



EFAEP General Assembly

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11. PROPOSED RENAMING OF EFAEP

Apart from the formal name of our organisation, *European Federation of Associations of Environmental Professionals (EFAEP)*, we have now for some time been using a name that resembles it: *European Network of Environmental Professionals (ENEP)*. As we know, this second term is the name we gave to our personal information exchange and communication internet system.

The existence of these two names, not surprisingly, appears confusing to those beyond EFAEP – and, quite likely, many people within as well. This confusion is not only caused by the mutual resemblance of both names and acronyms, but also by the fact that we operate the ENEP database as well as the EFAEP web site.

Therefore, we think it would be wise to simplify things by using only one name for both our organisation and for our network database – a very important tool and added value of our organisation. In our view, there are no real disadvantages to using one and the same name for our organisation and for one of its prime publicity tools.

When it comes to choosing between EFAEP and ENEP, we strongly prefer the latter. For quite some time, maybe even ever since our inception, people within EFAEP have regarded this name as a little awkward. In most languages, 'EFAEP' is not a very natural sounding term, and as a result it is relatively difficult to pronounce and to remember, and outsiders often ask for clarification. ENEP, on the other hand, is more easily to pronounce, and it is shorter. Moreover, 'Environmental Network of Environmental Professionals' quite adequately reflects what we are.

There is a major formal impediment to changing our name: our Statutes. As asking the Belgian king once again to agree with a change is the last thing we would like to spend our time on, we propose the following:

1. Our formal, statutory name remains 'EFAEP' (compare with: 'The Kingdom of The Netherlands' or the 'Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron').
2. Our working title, the name everyone uses in daily practice, becomes 'ENEP' (compare with 'Holland' or 'World Rowing').
3. In our publications (logo, web site, etcetera) we switch to 'ENEP', with the same logo behind it, as this is already in use at the ENEP database. We inform our associations' members of the change, and may expect everyone to adopt this quickly and forget about 'EFAEP' soon.

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