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Michael Halls receives the President's badge of office from HJ Ungku Abu Bakar at the IFEH 4th World Congress in Aberdeen.

## FOREWORD

As I have occupied the position of President of the Federation for a longer proportion of 1996 than my predecessor, it falls to me to produce the Foreword to this year's report and I do so with considerable pleasure.

To be appointed by one's peers to occupy the highest position that one can aspire to in one's chosen profession, is a situation which few can achieve and my sense of pride and gratitude for the honour of occupying the Presidency will stay with me for ever. As I said, in my Presidential Address, the honour is not only a personal one, but is also a fitting recognition of the commitment which my professional organisation has given to the Federation since it was established. Without the support of the members of the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland, I could not have done this job and my thanks are due to them for that.

It is also a truism, worth repeating, that without the assistance of a dedicated group of volunteers who undertake dozens of necessary tasks for the Federation, I would not be able to function in my position. So, I would thank very much all of the office-bearers and members of the Council for their efforts during 1996. I remain as committed to the aims and objectives of the Federation as I was when I "signed up" in 1985 and look forward to continuing to serve for as long as a job remains for me to do.

Because others will refer to the Fourth World Congress in their reports, which appear later in this document, I will not dwell on that matter, save to express my appreciation to all members of the environmental health community who came to Aberdeen from the four corners of the world to share with my colleagues and me, in Scotland, what was, by common consent, the best event ever staged by the Institute in its 121 year history.

Michael Halls  
President

## THE FEDERATION'S CONSTITUTION

The Federation's Constitution is to be found in its Memorandum and Articles of Association and includes 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.



Eric Foskett, HK Ungku Abu Bakar, Michael Halls, Roy Emerson and Ron Spratt meet in Aberdeen at the IFEH 4th World Congress.

### 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."



Delegates at the IFEH Council Meeting in Aberdeen in May 1996.

**OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATION**

President	Haji Ungku Abu Bakar Bin Abdul Rahman
Senior Vice President	Michael Halls, FREHIS, FRSH, MINSTWM
Chairman of the Council and Vice President	Ms Kia Regner
Vice Chairman of the Council	Bryn R Jones FCIEH
Honorary Executive Secretary	Bryn 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:**

Ungku Abu Bakar (1996)	(Nominated by IFEH)
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

1996 has been a very hectic but also a very interesting and satisfying year for the Federation. We have attracted new members both Full members and Associated members and thus the Federation has continued to grow.

The 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Environmental Health in Aberdeen, Scotland in May was of course the highlight of the year and another step forward for the Federation. The friendliness and professionalism of our Scottish colleagues was something that we will remember for a long time.

In connection with the Congress, there was a meeting between the World Health Organisation and representatives from some Baltic and East European countries and France. This marked a new way of finding possible allies in countries where we have had little contact so far.

A special conference on Environmental Health Training was planned by the Faculty Forum and the Federation to be linked to the Congress. Unfortunately, this failed to attract enough delegates but would have been an important meeting place for those directly involved in research and the training of Environmental Health professionals. That field is a very important one to develop.

The second Council meeting of the year was held in Durban, South Africa and the first Federation meeting on the African continent and as such very important. The programme and the ideas put forward at that meeting kindles the hope that a strong African Regional Group will develop within the Federation.

The meeting in Durban was my last as Chairman of Council for the Federation which I have had the honour of being for three years. We have come a long way, especially considering the fact that we work on a totally honorary basis. We still have a long way to go before we have gained the strength that Environmental Health action requires on an international arena in a tough world. In 1996 the countries of the world should have produced Local Agendas 21 and be firmly headed towards sustainable development. So far only minor steps have been taken. Environment and health protection is a major part of the Agenda 21 programme and international cooperation is a prerequisite for a successful work. We, as professionals, are in the midst of this important work.



**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 1996. 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. Associate Members each paid a nominal subscription of £50.00. Sustaining subscribers made donations to the Federation amounting in total to £748.00. The latter consisted of personal donations and contributions from companies wishing to support the Federation in this tangible way.

The formal Reports and Financial Statements illustrate the Federation's total income from subscriptions and donations during the year and this amounted to £ 11203. This represents a 49.57% increase on the previous year and was largely due to the increased subscription rates for Members and Associate Members which came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January. Also included in the total income figure is the sum of £1085.00 (capitation fees) from the World Congress held in Aberdeen, Scotland in May. Additional income from bank interest amounted to £608.00.

At 31.12.96 a small number of Members and Associated Bodies were either in arrears with their subscriptions, either from earlier years and/or had not yet paid the subscription for 1996 despite reminders, several in some cases, having been sent out. Mention has been made in previous reports about the costs involved in terms of time and postage chasing those who are reluctant to pay their dues on time. At the end of the year the Federation had capital reserves, totaling £16787.00 in the bank. The capitation fees received from the World Congress were transferred to the Development fund as was the sum of £1001.00 from the previous World Congress in Kuala Lumpur (1994) raising the balance in this fund to £5455.00. It should be noted that the Development Fund is contained within the Capital Reserve account and provides finance for the development of further environmental health organisations internationally.

Day to day administrative expenses, excluding public relations activities, during 1996 amounted to £7808.00 and after taxation there was a surplus of income over expenditure of £ 3248.00.

A meeting of the Finance Working Group met at Doncaster in August to review progress, including actions taken pursuant to its recommendations submitted to Council in Cyprus in October 1995. A report on the August meeting was submitted to Council at its meeting held in Durban, South Africa in November.

At the end of the year Fred Osborne stood down as Honorary Treasurer having held the position since January 1992. He was succeeded by Mr Graham Slee of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996**

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Subscriptions and Donations		6,526	5,933
Sundry Income		4,069	1,001
Interest Receivable		<u>608</u>	<u>556</u>
		11,203	7,490
Administrative Expenses	6	<u>(7,808)</u>	<u>(3,836)</u>
<b>SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION</b>		3,395	3,654
Taxation	7	<u>(147)</u>	<u>(139)</u>
<b>SURPLUS AFTER TAXATION</b>		3,248	3,515
Transfer to the Development Fund	5	<u>(2,086)</u>	<u>(700)</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	5	<u>1,162</u>	<u>2,815</u>

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

**Library**

The IFEH Library was transferred from the Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health to the offices of The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland in the latter part of 1996. The Library was catalogued and a copy of the catalogue is available from the librarian.

**International Journal of Environmental Health Research**

The Journal continues to be published by Carfax Publishing Company in association with IFEH. I represent IFEH on the Editorial Board of the Journal.

The Journal is published quarterly and as the title suggests is very much geared to research. It is certainly international in its representation of research papers with the December 1996 issue for example including papers from Bahrain, Australia, Egypt, England and Kenya.

The purpose of IFEH involvement in the Journal is to identify the Journal as an appropriate vehicle for publication of research material and to encourage environmental health professionals around the world to submit papers for publication. Papers should be submitted to the Journal Editor or to me.

## THE REPORT OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY MR BRYN JONES

1996 was notable in a number of ways. The first Council Meeting of the year was held in Aberdeen, Scotland, as part of the Fourth World Congress on Environmental Health. While the wet and windswept north-east coast of Scotland was in stark contrast to the hot and humid Malaysian climate at the previous conference, the standard of the Congress and the warmth of the Scottish welcome impressed everyone. The organisation of a Congress on such a scale is a major event, and imposing considerable stresses on the organising body, and REHIS are to be congratulated on their success. One of the highlights of the week was a meeting between officers of the Federation and colleagues from the "new" Baltic countries - Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, and from Albania, France and Italy. Interest in membership was considerable, even though in most cases a suitable professional body did not exist. Other welcome features were a large delegation from South Africa and a sole delegate from New Zealand. Many old friends from other countries, far and near, were also present.

The second Council meeting was another "first" - the first meeting in South Africa, and our first meeting with colleagues from Zimbabwe and Kenya. For many of those attending this was the first experience of the country, and the consensus of opinion was that it is certainly "different". We were most interested to see the effects of the ending of apartheid, although an informal "get together" with our South African colleagues left us in no doubt about the new challenges being faced by the profession. Again, it is a pleasure to note that the hospitality extended to Council members, and their partners, was overwhelming. We all survived a visit to a game reserve, although some did venture a little close to the crocodiles, much to our guide's horror. The commitment of our Zimbabwean colleague, Abednego Chigumbu, must be recorded. He travelled to Durban and back by bus - and it took him three days each way!

Business at both meetings followed a fairly established pattern. Finance, as ever, was a major topic. While it can be said that the Federation is now well established, the real problems of running such a widespread and ever growing organisation are becoming apparent. At some point, in the not too distant future, the Federation must take a few giant steps forward, or it may not survive. A notable event at Aberdeen was the publication of a history of the first ten years of the Federation.

Membership continued to grow with three new full members being admitted during the year. Two more African members were welcomed, the Associations of Public Health Officers in Kenya and Botswana, while the inclusion of Foreningen af Miljømedarbejdere i Kommunerne (FMK) from Denmark took us a step nearer completing the Nordic circle.

A long overdue review of the Memorandum and Articles of Association was started during the year. The Federation is registered as a British "company" and such a document, which specifies the rules of conduct of the organisation, is necessary under British law. The document is to be amended in the light of ten years practical experience of running the Federation, and while there is to be a conscious attempt to write the new document in plain English, the demands of the law will probably mean that it will still be unintelligible to many (including the British).

**Attendance at Council meetings during 1996**

Two meetings were held, one in Aberdeen, Scotland, the other in Durban, South Africa. Member organisations were represented as set out in the following table.

	<u>Aberdeen</u>	<u>Durban</u>
Australian Institute of Environmental Health	Yes	No
Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors	Yes	No
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	Yes	Yes
Association of Public Health Inspectors of Cyprus	Yes	No
Environmental Health Officers Association (Eire)	Yes	Yes
Finnish Association of Environmental Health & Protection	No	No
Hong Kong Public Health Inspectors Association	Yes	No
Association of Public Health Officers, Kenya	No	Yes
Malaysian Association of Environmental Health Officers	No	No
Public Health Inspectors Association of Malawi	No	No
Health Inspectors Cadre of Mauritius	No	No
Teknisk Hygienisk Forum, Norway	Yes	Yes
New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health	No	No
Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland	Yes	Yes
Society of Environmental Health Officers, Singapore	Yes	No
South African Institute of Environmental Health	No	Yes
Swedish Environmental Health Officers Association	Yes	Yes
Tanzanian Association of Health Inspectors	No	No
National Environmental Health Association (USA)	Yes	No
Zimbabwe Association of Environmental Health Practitioners	No	Yes

**THE DIRECTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - MEMBERS AS AT 31/12/96**

<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	The Australian Institute of Environmental Health Adrian O'Loughlin, Executive Director.
<b>BOTSWANA</b>	Botswana Environmental Health Officers Association Laurence Mosweunyane, Secretary.
<b>CANADA</b>	The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors Greg Thibaud Secretary.
<b>CYPRUS</b>	The Association of Public Health Inspectors of Cyprus George Georgallas, General Secretary.
<b>DENMARK</b>	Foreningen af Miljomedarbejder i Kommunerne(FMK) Henning Ivan Hansen, Chairman.
<b>ENGLAND, WALES &amp; N IRELAND</b>	The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Michael Cooke, Chief Executive.

<b>FINLAND</b>	<b>The Finnish Communal Association of Environmental Health and Protection. Dr. Antti Ponka, Chairman.</b>
<b>HONG KONG</b>	<b>The Hong Kong Public Health Inspectors' Association. Peter Y C Ku, Chairman.</b>
<b>INDONESIA</b>	<b>The Indonesian Association of Environmental Health Margani M Mustar, Secretary General.</b>
<b>IRELAND</b>	<b>The Environmental Health Officers Association Mr Brian McManus, Honorary Secretary.</b>
<b>KENYA</b>	<b>The Association of Public Health Officers, Kenya Mr R W Walukano, General secretary.</b>
<b>MALAWI</b>	<b>The Public Health Inspectors Association of Malawi Kafwe C Tembo MA, Secretary.</b>
<b>MALAYSIA</b>	<b>The Malaysian Association of Environmental Health (MAHIR) Mr Haji Sulaiman bin Haji A Kassim, Hon Secretary.</b>
<b>MAURITIUS</b>	<b>Mauritius Health Inspectorate Cadre Mr Mohammad E Furreedan, Secretary.</b>
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	<b>The New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health Inc. Ian Macfarlane, Executive Director.</b>
<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>Teknisk Hygienisk Forum. Lars Olsen, International Secretary.</b>
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland John Frater, Chief Executive.</b>
<b>SINGAPORE</b>	<b>The Society of Environmental Health Officers, Singapore Chia Chin Boey, Secretary.</b>
<b>SOUTHERN AFRICA</b>	<b>South African Institute for Environmental Health. Mr D R De Kock, Secretary.</b>
<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>Miljö-och hälsoskyddstjänstemannaförbundet. Ms Kia Regner, Chairman.</b>
<b>TANZANIA</b>	<b>The Tanzanian Association of Health Inspectors. Fabian Magoma.</b>
<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	<b>The National Environmental Health Association, USA. Diane Evans, International Liaison.</b>
<b>ZIMBABWE</b>	<b>The Zimbabwe Environmental Health Practitioners Association. Abednego Chigumbu President.</b>



ACADEMIC ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - AS AT 31/12/96

British Columbia Institute of Technology Canada, Charles Young.

Cape Technikon, Capetown South Africa, Chris Derry.

Cardiff Institute of Higher Education, Professor Gary Coleman, FCIEH.

Department of Environmental Health/School of Public Health.  
Curtin University of Technology, Mr Ron Pickett.

Dublin Institute of Technology Ireland, Dr Mariene Proctor.

Edinburgh, University, Dr Iain Beverland.

Hong Kong College of Technology, Covington Leung.

Leeds Metropolitan University, Dr. Geoff Cram.

Division of Biosphere Sciences, Kings College, University of London,  
Mr Norman Parkinson, MCIEH.

Manchester Metropolitan University, Ms Sue Powell, MCIEH, BSc.

Natal Technikon, Durban, South Africa, Mr Leonard Santana.

Ngee An Polytechnic, Singapore, Mr Lawrence Loon, Head of Building Dept.

College of North East London, UK, Dr John Lowe.

Pretoria Technikon, Pretoria, South Africa, Mr J C Engelbrecht.

Queensland University of Technology, Department of Health & Nutrition,  
School of Public Health, Bruce Fleming MSc, FAIEH.

Russian/American Centre, Novgorod, Dr Harry C Silcox.  
Pennsylvania Institute for Environmental & Community Service Learning.

Ryerson Polytechnical University. School of Environmental Health,  
Professor Brian D Clarence BA, MHSc, CPHI(C).

University of Salford, Civil Engineering Department, Norma Ford BSc, MIEH.

Stevenson College, Edinburgh, Scotland, Steven Archibald.

University of Strathelyde. Division of Civil Engineering & Environmental  
Health, Professor Michael H Jackson, BA, PhD, MREHIS, MCIEH.

University of Ulster, Harold Harvey, FCIEH, BSc.

University of Umea, Sweden, Department of Public Health & Environmental  
Studies, Prof. Birgit Haglund.

West Lothian College Scotland, Brian Wilson.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AS AT 31/12/96**

**Arizona Environmental Health Association USA, David Ludwig**

**California Environmental Health Association USA, Linda Spangler.**

**EHO Overseas, Victor Quayle.**

**Federal Association of Food Control Inspectors. (Bundesverband der Lebensmittelkontrolleure), Hans Henning Veidt.**

**Gibraltar Association of Environmental Health Officers,  
Joseph Delgado, President**

**Keep Britain Tidy Group (UK), Professor G W Ashworth CBE**

**Minnesota Environmental Health Association, USA, David Fridgen.**

**Peruvian Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineers,  
Carmen Vilchez, Secretary**

**Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health,  
Dr Kenneth Stewart, MPH, PhD, MREHIS.**



**The Chair, Kia Regner and the Secretary, Bryn Jones at the  
IFEH Council Meeting in Aberdeen in May 1996.**

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- **Level 1 Qualifications:** The UK's leading organisation for basic food safety training, with **over 300,000** candidates a year. **Options** - Compulsory foundation module, plus modules tailored for specific jobs and industries.  
**Basic** - Fundamentals of food hygiene. Assessment available in 13 languages.
- **Level 2 Qualifications: Intermediate** - for supervisors, team leaders, together with managers/owners of small businesses.  
**Hazard Analysis** - for managers and senior supervisors who lead or work in a team implementing food safety controls.
- **Level 3 Qualification: Advanced** - designed for those responsible for managing food hygiene.

### Health and Safety Training

Entry fees from  
£5.80 - £25.00.

- **Level 1 Qualification: Basic** - fundamental knowledge for all employees. Includes fire prevention, first aid and legislation.
- **Level 2 Qualifications: Advanced** - ideal for those performing any management role involving a range of health and safety issues. **Risk Assessment** - for managers and supervisors involved in the assessment of risk and the implementation of controls.

### Group Training

Entry fee £22.50.

- This certificate programme provides an assessment and certification opportunity for those who deliver training to groups.

### Events

Fees from £140  
for a one  
day seminar.

- A wide range of informative UK conferences and seminars, with the world's largest annual environmental health congress and exhibition. **Expert speakers** discuss current issues and specialised technical topics, from E.coli to hazard analysis.

### Publishing

Subscriptions  
available.

- Journals, books, videos and bulletins on all aspects of environmental health, including: **'Environmental Health'**, **'Environmental Health News'**, **'Food Forum'**, **'Pollution Control'**, and **'Health and Housing Insight'**. Distributors of selected Department of Health publications.