



**THE
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of ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH**

2002 ANNUAL REPORT

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PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

President – Diane Evans

President Elect – Jerry Chaka

Honorary Secretary – Michael Halls, FREHIS FRSH MINSTWM

Honorary Treasurer – Brynley R. Jones, FCIEH

Honorary Education Liaison Officer – John R. Stirling, MSc FREHIS MCIEH

Honorary Public Relations Officer – Kia Regnger

Company Secretary – Graham Jukes FCIEH

ANNUAL REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT

The year 2002 was one of both successes and the occasional disappointment for the Federation.

Membership: A success for IFEH was the addition of three member organizations from Zambia, Nigeria, and Jamaica. The Council approved a “trial membership” by which a prospective new member may qualify for a year of membership without annual subscription, prior to making a decision to join fully.

Events: San Diego, USA, was the venue in May for the 7th World Congress of the Federation, held in conjunction with the annual conference of the California Environmental Health Association, an IFEH associate member. Over 600 registrants, presenters, and exhibitors from 23 countries were in attendance. At the end of the Congress, the South African Institute invited all present to be in Durban in February 2004 for the 8th World Congress. At the concluding IFEH dinner, John McCandless and the Northern Ireland Centre of CIEH, represented by Brian Hanna, were presented the Eric W. Foskett Award in recognition of the success of the book drive for the Clarence Phenix Memorial Library at the University in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

The Federation participated in the Johannesburg Summit on Sustainable Development during August, where President Elect Jerry Chaka gave a presentation on the IFEH’s sustainability indicators project. Information on the project is on the IFEH website, www.ifeh.org.

Meetings: The annual meeting of the Council, as well as the Federation’s Annual General Meeting were held in San Diego in May. The Board met on three occasions (Dublin in February, San Diego in May, and Cwmbran, Wales in November).

The Council discussed and acted on a number of significant matters in San Diego, one of which was the definition and criteria for full membership of IFEH. The Council indicated that only national organizations of environmental health professionals should continue to be eligible for full membership. The Council formed a working group to develop ways in which associate members could become more fully involved in IFEH activities, with a report to be presented at the next Council meeting. The Council also selected Brisbane, Australia as the venue of the 2008 World Congress, to be hosted by the Australian Institute.

Finances: An application for a grant to fund activities of the Europe Group was submitted to the European Commission. IFEH was greatly assisted in this task by Graham Jukes of CIEH, the Company Secretary. The intent is to create permanent staffing and facilities for the Federation, which are required for the IFEH to grow, attain stability, and undertake larger projects. Unfortunately, the application was

not approved. The Board decided to submit a revised application for the next round of funding.

Funding for Regional Group activities has been a goal for some time. The Board adopted a financial strategy for the 2004 budget (and subsequent budgets) that would give half of any surplus at the end of the year to Regional Groups. The other half would go to the IFEH Development Fund.

Organization: For the first time, the positions of IFEH President and Council Chair are combined, with effect from the San Diego Congress. The Federation has been extremely well served by Lars Olsen as President and Vic Andrich as Council Chair, to whom I extend the gratitude of all members and associates. The Board was given the task of devising a procedure for future elections of Presidents Elect, for the next Council meeting.

Bryn Jones, who has served as Honorary Treasurer since early 2001 when his predecessor, Graham Slee, was not re-elected by CIEH, regrettably found himself in the same position at the end of 2002. Bryn's efforts as Treasurer have been of much value to IFEH, and we extend him our thanks.

I also give my personal appreciation to Mike Halls in his tireless efforts as Honorary Secretary. Without his organizational abilities, much of the business of the Federation would not be accomplished.

In closing, I issue a challenge to all members and associates to help IFEH grow by taking information about IFEH with you to professional events, thereby becoming an "ambassador" of the Federation. You can and should be the Federation's most valuable representatives!

Diane Evans

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

Kenneth Collins, MSc (1987) – Nominated by REHIS

Roy Emerson, FCIEH FRSH FCIH (1988) – Nominated by CIEH

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

Michael Halls, FREHIS FRSH MINSTWM (1998) – Nominated by the Council

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

Frederick P. O'Brien, BA MBA MEHOA (1992) – Nominated by the EHOA

Haji Ugku Abu Bakar bin Abdul Rahman, AMN FRSH (1996)

– Nominated by the Past Presidents

Ronald G. Spratt, JP FAIEH (1991) – Nominated by the AIEH

Kia Regner (2000) – Nominated by the Council

Ronald G. Spratt, JP FAIEH (1991) – Nominated by the AIEH

Lars Olsen (2002) – Nominated by the Council

IFEH EUROPE GROUP MEETING

From East to West

The Europe Regional Group is a forum for IFEH member organisations in sixteen countries stretching from Ireland in the west to Kazakhstan in the east. The group has been quite active in recent years and 2002 was no exception. Three meetings were held over the year beginning in Dublin in February, San Diego in May in conjunction with the World Congress, and culminating with a final meeting in Lyon, France in September.

Environmental Health in Europe

At each meeting, the host organisation is given the opportunity to make a presentation on the organisation of environmental health controls within its country. This has provided a useful insight for other members and allows for a good exchange of ideas and working methods. One initiative to arise from this process was an agreement between member organisations to facilitate exchanges of student EH professional. Contact names in each country will appear on the IFEH website in due course.

The member organisation has also agreed to provide and share more information about themselves, their projects and conferences. The website will be updated more frequently and provide greater detail.

European Environment and Health Committee

Established in 1995, the European Environment and Health Committee is a coalition of countries and organisations in the WHO European Region which brings together representatives from health ministries, environment ministries, intergovernmental organizations and civil society organizations. Its role is to provide a forum for the discussion of environment and health policy, and it serves as the steering committee for the series of ministerial conferences on environment and health, held by WHO every five years. The next is the Fourth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health to be held in Budapest 2004. The theme for the conference is "The future for our children".

IFEH has a representative on the EEHC (Kia Regner) which meets at least every six months. Apart from providing a direct input into the work of the EEHC, IFEH Europe is also planning to participate in the conference and the associated parallel events, just as it did for the last Ministerial Conference in London in 1999. Thus an important part of IFEH Europe meetings is consideration of and input into the work of EEHC. It is essential that together with the views of other stakeholders, the views of the professionals working in the environmental field are adequately voiced. More information on the EEHC can be had at <http://www.euro.who.int/eehc/home>

Working Groups

IFEH has established a number of working groups amongst its members. The topics covered include sustainability indicators, food safety, water, children and

environmental health and national and local environmental health action plans. The sustainability indicators group has perhaps been the most successful of these so far, having presented its project both at the World Congress in San Diego and at the Earth Summit in Johannesburg. The success can be mainly attributed to the practicality of the project, as it allows for wide participation at all levels and has become a valuable shared resource for the environmental health community. More information can be found on the IFEH website at <http://www.ifeh.org/indicators/>

The Food Safety working group set as their first objective the right to make direct contributions to the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. Gaining the necessary recognition from both the WHO and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) took longer than anticipated, but was finally achieved in 2002. The group intend both to make submissions to the work of the Codex Committees and to attend the meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene which will be held in the USA in early 2003.

The acceptance by WHO/FAO of IFEH provides a major opportunity for the member organisations within IFEH to ensure that the views of the environmental health professionals are heard within Codex and more importantly to influence the development of the world's food code which will affect every citizen. The Codex Alimentarius is now the single most important international reference point for developments associated with food standards.

A major development within Europe over recent years is the concept of a National Environmental Health Action Plan (NEHAP) and the resulting local environmental health action plans (LEHAP). The working group are planning to participate in a major survey which will evaluate the influence and effect of international Environmental and Health Policies and Action plans, such as NEHAP.

Networking

Given the complexity of the cultures and countries within Europe, it is important for effective communication of IFEH policies and views to network and collaborate with kindred organisations. The regional group has therefore developed connections with the work of organisations such as IMPEL (a network of European Environmental Enforcement agencies), the Global Community Health Initiative and the European Public Health Alliance. The group also made a submission to a Consultation Forum organised by the European Commission's Directorate General on Environment.

Next meetings

The role of chairing the IFEH Europe rotates amongst the members. In early 2002, the Environmental Health Officers Association (Ireland) assumed this responsibility. As a result Gerry McDermott acts as Chair and Raymond Ellard acts as Secretary to the regional group. Further meetings are planned for 2003 with the next due to take place in Amsterdam in February.

Raymond Ellard

REPORT OF THE HONORARY TREASURER

Again, I am able to report that the finances of the Federation are in a good state. As I write this, the accounts are with the Auditors, and will hopefully be available within a few days.

The problems with the Federations bank account in 2001 have carried over into this year, and almost £2500 worth of expenditure from 2001 will have to be met. In addition, and unexpected expense incurred by the Webmasters for expenditure incurred in 2000/2001, amounting to £1135, was submitted adding further to the problems.

On the income side, the underpayment of subscriptions is becoming a real problem, with almost half of the membership, including the academic associates, failing to make payment in 2002. Subscriptions make up the bulk of the Federation income, and I would make a plea to all members to pay at the earliest opportunity. If there is a serious underpayment in 2003, the Federation will be faced with a major problem.

I have also to draw attention to the fact that while income remains fairly constant, expenditure continues to rise.

Of particular concern is expenditure on travelling expenses. In an organisation such as the Federation, these expenses are always going to be high, and serious thought must be giving to keeping them under control. Such an exercise leads to the question of the future direction of the Federation. While there may be high expectations, any progress will be limited by the lack of financial resources and the current level of income does not allow the organisation to make any significant progress in a forward direction.

Members will know that I am no longer one of the CIEH representatives, and can, therefore, no longer hold office as Treasurer. I have served as a Councillor since the inception of the Federation in 1985, have visited many countries and made many good friends. It has been an extremely enjoyable and rewarding experience, especially, the visit to Tanzania – if you think your life is difficult, go there, and discover how fortunate you really are. Thank you all for your support over the years – I will be keeping in touch.

Bryn Jones

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

(for the year ended 31 December 2002)

	Note	2002	2001
Income		£	£
Subscriptions and donations		18,864	9,365
Sundry income		600	1,000
Interest receivable		195	711
		19,659	11,076
Expenditure			
Administrative expenses	3	(11,961)	(6,372)
		7,698	4,704
Surplus before taxation		7,698	4,704
Taxation	4	65	(63)
		7,763	4,641
Surplus after taxation		7,763	4,641
Transfer to Development Fund		–	(–)
		7,763	4,641
Surplus for the Financial Year		7,763	4,641

Brynley R. Jones
Treasurer

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

EHOverseas, England, UK

Greater London Centre – CIEH, England, UK

The Tidy Britain Group, England, UK

Water for Kids, England, UK

Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health, Scotland, UK

Arizona Environmental Health Association, USA

California Environmental Health Association, USA

Minnesota Environmental Health Association, USA

Underwriters Laboratories Inc, USA

Peruvian Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineers

REPORT BY HONORARY SECRETARY

As those of you have reached as far as this report will be aware, the highlight of the year 2002 was the Seventh World Congress on Environmental Health held in San Diego, California in May. As is customary at such events the opportunity is taken to get together as many member organisations as possible. It is very pleasing to report that there was, again, a record attendance at the Council meeting held in San Diego. Forty-seven persons were present over the two days of the meeting, with a slightly lower number attending the Annual General Meeting. The number of member organisations represented was 23, which is almost a third of the total membership.

At the Council meeting several important decisions were taken and amongst them was a reaffirmation by the Council of its wish to make it easier from a financial standpoint for associations of environmental health professionals from the poorer countries of the world to join IFEH. The meeting adjusted the formula used to calculate the annual subscription but retained the facility that means that those organisations from the developing world and with a low Gross Domestic Product per Capita, need pay only GB£25 per year.

The Council was also appreciative of the sterling work done by several of the Centres of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, in twinning with associations from less well off parts of the world.

One of the matters about which IFEH should feel justifiably proud is the web site, which is maintained so ably by colleagues in Denmark. It now contains a very professionally produced power point presentation on the Sustainability Indicators Project, which has been running for a couple of years. If you have access to the Internet and are interested in the topic, pay a visit to the site (www.ifeh.org) and you will be impressed.

As the Honorary Treasurer has indicated elsewhere in this report the financial position of the Federation is reasonable but not ideal and the Council (and the Board of Directors) are constantly endeavouring to supplement the income and reduce the expenditure. One way of increasing incoming funds is to expand the Sustaining Subscribers Scheme. This scheme enables individuals to assist IFEH financially, by donating a minimum of GB£15 per year. In return, each subscriber receives a copy of the annual report and of each magazine "Environment and Health International" but, more importantly, has the satisfaction of knowing that he/she is assisting IFEH to achieve its aims. Anyone reading this report and who wishes to help in this way should contact the Honorary Secretary.

In a similar vein, the Council has adopted a policy on corporate sponsorship and partnership and hopes, in time, to enter into agreements with commercial concerns, which can assist financially. Needless to say there is an ethical dimension which will figure high in any arrangement.

Elsewhere in this document mention has been made of the application which was made to the European Commission for funds to enable the Federation to expand its activities, especially in Europe. The first application was rejected but, undeterred, the Board of Directors decided to have another go. As I write no word has come from the Commission and I hope that no news is good news!

The principal use to which any funding from the Commission would be put is for the appointment of staff and the establishment of an office in a suitable location.

The Board and I feel that until we can access such finance IFEH will continue to progress at the same pace as it has since its inception and I am sure that every one who subscribes to the aims of IFEH wishes that faster progress could be made.

The last year has seen the resignation of three colleagues with whom I have had the pleasure to work over a considerable number of years and I would add my thanks to all of them and wish them well in the future. Lars Olsen, Immediate Past-President was almost a permanent fixture at Council meetings in many different countries. His common sense approach and dedication to the good of IFEH marked him as one to whom the Federation owes a considerable debt of gratitude.

Vic Andrich gave up the Chairmanship of the Council following the restructuring of the officer posts but has not disappeared from the scene entirely. He has taken on the role of Chairman of the Pacific Rim Group, so IFEH will have the benefit of his expertise for some years to come.

Last but by no means least is Bryn Jones, who is being forced to give up his job as Honorary Treasurer. Bryn has been on the Council of IFEH since 1985 and, in addition to serving as the guardian of our finances, had a spell as Honorary Secretary. We will all miss his advice and his sense of humour.

My thanks are also due to all other officers who have helped me during 2002 and also to the persons in charge of the member organisations, without whose assistance the job that I do would have been much more difficult.

Michael Halls

CHAIRMAN OF PACIFIC RIM REGIONAL GROUP

A meeting of the Pacific Rim Regional Group was held in San Diego in 2002 and there was representation from Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and New Zealand as well as an observer from Arizona, USA. The group expressed its pleasure at the prospect of Australia hosting the 2008 World Congress. This Congress will be extremely important not only for Australia, but for the whole region.

It will provide a focal point and a milestone to achieve greater membership of the IFEH. The Group appreciates that six years is not a long time in international time frames and Members plan to make an early start to encouraging interest in the World Congress.

The year 2008 is also the 20-year anniversary of the Inaugural IFEH World Congress, which was held in Sydney and would be the perfect time to showcase the development of environmental health in the Asia-Pacific region.

Member organisations will be working to establish permanent contacts in other Pacific Rim countries and in particular the Pacific Island Nations. Some contacts are already being pursued.

Details on regional environmental health issues or contacts should be forwarded to Vic Andrich, Chairman Pacific Rim Regional Group at vic@odyssey.apana.org.au or by post to: PO Box 311, Melville. Western Australia, 6156.

Vic Andrich



Right: Lars Olsen looking after Diane Evans in San Diego.

Below: San Diego skyline.



MAGAZINE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

As I reported last year, the launch of the Federation's annual review has been delayed pending the possibility of an upturn in the advertising market, the effects of which have been felt globally. Accordingly the Federation has continued with publishing its own Magazine, "Environment and Health International". Volume 4 was completed in 2002 with the usual two editions.



The Magazine cannot be produced without the assistance of the contributors. Once I again thank them for their support and ask that they continue and that we are joined by many more for Volume 5.

The Magazine is one of the principal means of keeping in touch with the membership, especially the Associate Members and that is why I keep requesting that any information from whatever source which is relevant to the IFEH should be passed to me for inclusion.

The bibliography of articles forms a large percentage of each edition and displays the wide range of subjects tackled by environmental health practitioners throughout our Membership.

John Stirling

REPORT by HONORARY EDUCATION LIAISON OFFICER

The International Faculty Forum successfully organised an educational conference, which was held in conjunction with the IFEH 7th World Congress in San Diego, USA. The Federation is committed to assisting the Forum with a similar event scheduled for 2004 in Durban, South Africa.

I strongly believe that the Federation should endeavour to maintain a close working partnership with the Forum and I would be pleased to receive the thoughts of any of our members in this regard.

John Stirling

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Australia
 Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia
 Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia;
 Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia

British Columbia Institute of Technology, Canada
 Ryerson Polytechnic University, Canada

King's College, University of London, England, UK
 Leeds Metropolitan University, England, UK
 Manchester Metropolitan University, England, UK
 City College of Higher & Further Education, Norwich, England, UK
 Salford University, England, UK
 University of the West of England, Bristol, England, UK

Hong Kong Technical College

Dublin College of Technology, Ireland

University of Malawi – The Polytechnic

University of Ulster, Northern Ireland, UK

Edinburgh University, Scotland, UK
 Stevenson College, Scotland, UK
 University of Strathclyde, Scotland, UK

Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore

Cape Technikon, South Africa
 M.L.Sultan Technikon, Durban, South Africa
 Peninsula Technikon, Belleville, South Africa
 Technikon Natal, South Africa
 Technikon North Gauteng, South Africa
 Technikon Pretoria, South Africa

Umea University, Sweden

Loma Linda University, California, USA

University of Wales Cardiff Institute, Wales, UK

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS 2002

COUNTRY REPRESENTED	NAME OF ORGANISATION
Australia	Australian Institute of Environmental Health (AIEH)
Austria	Verband der Oesterreichischen Lebensmittelkontrolle
Botswana	Botswana Environmental Health Officers' Association
Canada	Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI)
Cyprus	Association of Public Health Inspectors
Denmark	Foreningen af Miljømedarbejdere I Kommunerne (FMK)
England, Wales & N. Ireland	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)
Finland	Finnish Communal Association of Environmental Health & Protection
France	Association Nationale des Ingenieurs du Genie Sanitaire (ANIGS)
Germany	Bundesverband der Lebensmittel Kontrolleure (BVLK)
Greece	Association of Public Health Inspectors
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Public Health Inspectors Association (HKPHIA)
Ireland	Environmental Health Officers' Association (EHOA)
Jamaica	Association of Public Health Inspectors
Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan Association of the Sanitary-epidemiological Service
Kenya	Association of Public Health Officers
Latvia	Latvian Association of Preventive Medicine Functioners
Lithuania	Union of Hygienists & Epidemiologists
Malaysia	Malaysian Association of Environmental Health (MAEH)
Malawi	Environmental Health Officers Association of Malawi
Mauritius	Health Inspectors Cadre
Netherlands	College van Keurmeesters
New Zealand	New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health Inc. (NZIEH)
Nigeria	Environmental Health Society of Nigeria
Norway	Forum for Miljø og Helse (FMH)
Scotland	Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland (REHIS)
Singapore	Society of Environmental Health
South Africa	South African Institute for Environmental Health Officers (SAIEH)
Sweden	Miljö- och halsoskydd- stjänstemannaförbundet (MHTF)
Tanzania	Tanzanian Association of Health Inspectors (CHAMATA)
USA	National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)
Zambia	Environmental Health Institute of Zambia
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe Environmental Health Practitioners Association (ZEHPA)



SAIEH delegates receive flag in preparation for 2004 World Congress.



Brian Hanna receives the Eric Foskett Award on behalf of CIEH's Northern Ireland Centre.

The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland



Training for Industry

Training provision for people employed in industry and commerce is a useful activity in which Environmental Health Professional Organisations may participate.

It gives a good opportunity to influence companies and organisations for the benefit of public health. It can also produce useful revenue for the Professional Organisation.

REHIS has for many years been a leading training organisation and will be pleased to assist other IFEH members to establish and develop their own programmes of training for industry and commerce.

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