



## EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CLEAN AIR AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATIONS

The European Symposium on Environmental Protection

### **Annual report 2013**

*The European “Year of Air” induced EFCA to extend its external relations and present its views at several occasions. Opening with the 4<sup>th</sup> symposium in its series on Ultrafine particles EFCA contributed at other international conferences on particulate matter and arranged special sessions on it at CAPPAs Air Protection 2013 and IUAPPA’s World Clean Air Congress in Capetown. EFCA was also visible during the Green Week and at the Closing conference of the Year of Air. During 2013 membership increased to 16 organisations.*

#### *Conferences*

In 2013 three EFCA Members organised major international events.

In May GUS hosted, in cooperation with the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology and EFCA the 4<sup>th</sup> symposium on Ultrafine Particles (UFP-4) in Brussels. Its five keynote speakers set the tone for the event which was supplemented with high quality session papers. In the well-filled program also a workshop of the EU’s AirMonTech-project was accommodated. In September CAPPAs hosted another delivery of its Air Protection series in Sibenik, Croatia with a special session on particulate matter. It was chaired by *John Murlis* who contributed with a presentation on EFCA’s activities in recent years.

In October EFCA sponsored IUAPPA’s World Clean Air Congress in Capetown, South Africa, with a special session highlighting the prominence of Black Carbon when considering options for delivering co-benefits for air quality and climate objectives. It was chaired by EFCA’s president, *Thomas Reichert*, who also presented EFCA’s views on the topic.

Also in October EFCA sponsored the 4<sup>th</sup> WeBIOPATR Workshop and Conference on particulate matter in Belgrade, Serbia. WeBIOPATR is a cooperation between NILU and two Serbian institutes. The SG participated in Belgrade and presented EFCA’s views on the conference topic.

In June EFCA was also represented at the 17<sup>th</sup> ETH Conference on Combustion-generated Nanoparticles in Zurich, Switzerland. EFCA’s policy activities had been observed by the Swiss organizers and an exchange was agreed. At UFP-4 *M. Mayer* presented a paper on views which have been incorporated in Swiss and EU-regulation for vehicles; in June *Thomas Reichert* participated in a Panel in the closing session, while the SG presented EFCA’s views.

### *Year of Air*

After its earlier public consultation on the Air Quality Directive the Commission launched a new one at the beginning of this year on the renewal of the Thematic Strategy on Air Pollution. After having consulted its Members EFCA responded to the Consultation in March.

The yearly Green Week Conference and Exhibition of the Commission was dedicated to air quality this year. It took place in June in Brussels. Our sister federation ENEP, which had been participating in some earlier Green Weeks, invited EFCA, in view of the theme this year, to have a joint stand at the Exhibition. EFCA accepted the offer and successfully used the opportunity to present its views also there while also increasing its visibility in Europe. Apart from *president* and *SG*, *John Murlis*, *Tinus Pulles*, *Sander Teeuwisse* and *Rudolf Neuroth* spent one or two days in Brussels to man the stand.

In December the Closing Conference of the Year of Air was held in Strasburg. The French organizers arranged that one of the sessions was chaired on behalf of EFCA; *John Murlis* took charge of this and in contacts with an official of the Commission was informed that a dialogue with EFCA would be welcomed.

EFCA was also invited to prepare an Editorial for the special issue on the Year of Air of APPA's journal "Pollution Atmosphérique". The Editorial, co-authored by *Joop van Ham*, *Thomas Reichert* and *John Murlis* on personal title went on line at the end of December.

The actual proposals of the Commission, the outcome of the three year process towards the Year of Air, were published on 30 December. A summary with a preliminary comment is included in EFCA's December Newsletter (published in the beginning of 2014).

### *Public Relations*

EFCA-newsletters were produced in March, August and December (published in January 2014). By displaying inspection copies at conferences the Newsletter was given more publicity in Europe.

The website received reduced attention because of technical difficulties during part of the year and due to EFCA's busy programme. The several presentations on behalf of EFCA this year induced to add a new page for this new category of publications (annex 2a). For UFP-4 a dedicated website (<http://ufp.efca.net>) was made available by EFCA's webmaster.

The presentation panels for the Green Week required the production of high-resolution quality versions in colour of EFCA's logo. The panels stay available for future occasions and also served during the World Congress in Capetown last year.

Finally, a new brochure on EFCA was designed and produced. It was launched at the World Congress and is primarily meant to serve in external contacts, both of EFCA itself and of its delegates at national levels.

### *Membership*

Through the acceptance of "Environmental Protection Scotland" this year as Full Member Membership increased to 16 organisations. Apart from Cercl'Air, also PIGE upgraded its status in EFCA to Full membership.

Also this year Serbian partners in the WeBIOPATR project informed EFCA that they are exploring the feasibility of a national association in Serbia which could then participate in EFCA.

**Presentations on behalf of EFCA**

**(<http://www.efca.net/efca2/index.php?page=presentations>)**

2013

- Joop van Ham, Thomas Reichert and John Murlis, **[Towards a robust European policy on particulate matter](#)**. Editorial in special issue on Year of Air in Pollution Atmosphérique, December 2013
- John Murlis, **[Introduction EFCA](#)**. Closing Conference Year of Air, Strasburg, 9 December 2013
- Joop van Ham and Thomas Reichert, **[Particulate matter: EFCA views on possible metrics and the "One Atmosphere" approach](#)**. WeBIOPATR2013 - 4th Conference on particulate matter, Belgrade, Serbia, 2-4 October 2013
- Thomas Reichert and Joop van Ham, **[Opportunities for cost-effectiveness in atmospheric policies in the European Union](#)**. EFCA session 'Co-benefits for Clean Air and Climate: Prominence of Black Carbon' at World Clean Air Congress, Capetown, South Africa, 29 September - 4 October 2013
- John Murlis, Joop van Ham and Thomas Reichert, **[Reducing impacts of Particulate pollution: opportunities for achieving air quality and climate change benefits](#)**. 8th Croatian Scientific and Professional Conference "Air protection 2013", Sibenik, Croatia, 9-14 September 2013
- Joop van Ham and Thomas Reichert, **[Ultrafine particles: some views on preferred metrics](#)**. 17th ETH Conference on Combustion-generated nanoparticles, 23-26 June 2013