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In 2009 EFCA continued to explore options for policy-oriented initiatives and to that end developed and agreed on a work plan for the next five years. EFCA contributed to the debate in the EU by raising the question of imperfections in existing legislation on environment topics. At two EFCA-symposia, respectively a second meeting on Ultrafine particles and a fifth symposium on Non-CO₂ Greenhouse Gases, the state-of-the-art in these fields was considered. In September EFCA elected Jean-Marie Rambaud as its new president.

EFCA's first event in 2009 was a symposium on Ultrafine particles, its second on this topic. It was hosted by GUS in May in Brussels, and organised in cooperation with the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. The programme consisted of review papers and presentations of current research and was concluded with a panel discussion in cooperation with representatives of the European Commission. A Conference report is available at www.efca.net; a CD-ROM with presentations is available.

In July the fifth symposium on Non-CO₂ Greenhouse Gases, hosted by VVM-CLAN, took place in Wageningen. The series on NCGG started in the nineties and is recognised since worldwide as the authoritative meeting for this topic. A Conference report and additional information is available at www.ncgg.info.

The need to harvest co-benefits from integrating policies on air pollution and climate change and to avoid trade-offs between them, which had been addressed by EFCA as well IUAPPA in 2008, continued to stay at EFCA's agenda. The Swedish presidency of the EU hosted a major conference on the topic in Gothenburg in October and EFCA, being invited for the conference, provided a Discussion note in which it launched the question of imperfections in this respect in existing European legislation. The Discussion note was authored by the "Co-benefits Task Force", which convened once in Lille at the invitation of APPA. It consisted of Giuseppe Fumarola, Jean-Marie Rambaud, John Murlis and the secretary-general; president Jean-Marie Rambaud presented its essence in Gothenburg. Also considering the response in Gothenburg, it was decided to prepare an extended version of the Discussion note and ask Members for comments and approval.

The Discussion note for the Gothenburg conference was in fact a first product of EFCA's work plan 2009-2014. A *Task Force for the Work Plan*, chaired by John Murlis had prepared a draft for it which was discussed and agreed at the EFCA Assembly meeting in May. The meeting in Lille was also used to detail some elements of the work plan.

The Assembly also discussed the Membership situation and the difficulty to be represented in countries without an active association addressing atmospheric topics. The Assembly therefore welcomed an application for associate membership of the Norwegian research

institute NILU which had resulted from the joint IUAPPA/EFCA Membership initiative in 2008 and decided positively on it. EFCA presently counts fifteen participating organisations.

The Assembly also dealt with the succession of EFCA's president, Giuseppe Fumarola, whose second term expired in 2009. With two nominations, respectively by VVM-CLAN and APPA, the Assembly decided on an election through a ballot procedure. The ballot took place in September and resulted in the election of APPA's nominee, Jean-Marie Rambaud. The meeting of the *Co-benefits Task Force* in Lille, end of September, provided an opportunity for the transfer of responsibilities.

In 2009 EFCA issued three Newsletters with summaries of new international policy developments, primarily in the EU. The Newsletter also supported the above activities, together with the EFCA website at www.efca.net.

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