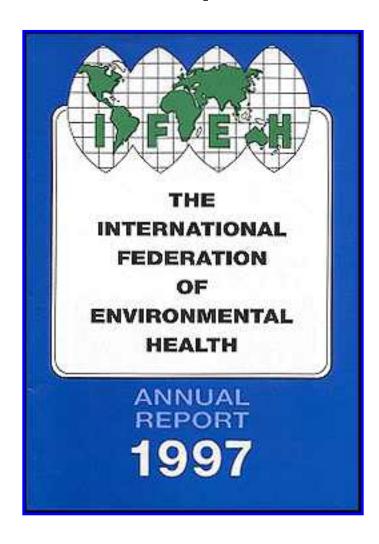
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Signing party for decleration of Westport



FOREWORD TO 1997 ANNUAL REPORT - MICHAEL HALLS PRESIDENT

This is the second such Foreword that I have prepared and this one gives me no less pleasure than that for last year. The Federation, during 1997, achieved a considerable number of the aims which were set for it at the last Annual General Meeting but complaceney is never a good idea and I am sure that I speak for all those Officers of the Federation when I say that our work is not yet over, nor is it ever likely to be.

Matters which have been on the agendas for the Council meetings in the last year have been, at the same time, challenging and stimulating and the decisions which the Council have taken will, I hope, give satisfaction to those committed organisations and individuals who subscribe to the aims laid down in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. One of my major tasks during 1997 was to assist in the revision of this document and I would pay tribute to the very great assistance accorded me in this task by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and, particularly their Chief Executive, Michael Cooke, without whom the job would have been so much more time consuming and difficult.

In 1997 the Council held two meetings, one in Los Angeles and one in Tasmania and, despite the attractiveness of these venues, the attendance at both meetings was disappointing. This is not surprising, as the cost of travel to such locations can be quite high but it has to be recognised that, for people located in the United States or Australia, the cost of travelling to a Federation meeting in Europe or Africa can be equally expensive. Members join the Federation knowing that travel and other costs can be prohibitive - that is one of the reason why annual subscriptions are maintained at a reasonable level - but the administrative systems designed by IFEH allow the full participation of Members in all meetings, whether or not they can be present in person.

Recognising these facts, the Council decided at its last meeting to further reduce the meetings cycle and to have Council meet twice every 1 8 months or so, rather than twice each year. From a personal standpoint, I see this move as being a golden opportunity for a greater role to be played in the work of the Federation by the Regional Groups and I look forward to innovative action arising from these Groups, once they start on a regular series of meetings. Certainly, the projects being talked about in the Euro Group are exciting and should raise the profile of Environmental Health in the global context.

This report will be formally considered at the Annual General Meeting in Stockholm in June 1998, just after which I will hand over the Presidency to Kia Regner. I hope that she enjoys her term of office as much as I have and that she receives the same support from her colleagues as I did.

As I have said before, there can be no greater satisfaction than to be recognised by one's peers and to have occupied the position of President of the Federation has been an honour and a privilege and I owe a debt of gratitude to everyone who has helped me in my duties over the last two years. There

are too many to mention by name but I would like to pay tribute to one person in particular - my wife Sheila - who has been the epitome of support and understanding; and my eternal gratitude is also due to officers and members of the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland, without whose backing I could not have functioned as 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:

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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."



Council meeting Los Angeles

POLICY STATEMENT NUMBER FOUR

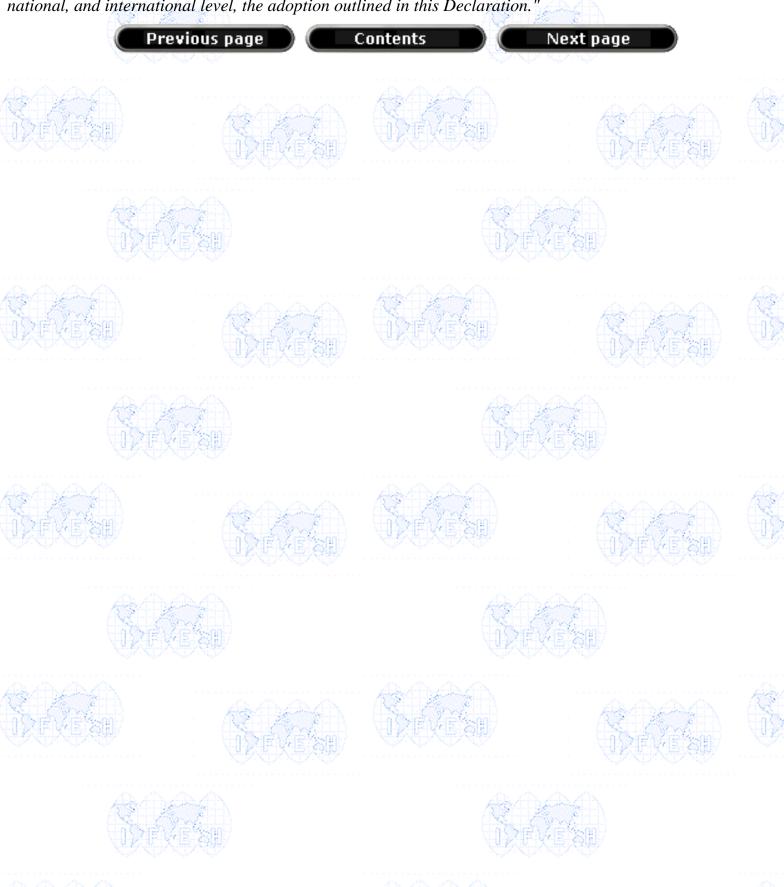
At its meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on September 20, 1994, the Council of the Federation unanimously endorsed "The Declaration of Kuala Lumpur":

"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."



OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATION

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President Elect Ms Kia Regner

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Vice Chairman of the Council Vie Andrich

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Roy Emerson, FCIEH, FRSH, FIH 1988 (Nominated by CIEH)

Eric W Foskett, OBE, BSc(Econ), DPA, FCIEH FRSH 1994 (Nominated by Council)

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Terence Moody, MA, FNZIEH, MRSH 1989 (Nominated by NZIEH)

Frederick P O'Brien, BA, MBA, MEHOA1992 (Nominated by EHOA)

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

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THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL BRYN JONES

In the absence of an International Congress this has been a quiet year for the Federation. Having said that, the Council met on two occasions, in the United States of America and in Australia, and these were far from quiet events.

In April we were the guests of the California Environmental Health Association at their Education Conference, which was held in a hotel in Los Angeles International Airport, probably one of the busiest spots in the world. Later in the year we met in the quietness of the countryside outside Tasmania in Australia. However, the quietness of the surroundings was more than countered by the hospitality we received.

The work of the Federation continues, and while the adoption of a work programme and an action programme has focused the activities of the Council, progress in most areas is limited by lack of funds, although it was possible to open a web site on the Internet during the year, by courtesy of Edinburgh University.

One of the priorities of the Federation is to deal with the question of qualifications of Environmental Health professionals, particularly in the areas of equality and reciprocity. This will be a long and difficult task, and the first step of gathering of information is under way.

During the year we were pleased to receive FMK, Denmark, with 700 members, into full membership, adding a further voice to the already strong Scandinavian sector. Towards the end of the year the Euro-Cypria Group and the Scandinavian Group decided to combine into a new group which will mirror more closely the area covered by the EC, and will hopefully strengthen the relationship with that organisation. The first meeting of the new group held in Stockholm was very encouraging.

The Council has recognised the difficulties of some member organisations is funding the attendance of their delegates to Council meetings, and have partially attempted to address that situation by reducing the number of meetings to three over each two year period. Every third meeting will coincide with an International Congress. This move will also give added impetus to the Regional Groups, hopefully making them more active.

It is encouraging to hear of a number of "twinning" arrangements between memberorganisations and an increasing number of exchange visits. Such activities are in the true spirit of the organisation and are to be encouraged. We look forward to 1998, and another, (the fifth) World Congress, this time in Sweden, and renewing friendships forged over the years.

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THE REPORT OF THE HONORARY TREASURER J. GRAHAM SLEE

1997 continued the steady growth in our financial stability started by my predecessor Fred Osborne. Fred took over the financial affairs of the International Federation at a difficult time and it is due to his efforts that we not only were better informed as to our financial health but also had our finances put on a proper basis. It is therefore appropriate that I open this report by thanking Fred for all his past work.

The formal Reports and Financial Statements "I be produced separately for consideration by the full Council at its meeting in Stockholm in June 1998, but appended to this report is a summary of our financial position as at the end of December.

The main source of income remains the subscriptions collected from the Federation's Members, Associate Members and Sustaining Subscribers, with other amounts coming from advertising, donations and World Congresses.

During 1997 the subscription fee for Member organisations was £50 (sterling) plus a capitation fee of 0. I 5 pence in respect of each individual member within their organisation. Associate members each paid £50 and Sustaining Subscribers made a minimum donation of £15.

As at 31 December 1997 a small number of Members and Associate Members were in arrears with their subscriptions and reminders have been and will again be sent to them. International postage rates are expensive and the extra delay incurred in sending out reminders affects the cash-flow of the Federation and reduces the interest earned on the account.

I would like to remind all Members that subscription rates are set in pounds sterling, and the budget drawn up on that basis. Those members who send cheques or bankers drafts in other currencies are not in fact giving the Federation its full dues since the banks charge a substantial fee for currency conversions and we may need to review the basis on which subscriptions are arrived at.

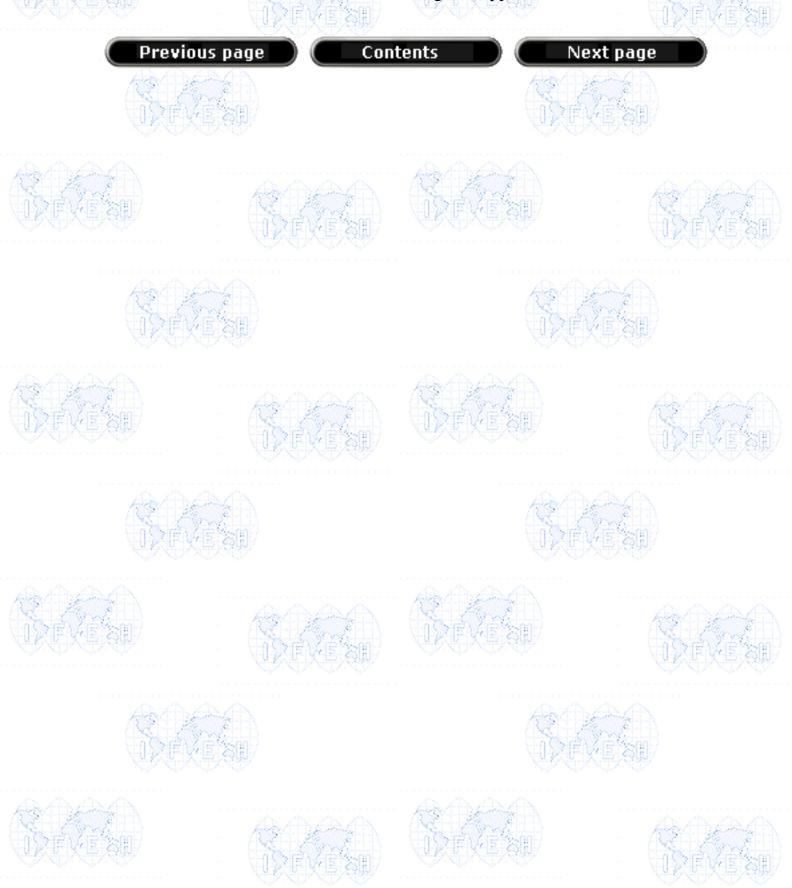
At the end of 1997 the Federation had total reserves of £19231.00 compared to £16787.00 in 1996 and, in accordance with the decision of the Council meeting in Los Angeles in April 1997, £1000.00 has been transferred to the Development Fund which now has a total of £6445.00 in it.

Total income for 1997 was £8976.00 representing a fail of £2227.00 or 20%. An analysis of the figure shows that subscriptions and donations, rose slightly but that sundry income was down, mainly due to there being no World Congress in 1997.

As a counterbalance to this decrease, administrative expenditure was also down at £6440.00 showing a saving of £1468.00 or 18.8%.

At the end of 1997, and after taxation, the surplus of income over expenditure for the year was £2443.00.

The Finance Working Group continues to meet on a regular basis and the minutes of its meetings and recommendations are submitted to Council meetings for approval and ratification.

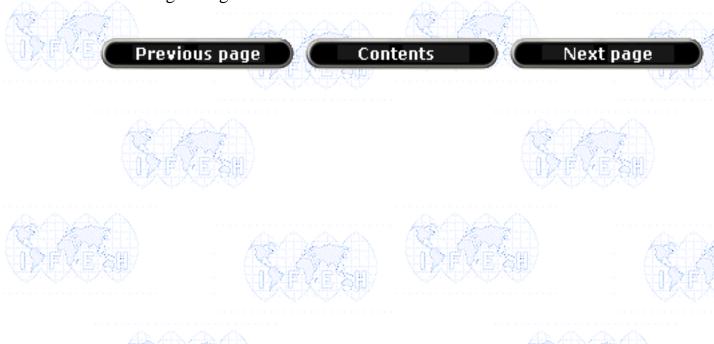


THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1997

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	1997	1996		
Income ()				
Subscriptions and donations	6,608	6,526	7	
Sundry Income	1,579	4,069		
Interest receivable	789	608		
	8,976	11,203		
Expenditure				
Administrative expenses	- 6,439	- 7,808		
Surplus before taxation	2,537	3,395	U)	
Taxation	- 93	- 147		
Surplus after taxation	2,444	3,248	AD AD AD AD	
Transfer to Development Fund	- 1,000	- 2,086		
Surplus for the Financial Year	1,444	1,162		

None of The International Federation's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the deficit shown above.



THE REPORT OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY MR JOHN R STIRLING, MSc, FREHIS, MCIEH

The first Council Meeting of 1997 and the Annual General Meeting of the IFEH was held in Los Angeles, USA in April, with nine member countries represented at the commencement of business. In the course of the business Latvia was elected the twenty fourth member of the Federation with immediate effect. Accordingly the meeting concluded with ten member organisations being represented, as Tatjana Marchenkova, Secretary of the Latvian Association of Preventative Medicine Functioners had submitted the membership application in person. Three applications for Associate Membership were also installed with immediate effect. Joining as associate members were Peninsula Technikon and Vaal Technikon of South Africa and Loma Linda University Medical Centre, California, USA.

The Federation found the traditional warm welcome associated with our American hosts to be of the usual high standard, and look forward with anticipation when the IFEH Congress moves to the USA in the year 2002.

The second Council meeting of the year and an Extraordinary General Meeting saw us return to the Southern Hemisphere and Launceston, Tasmania, Australia.

Having held our inaugural World Congress in Australia and a subsequent AGM and a Council meeting, this was the third time we had visited the Continent. The hospitality and welcome associated with our Australian colleagues is renowned and this meeting was no exception.

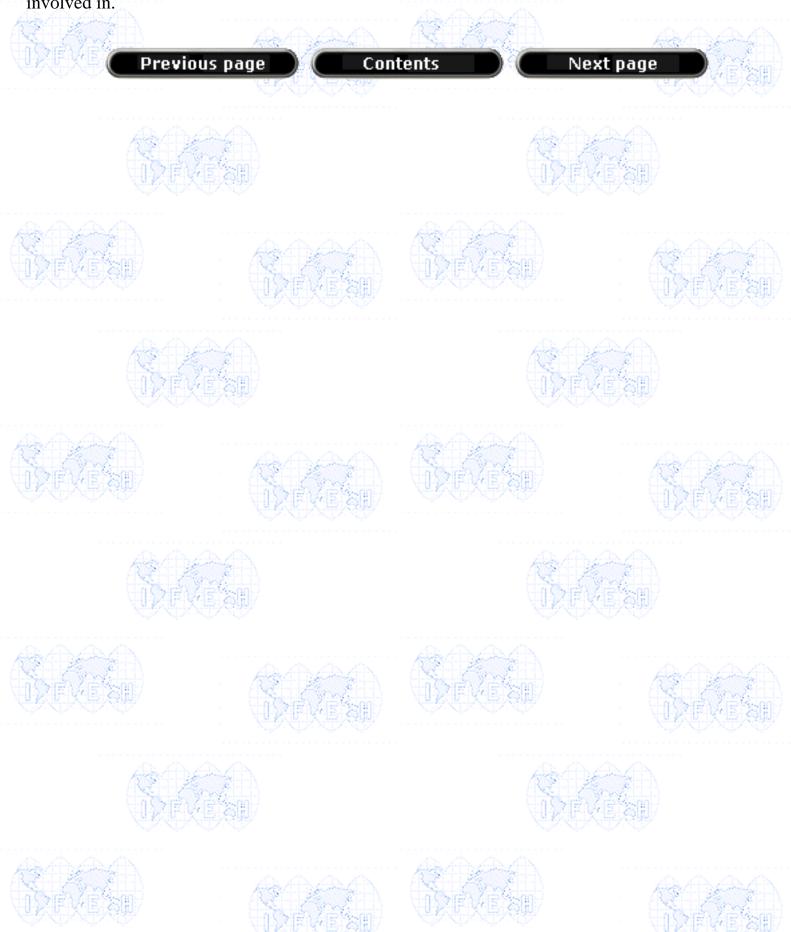
The Meeting commenced with the presentation, by Alan Johnston, President CIEH, of a medallion to the Federation, to be worn by their Chair of Council. In his address, Alan Johnston indicated that he hoped that this demonstrated the commitment of the CIEH, something which has never been in doubt since the concept of the Federation was first mooted.

Displays of commitment to the cause of the IFEH are frequently demonstrated by its Members, no more so than the five organisations represented at this meeting (Australian Institute of Environmental Health, CIEH, REHIS, Malaysian Association of Environmental Health and the New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health). Other Members could not make the trip, but still had a voice at the Meeting through their comments on matters being discussed having been received prior to the Meeting.

The review of the Memorandum and Articles of Association was completed, and were accepted at the Extraordinary General Meeting held in Launceston.

The Federation continues to exert its influence on matters pertaining to Environmental Health, and this was evident from the business conducted. However if it's true potential is to be achieved sooner, rather than later, it will have to consider employing a full time officer. This officer could expedite

many of the matters which currently fail to the volunteer officials and provide a continuity which is necessary to ensure that the Federation achieves effective output from the projects it becomes involved in.



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ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING 1997

Two meetings were held, one in Los Angeles, USA, the other in Launceston, Tasmania, Australia. Member organisations were represented as set out in the following table:

	Los Angeles	Launceston
Australian Institute of Environmental Health	No East	Yes
Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors	No	No
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	Yes	Yes
Association of Public Health Inspectors of Cyprus	Yes	No
Environmental Health Officers Association (Ireland)	Yes	No
Finnish Association of Environmental Health & Protection	No	No
Hong Kong Public Health Inspectors Association	Yes	No
Association of Public Health Officers, Kenya	No	No
Latvian Association of Preventative Medicine Functioners	Yes	No
Malaysian Association of Environmental Health Officers	No	Yes
Public Health Inspectors Association of Malawi	No	No
Health Inspectors Cadre of Mauritius	No 🐧	No
Teknisk Hygienisk Forum, Norway	Yes	No VE SE
New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health	Yes	Yes
Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland	Yes	Yes
Society of Environmental Health Officers, Singapore	No	No
South African Institute of Environmental Health	No	No
Swedish Environmental Health Officers Association	Yes	No
Tanzanian Association of Health Inspectors	No	No
National Environmental Health Association (USA)	Yes	No
Zimbabwe Association of Environmental Health Practitioners	No	No VI all
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Executive Director.

BOTSWANA

Botswana Environmental Health Officers Association Laurence

Mosweunyane, Secretary.

CANADA

The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors Greg Thibaud

Secretary.

CYPRUS

The Association of Public Health inspectors of Cyprus George

Georgallas, General Secretary.

DENMARK Foreningen af Miljømedarbejdere i Kommunerne (FMK) Henning Ivan

Hansen, Chairman.

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IRELAND Chief Executive.

FINLAND
The Finnish Communal Association of Environmental Health and

Protection. Dr. Antti Ponka, Chairman.

HONG KONG

The Hong Kong Public Health Inspectors' Association, Peter Y C Ku,

Chairman

INDONESIA The Indonesian Association of Environmental Health, Margani M

Mustar, Secretary General.

IRELAND The Environmental Health Officers Association, Mr Brian McManus,

Honorary Secretary

KENYA The Association of Public Health Officers, Kenya, Mr R W

Walunkano, General secretary

LATVIA The Latvian Association of Preventative Medicine Functioners. Tatyna

Marchenkova, Secretary.

MALAWI

The Public Health Inspectors Association of Malawi, Mr Alfred

Chirwa, General Secretary

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Chief Executive

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Boey, Secretary.

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Edinburgh, University, Dr lain Beverland.

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Hong Kong College of Technology, Covington Leung.

Leeds Metropolitan University, Dr. Geoff Cram.

Loma Linda University, California, USA, Donna Gurule.

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

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EHO Overseas, John Barrow.

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Lebensmittelkontrolleure), Hans Hohenleitner.

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

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

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