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IFEH members attending the October 1995 Council meeting in Nicosia Cyprus.

FOREWORD

This annual report contains information on the events which took place in 1995 and provides details of membership as at the 31st December 1995. It was presented to the AGM held at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre on the 26 May 1996.

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.



The October 1995 IFEH Council meeting in Nicosia Cyprus

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."



IFEH past presidents, Hj Ungku Abu Bakar, Roy Emerson, Ron Spratt and Eric Foskett celebrating the 9th IFEH annual dinner at the 3rd World Environmental Health Congress in Kuala Lumpur 1994

OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATION

President	Haji Ungku Abu Bakar Bin Abdul Rahman
Senior Vice President	Michael Halls, FREHIS, FRSH, MIWM
Chairman of the Council and Vice President	Ms Kia Regner
Vice Chairman of the Council	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	Michael Cooke DMS, FCIEH, FIMgt.

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)
Ronald G Spratt, JP, FAIEH (1991)	(Nominated by AEIH)

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

During 1995 environmental health work has been very intense both in our respective countries and within the Federation as well as within our different member organisations. Many changes are taking place in society and there is an increasing need of environmental work to be done. This is a challenge to us as professionals. In this work it is necessary to emphasise the interaction between environment and health and the importance of the generic environmental health professional.

The Federation has held two council meetings during this year. The first one in Manchester, UK in March and the second in Nicosia, Cyprus in October. Both meetings were very well organised by our colleagues in the North-West Centre of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and the Association of Public Health Inspectors of Cyprus. Those of us attending the meetings as well as the Federation are thankful to our hosts for their efforts to facilitate the council's proceedings. Those meetings also gave us good opportunities to renew our friendship as colleagues. I especially remember the Tavern in Nicosia where we had a wonderful meal and watched (and even tried to take part in) fantastic Cypriot dances. At the Manchester meeting we were visited by colleagues from the WHO in order to discuss the environmental health professional in society which has been a special study for WHO by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health.

During the year the Federation has decided to adopt a Work Programme as well as an Action Programme in order to clarify the way the Federation works and what actions are to be taken by whom. The council has also received reports about regional activities which play an important role in the Federation work. This certainly is evident within Europe with the ongoing harmonisation of environmental health work due to EC.

A permanent task is to prepare for future congresses and this year especially the next one in Scotland in 1996. It has been decided that after the congresses in Stockholm 1998 and Oslo 2000 the one in 2002 will be in California. An important tool in the Federation's administration is the Directory which has been revised and a second edition prepared. A formal agreement of co-operation has been made with Carfax Publications, the publisher of Environmental Health Research.

As usual a year passes very fast and looking back it can be difficult to point at special events that are more important than others. The mere fact that the Federation has been growing for ten years and the increasing recognition we are receiving both nationally and internationally is very promising and will help us to continue to "Care for the Environment in the interest of World 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.

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

The Federation's Members, Associated Bodies and Sustaining Subscribers continued to provide, through subscriptions and donations, the necessary finance for the organisation to pursue its activities and continue in business during 1995. The Honorary Treasurer collects these moneys by raising invoices and by submitting requests for contributions. During the year Member organisations each 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 £50.00. Sustaining subscribers made donations to the Federation amounting in total to £785.00.

As will be seen from the formal **Reports and Financial Statements** the total income from subscriptions and donations during the year was £7490.00. This figure includes a sum of £1001.00 capitation fees from the 1994 World Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Additional income was received from bank interest (£556.00).

At 31.12.95 a small number of Members and Associated Bodies had still not paid their subscriptions for the current year, despite reminders having been sent out. It has to be pointed out that sending out reminder letters can be expensive and such expense inevitably increases the Federation's running costs. The Federation had funds and reserves totalling £13539.00 including £3369.00 in the development fund.

Administrative expenses amounted to £3836.00 during the year and after taxation there was a surplus of £3515.00. A sum of £700.00 was transferred to the Development Fund which provides finance for the development of further environmental health organisations internationally. The net surplus was £2815.00.

During the year a Finance Working Group was established following a decision made by Council at its meeting at the end of March 1995. The group was charged with the responsibility of examining the financial base of the Federation and was asked to make recommendations for future action. A report was prepared and its recommendations were discussed at length at the subsequent Council meeting held in Nicosia, Cyprus in October. The main decisions centred on future fund raising, including income from (the Federation) endorsing food hygiene certificates; increasing Member's subscriptions; payment of officer's travel and subsistence expenses and initiating a recruitment campaign to generate further income from sustaining subscribers.

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

1995 was, in many ways, a fairly quiet year for the Federation. Two meetings of the Council took place, in Stockport, England at the end of March, and in Nicosia, Cyprus in October. No new full members joined during the year, but seven new Associated Bodies were admitted. Two of these were the Environmental Health Associations of

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Arizona and Minnesota (both USA), four were colleges, three in Southern Africa - Cape, Natal and Pretoria, and one in Scotland, Stevenson College, Edinburgh. The seventh was a small UK voluntary body - EH Overseas - committed to developing country and third world aid. Initial approaches from a professional organisation in Peru were received and further information is being obtained.

An opportunity was taken to consolidate the organisation, and in particular to continue the review of the constitution to bring it into line with current requirements, and also to review the criteria for membership, principally to deal with situations where the general Environmental Health Officer did not exist. A working group examined the finances of the Federation and as a result some changes were made in this area.

The work programme and action programme were formalised in two documents prepared by the Chairman, and both now form an important part of the agenda of each Council meeting.

1996 brings the Fourth World Congress in Scotland, an event now well established, and long awaited by those who will renew old acquaintances and make new friends.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCES AT COUNCIL MEETINGS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council held two meetings in 1995, the first in March in Stockport(S) England, and the second in October in Nicosia(N) Cyprus. The attendance of members was as follows:

	Meetings
THE PRESIDENT Ungku Abu Bakar(S)	1
AUSTRALIA	0
CANADA	0
CYPRUS G Georgallis(S&N), L Anthousis(S&N)	2
ENGLAND, WALES & N I B Jones(S&N), J McCandless(S&N), G Sicc(S)	2
FINLAND	0
HONG KONG P Ku(N)	1
INDONESIA	0
IRELAND R Ellard(N)	1
MALAWI	0
MALAYSIA R Khatib(N), S Abd Kassim(S), R Abd Hamid(S)	2
MAURITIUS	0
NEW ZEALAND	0
NORWAY L Olsen(S), S Skotheim(S&N), B Gudevold(N)	2
SCOTLAND M Halls(S), B Forteach(N)	2
SINGAPORE	0
SOUTHERN AFRICA	0
SWEDEN Kia Regner(S&N)	2
TANZANIA	0
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA V Everly	1
ZIMBABWE	0

Also present: R Emerson(S), E Foskett(S&N), F Osborne(S&N), K Stewart(S), and R Sprenger(S&N)

**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, UK

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 UK. 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 31/12/95

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

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ASSOCIATED BODIES - AS AT 31/12/95

1. Arizona Environmental Health Association USA, per Mr A J Battistone.
2. California Environmental Health Association USA, per Mrs L Spangler.
3. Cape Technikon, Capetown South Africa, per Mr Chris Derry.
4. Cardiff Institute of Higher Education, per Professor G Coleman, FCIIEH.
5. Department of Environmental Health/School of Public Health.
Curtin University of Technology, per Mr Ron Pickett.
6. Dublin Institute of Technology Ireland, per Dr Marlene Proctor.
7. Edinburgh, University, per Dr Iain Beverland.
8. EH Overseas, per Mr V Quayle.
9. Federal Association of Food Control Inspectors. (Bundversband der
Lebensmittelkontrolleure) per, Hans Henning Veidt.
10. Gibraltar Association of Environmental Health Officers,
Secretary Mr Leon Mena MIEH.
11. Division of Biosphere Sciences, Kings College, University of London,
per Mr Norman Parkinson, MCIEH.
12. Manchester Metropolitan University, per Ms Sue Powell, MCIEH, BSc.
13. Minnesota Environmental Health Association, USA, President Ms Petrona Lee.
14. Natal Technikon, Durban, South Africa, per Mr Leonard Santana.
15. Ngee An Polytechnic, Singapore, Mr Lawrence Loon, Head of Building Dept.
16. College of North East London, UK, per Dr John Lowe.
17. Pretoria Technikon, Pretoria, South Africa, per Mr J C Engelbrecht.
18. Queensland University of Technology, Department of Health & Nutrition,
School of Public Health, per Mr B Fleming MSc, FAIEH.
19. Russian/American Centre, Novgorod, per Dr Harry C Silcox.
Pennsylvania Institute for Environmental & Community Service Learning.
20. Ryerson Polytechnical University. School of Environmental Health,
per Professor Brian D Clarence BA, MHSc, CPHI(C).
21. University of Salford, Civil Engineering Department, per
Mrs Norma Ford BSc, MIEH. University of Salford.
22. Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health per,
Dr Kenneth Stewart, MPH, PhD, MREHIS.
23. Stevenson College, Edinburgh, Scotland, per Mr Steven Archibald.
24. University of Strathclyde. Division of Civil Engineering & Environmental
Health, per Professor M H Jackson, BA, PhD, MREHIS, MCIEH.
25. University of Ulster, per Mr Harold Harvey, FCIIEH, BSc.
26. University of Umea, Sweden, Department of Public Health & Environmental
Studies, per Prof. Birgit Haglund

**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.
South African Institute for Environmental Health.**

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 Environmental Health Officers, Singapore.
Malaysian Institute of Environmental Health.
The Australian Institute of Environmental Health.
New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health.
The Health Inspectorate Cadre, Mauritius.
Hong Kong Public Health Inspectors 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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◆ ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NEWS

EHN is the weekly magazine for the Environmental Health Officer and those concerned with environmental health issues. A subscription to EHN includes the monthly journal, **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**, which carries in depth features on all aspects of environmental health. Advertising within these publications is a sure fire way of reaching the environmental health profession.

◆ TRAINING

The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health works in partnership with organisations around the world to provide qualifications, training products, services and support materials which enrich the education experience of the public in all aspects of environmental health. In our role as examining body we offer qualifications at various levels in both food hygiene and health and safety. They are widely accepted as standards in all industry sectors assisting organisations to provide safe and efficient services as well meeting the requirements of legislation.

◆ EVENTS

The Conference and Exhibition Division organises conferences and exhibitions aimed at the environment and health sectors. Please contact the division for a list of environmental health seminars, workshops, conferences and exhibitions. With access to administrative and technical support, the division can organise any type of event from inception to completion.



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