have a detrimental effect on the environment or health in any country. It recognises the economic importance of international trade such as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), but neither specifically supports or opposes them.

(c) The IFEH resolves to encourage its member organisations to acquaint themselves with possible environmental and public health ramifications of international trade agreements.

(d) IFEH further encourages the leadership of national environmental health associations to contact their individual government leaders to request consideration of both environmental and public health ramifications of any international agreement prior to ratification."

**POLICY STATEMENT NUMBER FOUR**

At its meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on September 20, 1994, the Council of the Federation unanimously endorsed "The Declaration of Kuala Lumpur"

"The Federation subscribes to the concept of the generic Environmental Health Professional, as promulgated some years ago by the World Health Organisation in its publication "The Environmental Health Officer in an Industrial Society", and recognises the broad spectrum of activities which comprise environmental health practice.

In addition to recognising that the environmental health team must be broadly based, the Federation is committed to the view that the principal officers in the environmental health team are fully qualified in environmental health sciences and whose training should enable them to exercise an overview of the whole range of environmental issues concerning human health.

Thus, the Federation believes that successful environmental control in the future depends on the adoption of an holistic approach to the subject, and recommends that all member organisations and associated bodies promote in whatever way possible to all interested organisations (including governments) at the local, national, and international level, the adoption outlined in this Declaration."

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### OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATION

President (9/91 to 9/94)	Eric W Foskett, OBE, BSc(Econ), DPA, FCIEH
President (9/94)	Haji Ungku Abu Bakar Bin Abdul Rahman
Senior Vice President (9/91 to 9/94)	Haji Ungku Abu Bakar Bin Abdul Rahman
Senior Vice President (9/94)	Michael Halls, FREHIS, FRSH, MIWM
Chairman of the Council and Vice President (1992 to 1994)	Michael Halls, FREHIS, FRSH, MIWM
Chairman of the Council and Vice President (1994)	Ms Kia Regner
Vice Chairman of the Council (1992 to 1994)	Ms Kia Regner
Vice Chairman of the Council (1994)	Brynley R Jones FCIEH
Honorary Executive Secretary	Brynley R Jones, FCIEH
Honorary Public Relations Officer	Richard A Sprenger, BSc(hons), DMS, FCIEH MREHIS, FSOFHT
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, FCIEH
Honorary Treasurer	Fred W Osborne, DMS, FCIEH, MIMgt, MIOSH
Company Secretary	Mike Cook FCIEH

#### HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS:

Kenneth Collins, MEP, MSc (1987)	(Nominated by REHIS)
Roy Emerson, FCIEH, FRSH, FIH (1988)	(Nominated by CIEH)
Eric W Foskett OBE BSc[ECON] DPA FCIEH FRSH (1994)	(Nominated by Council)
Terence Moody, MA, FNZIEH, MRSH (1989)	(Nominated by NZIEH)
Frederick P O'Brien, BA, MBA, MEHOA (1992)	(Nominated by EHOA)
Kia Regner (1993)	(Nominated by SEHOA)
Ronald G Spratt, JP, FAIEH (1991)	(Nominated by AEIH)



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

1994 saw the last few months of my Presidency of the International Federation for I held that office until the beginning of the World Congress in Kuala Lumpur. Although the period in 1994 was short it was full of work and exhilaration. The major event was of course the 3rd World Congress in Malaysia and a great deal of my time was spent in corresponding with our Malaysian friends to make sure that all came right on the night.

I was delighted with the arrangements for registration for the Congress and I stood in the arrivals hall and watched colleagues from overseas arrive to register and saw them recognise people they had met before and who they greeted as long lost friends. That is what the Federation is for — to bring together and join in friendship colleagues from different countries.

Shortly before the 3rd Congress I attended the Annual Congress of the CIEH. An early speaker was from the WHO European Office who talked about the way environmental health was dealt with in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. He outlined WHO support for the holistic principle and that encouraged me to include that issue in my keynote address to the World Congress and that led to the formulation of the IFEH 4th Policy Statement regarding the importance of the generic Environmental Health Professional.

In the Spring we held a very pleasurable Regional meeting in Cyprus.

It was my privilege to serve to serve the IFEH as president, and an equal privilege to induct my friend Haji Ungku Abu Bakar as my successor as President.

**THE REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL MS KIA REGNÉR**

The IFEH Congress in Kuala Lumpur hosted by our Malaysian colleagues in September 1994 was a major event. The Congress as well as the Council meeting and the Annual General meeting, were of a truly international character with representatives from many member organisations. This was further emphasised by the fact that three new members joined the Federation: Hong Kong, Indonesia and Southern Africa. I had the opportunity to chair my first Council meeting of the Federation in Kuala Lumpur. The friendliness and hospitality from our Malaysian colleagues made the Congress and our meetings very memorable.

It poses certain problems to handle the administration for an organisation spanning the globe, with many different kinds of working arrangements and various native languages and not forgetting that the Federation is run on an honorary basis.

Since the 1994 Congress it has also been the first period of office when simultaneously the President, the Chairman and the Secretary are all from different countries in different parts of the world.

One of my objectives has been to facilitate common administrative procedures and to ensure as many of our member organisations as possible feel part of the Federation and to contribute to the Federation work. Other important aims laid down in Kuala Lumpur were to recruit new members and to raise the profile of the Federation throughout the world.

Much of the Federation work is undertaken nationally and even locally. The Regional Groups of member organisations that are developing may very well also become an effective way of co-operating within the Federation and progress in this area has continued throughout 1994.

It certainly is with great pride but also humility that I have chaired the council of this Federation representing over 33,000 environmental health professionals. Together we possess significant amounts of professional skills and experience in the field of Environmental Health. With combined strength and joint efforts we will make further progress both as individual professionals, as national organisations and as The Federation of Environmental Health.

#### **THE REPORT OF THE HONORARY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MR B R JONES FCIEH**

In many ways the Federation year followed closely the pattern of previous years. While the Council has a clear view of many of the things it wants to do, a lack of funding gives rise to considerable constraints.

Several organisational matters were considered, including the Constitution, and a decision to review this in the light of nine years practical experience was taken. Similarly, the criteria for full membership was beginning to give problems and a review was launched in this area as well.

The Federation directory was widely acclaimed, and is proving to be a very useful and popular document. Its publication in electronic form is to be explored. If full benefit is to be obtained from this document, the accuracy of the information it contains is vital, and members are asked to notify the compilers of any changes at the earliest opportunity.

The Regional Group system continues to take shape, and although in some areas it is not organised on formal lines, there are the beginnings of an organisation which could eventually take on much of the work currently being undertaken by the Council. Third World aid continued to be a priority but, again, progress in any substantial way was hindered by lack of finance.

The Council confirmed its commitment to the generic Environmental Health professional, and in so doing adopted the "Declaration of Kuala Lumpur" which supported the World Health Organisation in this area.



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The question of mutual acceptance of qualifications was discussed and it was agreed to progress this matter in conjunction with the International Faculty Forum, although it was accepted that this would remain a relatively long term objective.

One disappointment during the year was the failure of the follow-up to the 1992 Rio Conference. The Global Forum, which was due to be held in the UK, was the victim of a chapter of accidents and failed to achieve most of its objectives.

As far as the Federation is concerned, the highlight of the year was the Third World Congress in Kuala Lumpur in September. It was a well organised, well attended, and very successful event. Credit is due to our Malaysian colleagues who had never organised anything as ambitious before. For many of the delegates it was a first venture to the Far East, but having sampled the delights of this part of the world and the wonderful hospitality of our hosts, it will not be the last.

The highlight of Congress was the admission of three new members: Southern Africa, Hong Kong, and Indonesia. Two had been expected, but the Indonesian application appeared totally unexpectedly on the first day. Between them, the three have added several new dimensions to the membership, and to the stature of the organisation. In all, a successful year, with several 'firsts' and the promise of exciting times to come.

### RETURN OF ATTENDANCES AT COUNCIL MEETINGS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council held two meetings in 1994, the first in Denver(D) USA, and the second in September in Kuala Lumpur(K) Malaysia. The attendance of members was as follows:

	Meetings
THE PRESIDENTS E Foskett(K &D), Ungku Abu Bakar(K)	2
AUSTRALIA M McCafferty(K), T O'Brien(K)	1
ENGLAND, WALES & N IRELAND B Jones(K&D), J McCandless(K)	2
FINLAND A Ponka(K)	1
HONG KONG P Ku(K), To Cheuk Lap(K)	1
INDONESIA R Sinulingga(K), Maaruf(K)	1
IRELAND R Ellard(D)	1
MALAYSIA R Khatib(D), S Abd Kassim(K), A Bin Sadak(K), R Abd Hamid(K)	2
MAURITIUS F Jawaheer(K)	1
NORWAY L Olsen(K), S Skotheim(K), B Gudevold(K)	1
SCOTLAND M Halls(K&D), K Stewart(K), J Beveridge(K)	2
SINGAPORE Ko Ceok Beng(K), Goh Hong Song(K), Chia Chin Boey(K)	1
SOUTHERN AFRICA H Ryder(K), R de Koock(K), A de Swardt(K)	1
SWEDEN Kia Regner(D&K)	2
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA D Evans(D&K), J Barry(D), C Wiant(D)	2

Also present: N Fabian(D), R Emerson(K), R Spratt(K), A O'Loughlin(K), D Eastman(K), D Turner(K), B Hines(K), E Tsvetnskaya(K), J O'Brien(K), V Quayle(K) and R Sprenger(K)

**THE REPORT OF THE HONORARY TREASURER  
MR F W OSBORNE DMS FCIEH MIMgt MIOSH**

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 their organisations. Associated Bodies each paid a nominal subscription of £50. Sustaining subscribers made donations to the Federation.

The total income from subscriptions and donations during the year was £4,259. Additional income was received from advertising in the Annual Report (£2,000) and from bank interest (£256).

Administrative expenses amounted to £4,259 during the year and after taxation there was a surplus of £2,192. Out of this £700 was transferred to the Development Fund to provide finance for the development of further environmental health organisations internationally. There was a net surplus for the year of £1,492.

At the end of the year it became clear that if the federation was to expand its activities then a close examination of its financial base would be required.



**Eric Foskett hands over the presidential chain to Hj Ungku Abu Bakar at the opening ceremony of the IFEH third world Congress in Kuala Lumpur**

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

**International Federation of Environmental Health  
International Journal of Environmental Health Research.**

The International Federation co-operates with the publishers of the International Journal of Environmental Health Research with the International Federation having a representative on the Editorial Board of the Journal. This arrangement has been in place since March 1993 when the journal was published by Chapman and Hall and that arrangement has continued until the present time. As from March 1995 the International Journal has changed publisher with Carfax taking over the title. The journal under the new publisher has expanded in format with an increase of 25% in the number of pages. The new publisher also promises improved marketing with a view to increasing circulation.

The International Federation's contribution to the journal to date has tended to focus on conferences and seminars organised by the Federation's constituent member associations with a view to sharing world-wide what is going on in different parts of the world. The material for this has tended to come from the U.K, the U.S.A and Australia and again I would appeal for a much more representative supply of material which can truly be described as international.

Material for the International Journal should be submitted to the Federation's editor, Dr Kenneth Stewart, Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health, Ruchill Hospital, Bilsland Drive, Glasgow, G20 9NB, Scotland, U.K.

**Library**

The Federation decided sometime ago to establish a library of documents, journals, publications, etc. on environmental health and again at the outset it should be stressed that this needs to reflect the international environmental health scene. Individual member associations will, in many cases, have their own national library and for an international library to have any credibility it requires submissions from around the world.

There has been a steady flow of material although it has to be said that in the main this has come from the U.K. It would be helpful, at least for a start, for the national journals to be copied to the library so that over a period we can build up a library of environmental health journals from around the world.

Member organisations are encouraged therefore to provide for the International Federation Library suitable material and in many cases this will mean sending a copy of a publication of the time of production.

The International Federation Library is currently maintained at the Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health, Ruchill Hospital, Bilsland Drive, Glasgow, G20 9NB - Telephone No: 0141 946 7120 - Fax No: 01410 946 4359

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### THE DIRECTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - MEMBERS AS AT 31/12/94

<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>The Australian Institute of Environmental Health Adrian O'Loughlin, Executive Director.</b>
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors James Bradley, Executive Director.</b>
<b>CYPRUS</b>	<b>The Environmental Health Association of Cyprus George Georgallas, General Secretary.</b>
<b>ENGLAND, WALES &amp; N IRELAND</b>	<b>The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Mike Cooke, Chief executive</b>
<b>FINLAND</b>	<b>The Finnish Communal Association of Environmental Health and Protection. Dr. Antti Ponka.</b>
<b>HONG KONG</b>	<b>The Hong Kong Environmental Health Officers Association. Peter Ku, Chairman</b>
<b>INDONESIA</b>	<b>The Indonesian Association of Environmental Health Maaruf, Secretary General</b>
<b>IRELAND</b>	<b>The Environmental Health Officers Association Mr Raymond McLoughlin.</b>
<b>MALAWI</b>	<b>The Public Health Inspectors Association of Malawi K C Tembo MA, Secretary.</b>
<b>MALAYSIA</b>	<b>The Malaysian Institute of Environmental Health (MAHIR)Mr Haji Sulaiman bin Haji A Kassim, Hon Secretary.</b>
<b>MAURITIUS</b>	<b>The Health Inspectorate Cadre Mr F Jawheer, President.</b>
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	<b>The New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health. Ian McFarlane Executive Director.</b>
<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>Teknisk Hygienisk Forum. Sonja Skotheim, Chairman.</b>
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland John Frater, Chief Executive.</b>
<b>SINGAPORE</b>	<b>The Society of Public Health Inspectors, Singapore Chia Chin Boey, Secretary.</b>
<b>SOUTHERN AFRICA</b>	<b>The Environmental Health Officers Association of Southern Africa. Mrs D R De Kock</b>
<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>The Swedish Environmental Health Association (Miljö-och hälsoskyddstjänstemannaförbundet) Ms Kia Regner, Chairman.</b>
<b>TANZANIA</b>	<b>The Tanzanian Association of Health Inspectors.</b>
<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	<b>The National Environmental Health Association Nelson Fabian, Executive Director.</b>
<b>ZIMBABWE</b>	<b>The Zimbabwe Environmental Health Officers Association Gear Hanyawe, President.</b>

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### ASSOCIATED BODIES - AS AT 31/12/94

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, FCIEH, BSc.
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 P Robinson.
10. University of Strathclyde. Division of Civil Engineering & Environmental  
Health, per Professor M H Jackson, BA, PhD, MREHIS, MCIEH.
11. The Cardiff Institute of Higher Education, per Professor G Coleman, FCIEH.
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 MSc, FAIEH.
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, MCIEH.
19. The Northern School of Public Health, Manchester. M Eastwood MSc, FCIEH.
20. Manchester Metropolitan University, per Ms Sue Powell, MCIEH, BSc.

**MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BY REGION**

**AFRICA**

- The Public Health Inspectors Association of Malawi.**
- The Tanzanian Association of Health Inspectors.**
- The Zimbabwe Environmental Health Officers Association.**
- The Environmental Health Officers Association of Southern Africa.**

**EUROPE, WEST & SOUTH**

- The Environmental Health Association of Cyprus.**
- The Environmental Health Officers Association (Ireland).**
- The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland.**
- The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health.**

**NORTH AMERICA**

- The National Environmental Health Officers Association, USA.**
- The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors.**

**THE PACIFIC RIM**

- The Society of Public Health Inspectors, Singapore.**
- Malaysian Institute of Environmental Health.**
- The Australian Institute of Environmental Health Officers.**
- New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health.**
- The Health Inspectorate Cadre, Mauritius.**
- Hong Kong Environmental Health Officers Association.**
- Indonesian Association of Environmental Health.**

**EUROPE, NORTH**

- The Swedish Environmental Health Association.**
- Teknisk Hygienisk Forum, Norway.**
- The Finnish Communal Association of Environmental Health and Protection.**



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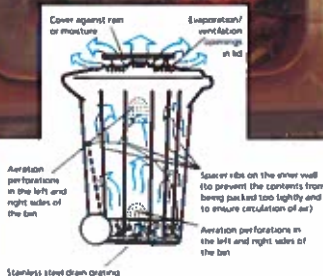
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*Frank Mulgrew, General Manager – Cleansing, Dundee D.C.*

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