



EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CLEAN AIR AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATIONS

Annual Report 2006

In 2006 EFCA sponsored a conference on Air Pollution and Environmental Health, organised by its French member APPA in Lille. At its Assembly meeting EFCA said farewell to two vice-presidents: professor dr-ing. Klaus Grefen, one of EFCA's founding fathers, and professor Bernard Festy. As their successors EFCA elected dr Vladimira Vadjic and J.-M. Rambaud. EFCA continued to participate in the activities of the CAFE Steering Group.

EFCA conferences

In 2006 APPA organised a conference on Air Pollution and Environmental Health, from Science to Action and focussing on the challenge of particulate matter. It was EFCA's 17th specialty conference and IUAPPA's 15th regional conference. The actual conference in Lille was preceded by a mini-symposium in Paris, co-organised by APPA and IUAPPA as part of the ISEE/ISEA Congress.

Clean Air For Europe (CAFE)

The CAFE Steering Group met once in 2006; Klaus Grefen and the secretary-general were attending. While the Thematic Strategy on Air Pollution as drafted in 2005 received amendments after a first round in the European Parliament the Steering Group discussed the process for the revision of the NEC Directive which was to be started in bilateral consultations between DG Environment and each Member State.

The secretary-general further attended a workshop on an evaluation of the Plans and Programmes required under the Air Quality Directive.

Assembly

The Assembly enjoyed the hospitality of APPA at its meeting in Lille.

Giuseppe Fumarola was elected for a second term as president of EFCA. Two vice-presidents, Klaus Grefen and Bernard Festy left their office and were elected as honorary members of the Assembly. Vladimira Vadjic, nominated by CAPPa and Jean-Marie Rambaud, nominated by APPA were elected as new vice-presidents. The Assembly, while deciding to encourage Members to nominate delegates for the office of vice-president noted that the commitment of the active delegates in the Assembly makes the difference in capacity for developing the federation.

Upon reflection at EFCA's involvement in CAFE activities it was concluded to continue the policy of modest presence in Brussels and elsewhere. In order to give a guideline for future activities and programmes of EFCA it was agreed to prepare a draft strategy document for discussion and adoption in 2007.

The relevance of EFCA's website was confirmed by statistics on the number of visits. Further development, including dedicated discussions on specific topics was agreed.

Membership

Membership remained constant at ten Member associations. Three associations have Observer status.