

**THE INTERNATIONAL
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Annual Report 2005**





Top left: Jerry Chaka hands over IFEH plaque to Claudia Kurzac, President of CIPHI.

Top right: Colm Smyth presents REHIS Membership Certificate to Mike Halls.

Bottom left: Colm Smyth presents Jerry Chaka with SAIEH Membership Certificate.

Bottom right: Colm Smyth presents Steve Cooper with CIEH Membership Certificate.



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PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

President- – Jerry Chaka
President Elect – Colm Smyth
Honorary Secretary – Michael Halls
Honorary Treasurer – Stephen Cooper
Honorary Editor – John R. Stirling
Honorary Public Relations Officer – Kia Regner
Company Secretary – Graham Jukes
Honorary Education Liaison Officer – Isobel Stout
Webmasters: Henning Hansen & Jan Jørgensen

REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT

During the course of 2005 the Board of Directors held two meetings and the Council met in Vancouver, Canada.

The Public Health Inspectors Union of Sri Lanka became the latest recruit and the Environmental Section of the Administrative Services of the Royal Commission for Jubail & Yanbu, Saudi Arabia joined as our newest Associate Member. On the negative, we lost two Associate members due to non-payment of subscriptions, the Norwich City College and Kings College, London.

The Federation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) with the aim of ensuring cooperation between the two organizations on the sustainability indicators project.

The process of developing an overall strategy for IFEH began in earnest in Vancouver and it is hoped to conclude this in 2006.

The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland (REHIS), the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) and the Environmental Health Officers Association of Ireland (EHOA) indicated their interest in assisting IFEH financially to appoint staff and set up an office. IFEH will submit a job description for an officer who could run the office and provide estimates of the costs involved which will be considered by the three organisations.

An agreement was reached with Chadwick House Group Ltd (CHGL), the CIEH-owned company, which produce the magazine EHN. The agreement covers the quarterly supplement "EHN International" being made available to members of IFEH and being mailed by CHGL to persons and organizations nominated by IFEH at no cost to the Federation. Two sets of the supplement were mailed to member organizations during the course of the year.

The Council approved an agreement reached between the Danish Association (FMK) on behalf of IFEH and a web site consultant under which the consultant will produce templates for a new layout, a new structure and a timetable for the restructuring of the IFEH website.

Due to increased workload emanating from the Codex Alimentarius Commission, IFEH decided to expand the consultative process and now has six members or associate members involved in providing feedback to the Commission through the Honorary Secretary. The German Association (BVLK) had been providing the service on its own until 2005 but the Jamaican Association of Public Health Inspectors (JAPHI), the Austrian Association (VdOL) and College van Keurmeesters (Netherlands) are also now involved. Two of the Academic Associate Members, the University of Salford and the Dublin Institute of Technology, have also agreed to lend assistance in making representations to the Commission.

The year ended with Bernard Forteath of the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland being elected President- Elect for the period 2006 – 2008.

The Eric Foskett award will be presented to Kia Regner of the Swedish Association (YMH) during the 2006 World Congress.

Jerry Chaka

REPORT BY THE HONORARY TREASURER

This is my third report to you as Honorary Treasurer and I can report that the finances are in credit and we enter 2006 with a small surplus. The 2005 accounts are, as I write, with our auditors in order that I can have the annual financial report ready for the AGM in June.

Expenditure during the year has again remained steady with the costs of administration continuing to show a slight decrease due the increasing use of electronic communication. Our Webmasters are currently redesigning the IFEH website and indicate that on completion the new site will be operating at a greatly reduced cost.

The Board discussed the level of subscriptions for 2006 and agreed to hold them at the 2005 level since operating costs overall were well controlled and within budget.

At the time of writing the 2006 subscription invoices have been issued and I am pleased to tell you that there is a steady inflow of payment from members and associate members.

Again this year we have received financial support for the publication of the Annual Report from the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland and we thank them for their contribution.

I know many of us contributed in cash and in kind to the support of disaster relief throughout a traumatic year and it is right that we do this. IFEH is a unique organisation and there is invaluable benefit to be enjoyed by all members in the continuing fellowship and sharing of professional skills and experience.

In closing I offer my thanks to our auditors, Phelan and Prescott for their assistance in the preparation of the annual accounts and to Andrew Gardner, Group Accountant at CIEH for his help and advice through the year.

Steve Cooper



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

General Fund	2005		2004	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Subscriptions		9,847		8,472
Sustaining subscriber donations		585		625
Advertising income		400		1,200
Donations		–		819
Bank interest received		860		795
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		11,692		11,911
Expenditure				
Meeting and conference expenses				
including travel and subsistence	4,187		5,091	
Web site expenses	970		1,140	
Postage, stationery, telephone	4,737		4,737	
Audit and accountancy	588		588	
Legal and professional	15		15	
Bank charges and fees	152		101	
Depreciation	184		216	
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	(11,833)		(11,889)	
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Surplus/(Deficit) before taxation		(141)		22
Corporation tax		–		–
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Surplus/(Deficit) after taxation		(141)		22

REPORT BY THE HONORARY EDITOR

Once again I am pleased to report that the aim to publish two editions of “Environment and Health International” (Volume 7 Numbers 1 & 2) has been achieved. I am sure that by now the membership will fully realise that this achievement is not down to only me but is a team effort of a disparate group of contributors and I thank each and every one.

I am frequently asked what is the most gratifying part of the Honorary Editor’s job and I mostly reply that it is seeing the increased input from the members based in Africa. Our many members there are operating at the forefront of the fight for good Public Health for all.

Immediately after publication, each edition is available on the Federation’s website and accordingly I thank our Webmasters Henning and Jan for all their hard work and the support they give me.

Our President Jerry Chaka has produced many fine articles for the Magazine and in thanking him for his contributions I also thank him for his support and encouragement.

It would not be an Honorary Editor’s report if I were not to mention my proof-reader, better than any PC spell and grammar check and a great sounding board when developing each edition. I sincerely hope that the Board have taken notice of the work that Mike Halls, Honorary Secretary, does in relation to the magazine and have included it in the job specification for future appointees.

John R Stirling



REPORT BY EFEH

The European Federation of Environmental Health (EFEH) includes Federation members & associates and academic organisations from a wide range of countries from Cyprus and Malta in the Mediterranean, to Latvia and Lithuania in the east, to the Nordic countries in the north and to Ireland in the west.

The EFEH was led throughout the year by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health with Peter Archer as Chair of the Group and Les Milne as Secretary. In October 2004, the CIEH had taken over the Chairmanship from EHOA whose representatives have continued to be busy in their preparations for the IFEH World Congress in Dublin in June 2006.

During 2005 the EFEH held two meetings, the first hosted by the Malta Association of Environmental Health Officers (MAEHO) was on 9th April at the Grand Hotel Mercure San Antonio in St Paul's Bay. Ten member organisations were present in Malta. Each EFEH meeting starts with a presentation by the host organisation and in Malta were learnt from Reuben Micallef and his colleagues that the MAEHO was re-established in 2003 and now has 62 members, that's equivalent to about 80% of all EHOs on the island. The MAEHO became a member of IFEH in 2004.

A considerable amount of the meeting was given over to discussions about the new company incorporated in the UK to be known as the European Federation of Environmental Health. The main advantage of forming a separate company is that the EFEH will now be able to apply to the European Union for funding.

The meeting also received an update from Henning Hansen on the revamping of the website in readiness for the Dublin World Congress. Reports were also received from the European Environment and Health Committee and from IFEH Board meeting held earlier in the year in Dublin.

The second meeting in 2005 was on November 19th in London at Chadwick Court and was hosted by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health. There was a detailed presentation by Les Milne on the activities of the CIEH and in particular the opportunity for existing EHP members to apply for Chartered Status. By the end of 2005 about 2,000 individuals had made such an application.

There was also extensive discussion about the reports and resolutions from the Council meeting held in Vancouver in October.

At least two EFEH meetings are planned for 2006, the first in Dublin during the World Congress and the second, possibly, in Cyprus, most likely in November.

Peter Archer

REPORT BY THE AFRICA GROUP

During the reporting period Mr Jerry Chaka, IFEH Africa Group Chairman, was still guiding the activities of IFEH as its President and the Africa Group was honoured to have one of its number preside over IFEH matters for the last two years. The Africa Group held one regional meeting during the 15th Scientific Conference for the Association of Public Health Officers (Kenya) on 18th August 2005 at the Reef Hotel, Mombasa, Kenya, with representation from SAIEH (South Africa), ZIEH (Zambia), APHO (Kenya), CHAMATA (Tanzania) and, by invitation, AAEHA (USA) and EHSA (Kenyan Students) Those attending the meeting considered a number of issues aimed at strengthening the Group and its Associations. The following issues were discussed and it was decided that they require attention of all member associations based in Africa:

Recruitment & raising awareness

The Secretary of the Group should write official letters to the Permanent Secretaries of Health on behalf of all the twelve (12) Africa Group Member Associations bringing to their attention the objectives of IFEH and responsibilities of their Associations.

Finance

The weak position of Africa Group in terms financial prowess has continued to haunt the group and during the meeting, the issue of mobilizing funds was exhaustively discussed. It was decided to expedite the application for GB£250 from IFEH for administration and to explore the possibility of opening bank accounts in various countries where conditions were favourable. Meanwhile all monies should be deposited in the bank account of the Zambia Institute of Environmental Health. The Group agreed to introduce a registration fee of US\$50 for each Member Association and an Annual Subscription of US\$50 (a total of US\$100 annually) and to develop financial guidelines to guide the Group on the accountability of resources. The Group should develop a Business Plan for the Group for possible support by stakeholders /cooperating partners

Newsletter

The meeting agreed that CHAMATA continue to be mandated to initiate this assignment and that a template be circulated to Member Associations for their perusal, review and inputs.

African Academy of Environmental Health

The Chairperson reported that IFEH Board of Directors has approved the Constitution of the Academy and that the issue was tabled at the IEFEH Council Meeting in October 2005, in Vancouver.

IFEH Council Meeting in Kenya - 2007

Since it had not proved possible for Africa to host the IFEH Council meeting in 2005, the Africa Group resolved to bid the IFEH Council Meeting in Kenya in 2007

The 9th IFEH World Congress in Ireland

The Africa Group encouraged the Member Associations based in Africa to support the Congress through their participation in 2006.

Website

The Group agreed that the Webmasters of IFEH be contacted to assist with setting up the Africa Group web page

Development Fund

A number of members in Africa had submitted proposals for projects under the provisions laid down by the Federation for grants from the above fund. The final outcome of the process would be reported on at the Vancouver Council Meeting in October 2005.

U.K. Government Commission for Africa

The Africa Group agreed to pursue the idea of the British Prime Minister’s Initiative where the Department for International Development has established offices in Africa with an aim of obtaining financial support for Africa Group initiatives

Africa Conference on Environmental Health 2007

The Africa Group resolved to host an “Africa Conference on Environmental Health” in Kenya in 2007 to coincide with IFEH Council meeting during the month of August. A Steering Committee was formed comprising the Chairperson, Secretary, Media Office (CHAMATA), the Secretary General of APHO(K) and the Chief Public Health Officer of Kenya. It was further agreed to develop a flier informing Members Organizations in Africa, UCRA and the African Union about the envisaged Africa Conference

Reports from Member Associations

South Africa Institute of Environmental Health (SAIEH)

Elections have been held, resulting in the re-election of Jerry Chaka for another term of office as SAIEH President and the election of the a female Treasurer in the SAIEH Executive.

Association of Public Health Officers (Kenya)

As noted above the Association held a successful Scientific Conference which attracted a significant number of delegates and was attended by the Deputy Minister of Health of Kenya.

Zambia Institute of Environmental Health (ZIEH)

There has been a delay in the starting the BSc. Degree Programme at the University of Zambia due to the difficulty of providing classrooms, offices and student accommodation. The expected start date is now scheduled for April 2006 with support from World Bank and WHO.

Tanzania Health Officers Association (CHAMATA)

CHAMATA conducted its elections with the ushering in of new Executive Members led Mr Andrew Kayesa as its Chairman and Dr Robert Ntakamulenga as the Secretary General.

In conclusion the year 2005 was rather busy for members of the Group considering that CHAMATA (Tanzania) and SAIEH (South Africa) had conducted elections to elect new Executive Members. The Rwanda Association is slowly reorganising its activities as a new member if IFEH. However, the successful holding of 15th Scientific Conference of APHO (Kenya) was the climax of the Africa Group in 2005.

Fordson Nyirenda

REPORT BY THE ASIA & THE PACIFIC GROUP

During the year the Group continued its planning for the World Congress to be held in Brisbane, Australia in 2008. All of the members in the Group are involved to some degree or another. In the shorter term the Group is providing substantial backing to the Malaysian Association in organising a Dengue Fever Workshop in early 2006. It is hoped that the Federation will provide some financial support out of its budget for assisting Regional Groups to operate more effectively.

At the end of the year the Chairman of the Group was Veeramohan Supramaniam of the Malaysian Association with Isobel Stout on behalf of the New Zealand Institute assisting as Secretary on a temporary basis. Peter Davey of the Australian Institute was the Group's "roving ambassador"!

Isobel Stout

REPORT BY THE AMERICAS GROUP

No activity during the year 2005.



Tourists fascinated by the Steam Clock in Vancouver

REPORT BY THE HONORARY SECRETARY

As I sit down at my computer to compose this report, I am conscious that, if everything goes according to plan, this will be the last contribution that I make to the Annual Report as Honorary Secretary of the Federation. I have intimated to the Council that I wish to retire from the position – not because I have lost interest in the affairs of IFEH – but rather that I hand over to someone younger with a more up to date method of working than I have and who can bring new ideas to the Federation.

Naturally, I have mixed feelings as I consider this action, ranging from relief at having more time to do as I want to do, to a fear that I am deserting the organisation at a stage in its development when it needs someone who can devote time and efforts to ensuring its survival and contribute to its forward progress. However, I have always believed that nobody is indispensable and that a younger person can bring a new enthusiasm and modern systems to benefit an organisation.

The Board has undertaken actions to find a successor and I can report with some satisfaction that there is a person “standing in the wings”, waiting for me to leave the stage! The Board is aware that it does not have the power to appoint a new Honorary Secretary (that being a job for the Annual General Meeting) but whoever is appointed to take over will have my full support and assistance until he or she is comfortable that the reins can be handed over permanently.

At a time like this, I am bound to look back on the years during which I have had a role to play in the Federation and, without wishing to sound boastful, can take some satisfaction that during that time IFEH has come a long way. It still has a long and, no doubt, difficult journey ahead but I leave it in safe hands and look forward to hearing of its continued success.

Reminiscences that are among the strongest and most satisfying include the privilege that I have had in being able to attend every one of the World Congresses that IFEH has endorsed and as a consequence of travelling to all parts of the World to the Congress venues, I have met so many wonderful, dedicated and thoughtful people amongst whom I number many, many good friends. I hope that I can continue to keep in touch with them all.

In my time as Honorary Secretary, I have had the pleasure of serving four Presidents and owe a debt of gratitude to them all for the support and help they gave me. They each brought to the post their own personal style and strengths and, on occasions, we did not always see eye-to-eye but in the end the decisions that we took were intended to be of benefit to the Federation.

I have also been privileged to work with the other officers who have served IFEH well over the last 8 years and know how much they have devoted to ensuring the smooth running and the forward movement of the organisation. It would be iniquitous to single out any individual, so my very grateful thanks go to each and every one of them.

Of course, those of you with good memories will remember that my role in IFEH has not been confined to acting as Honorary Secretary and I still regard my being chosen to be the IFEH President for the period 1996 to 1998 as being one of my most gratifying experiences.

Now I must turn to the reason why I am sitting here on a pleasant spring day in Scotland (yes, such days do come along quite often) – my thoughts on the year 2005 in the life of IFEH.

The year 2005 was one of steady progress and although the Council met only once – in Vancouver, where the 2010 World Congress will be held – by taking advantage of the relative geographical proximity of the majority of the Board of Directors and the ease of modern-day communications, frequent contact and many emails enabled the business of the Federation to be done promptly and efficiently.

Other officers have reported on the work of the Council and of the Regional Groups and, as ever, it falls to me to ensure that the other work, which goes on behind the scenes is included in this report, so that all connected with or interested in the Federation learn of its achievements.

A start was made during 2005 to the major task of upgrading the web site – www.ifeh.org - and, as usual, IFEH is indebted to our its two Webmasters, Henning Hansen & Jan Jørgensen for their efforts. It had been hoped to have the revision done during the year but, due to the pressure of careers and homes the volunteers were not able to meet their own very tight deadlines; however, signs are that the site will be fully operational in early 2006.

Although, on the face of it, it seems that recruitment of new members has been somewhat poor, it might be of interest to know that, as Honorary Secretary, I follow up all leads in so far as attracting new members is concerned and, during the year, I dealt with persons or organisations in the following countries where we have no locus at present: Namibia, Ghana, Ethiopia, Indonesia, China, Swaziland, Viet Nam, Bangladesh & Albania. I hope that in time this activity will bear more fruit than it has done hitherto.

One of the most time-consuming activities for me as Honorary Secretary is to act as the conduit between the Codex Alimentarius Commission's Committees and those members of IFEH who act as the Federation's eyes and ears in regard to the various proposals emanating from these sources.

IFEH now has volunteers perusing the papers issued by nine of the Codex Committees dealing with the following topics: Food Additives & Contaminants; Food Hygiene; Food Import & Export Certification & Inspection Systems; General Principles; Food Labelling; Nutrition & Foods for Special Dietary Uses; Pesticide Residues; Fish & Fishery Products; and Fresh Fruit & Vegetables.

Work has started on the production of more policies or position papers on aspects of environmental health so as to set out the Federation's views on such important matters as Climate Change and Disaster Preparedness and it is hoped that the first results of the work that is going on at present will be seen early in 2006.

The Federation is also trying once more to convince the powers that be in the European Union that we are a cause that is worth supporting in financial terms and will also be approaching other funding organisations to try to obtain money to enable the appointment of full time staff and the establishment of an office in a suitable location.

I will watch the progress of IFEH from the sidelines and wish it and all connected with it the very best of good fortune now and unto the future.

Michael Halls

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS 2005

AMERICAS REGION

USA California Environmental Health Association, USA
 Minnesota Environmental Health Association, USA
 Underwriters Laboratories Inc, USA

EUROPE REGION

England, Wales & Northern Ireland
 Greater London Centre – CIEH, England, UK
 Water for Kids, England, UK

Scotland Health Protection Scotland, Scotland, UK

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATE MEMBERS 2005

AFRICA REGION

Malawi University of Malawi – The Polytechnic
Qatar College of the North Atlantic
South Africa Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa
 Durban Institute of Technology, South Africa
 Tshwane University of Technology, Pretoria, South Africa

AMERICAS REGION

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

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION

Australia Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia
 Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia;
Hong Kong Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education
Singapore Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore

EUROPE REGION

England Wales & Northern Ireland
 Leeds Metropolitan University, England, UK
 Manchester Metropolitan University, England, UK
 Salford University, England, UK
 University of the West of England, Bristol, England, UK
 University of Ulster, Northern Ireland, UK
 University of Wales Cardiff Institute, Wales, UK
Ireland Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland
Netherlands Groningen University, Groningen, Netherlands
Scotland University of Strathclyde, Scotland, UK
Sweden Umea University, Sweden

ORGANISATIONS IN FULL MEMBERSHIP (2005)

Country	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 Miljomedarbejdere I Kommunerne (FMK)
England, Wales & N. Ireland	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)
Finland	Finnish Communal Assoc. of Environmental Health & Protection
France	Association Nationale des Ingenieurs du Genie Sanitaire (ANIGS)
Germany	Bundesverband der Lebensmittel Kontrolleure (BVLK)
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Public Health Inspectors Association (HKPHIA)
Ireland	Environmental Health Officers' Association (EHOA)
Jamaica	Association of Public Health Inspectors (JAPHO)
Kenya	Association of Public Health Officers
Latvia	Latvian Association of Preventive Medicine Functioners
Liberia	Liberia Association of Public Health Inspectors
Lithuania	Union of Hygienists & Epidemiologists (LUHE)
Malaysia	Malaysian Association of Environmental Health (MAEH)
Malawi	Environmental Health Officers Association of Malawi
Malta	Malta Association of Environmental Health Officers
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 Miljo og Helse (FMH)
Rwanda	Association of Environmental Health
Scotland	Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland (REHIS)
Singapore	Society of Environmental Health
South Africa	South African Institute for Environmental Health Officers (SAIEH)
Sri Lanka	Public Health Inspectors' Union of Sri Lanka
Sweden	Yrkeforeningen Miljo Och Hals (YMH)
Tanzania	Tanzanian Association of Health Inspectors (CHAMATA)
Uganda	Public Health Inspectors Association of Uganda
USA	National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)
Zambia	Environmental Health Institute of Zambia
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe Environmental Health Practitioners Association (ZEHPA)



Council Meeting in Vancouver, October 2005



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