

## EFAEP – Report of the Meeting of December 1<sup>st</sup> 2004

**Venue:** Lafarge research centre, Saint Quentin Fallavier (Lyon)

### Attendance:

From The Netherlands: Jan Karel Mak – VVM

From Great Britain: Joel Bateman, Nicola Wanch – IEEM

From Italy: Mario Grosso, Emanuele Regalini, Fosca Romani – AIAT

Diego Marazza, Carlotta Queirazza – AISA

From France: J. Lebègue, B. Weinzaepfel, P. Degobert, D. Bernard, M. Dagnaud – AFITE

From Germany: Vera Kessler, Jorg Niehoff – VDI Brussels

Matthias Friebel, Hans-Juergen Wicht – VNU

From Spain: Lara Pérez Duenas – ATEGRUS

The meeting has been chaired by Dominique Bernard, president of EFAEP.

### 1/ Report of the special task force on Fund Raising

The EFAEP Task Force on funding has been established at the General Assembly in Brussels in June 2004. The assignment was to “investigate the fund raising possibilities in order to raise the necessary money to have full time staff in Brussels as soon as possible”. During the work of the Task Force it became obvious that the focus was too narrow and the issue of funding could not be analysed without including a number of other issues. Consequently the Task Force took a broader approach and prepared a number of issues which have been presented in detail during the Meeting. All the documents prepared by the task force are downloadable from the EFAEP website at the following links:

<http://www.efaep.org/folderpage/5/articlesingleview/documents/47/> (Part I)

<http://www.efaep.org/folderpage/5/articlesingleview/documents/48/> (Part II)

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL THE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS WILL DOWNLOAD AND CAREFULLY EVALUATE THE DOCUMENTS!**

The participants welcomed the work of the Task Force. After detailed discussions on those subjects ready for implementation, the following decisions were taken:

- EFAEP will start with a student trainee as soon as possible. The ExCo will make sure that the necessary budget is available before entering into a contract. Every member organisation is invited to look for interesting applications, which should be sent to the Brussels Office.
- The electronic questionnaire will be used. The controversial issue of individual data has been discussed (should names and e-mail addresses be collected or not). The majority of participating organisations agreed to leave the choice to the individual.

AFITE had a preference to disclose any individual information for the AFITE members (Jörg will continue the discussion with AFITE and Dominique to come to a final conclusion).

- The newsflash will be implemented as soon as possible. To give a better overview on the content the headlines will be displayed at the beginning of the mails.
- The subscription tool was seen as a valuable mechanism and should be implemented. Jörg will make sure with the president and the treasurer that the necessary budget is available.

## **2/ Database of environmental professionals**

AFITE has been working on a project which could be eligible under the LIFE program. The goal is to set up a pilot scheme through which EU would be able to identify, validate, gather and disseminate good practices in terms of clean technologies. The subject fits well with the work being done by Emanuele's working group on ETAP. Therefore, AFITE would like to involve AIAT, as well as CSE as a representative of a new EU member state. The EFAEP database being one of the tools required for the achievement of the project, it could be financed on this LIFE dossier. In this case the more sophisticated option (i.e. the one based on the "fingerprinting" technology) will be adopted.

In the meantime, the two Italian associations (AIAT and AISA) will prepare the technical specifications of a database in the "light version" within April 2005, that will be submitted to the ExCo. Emanuele (AIAT) will write an email to the member associations, in order to get in contact with a technical expert to support this activity.

## **3/ Comments on the EFAEP symposium on Environment and Health**

The Symposium, which was organized jointly by EFAEP and AFITE, has been cancelled due to the lack of participants. It is the first time ever that AFITE is forced to cancel a Symposium!

The Assembly has briefly discussed the reasons for this failure. One of the key point is the difficulty to find out a subject which is of common interest for all the member associations. A more promising topic could be, for example, the pollution across the borders of the EU Member States.

IEEM will try to go deeper on this considerations, suggesting some possible alternatives and solutions.

## **4/ Status of the working groups**

**WG on Environmental Technologies:** the activity is in stand-by, and the meeting which was organised after the Assembly has been cancelled because only one WG member showed-up.

**WG on greenhouse gas:** the activity is in stand-by.

**WG on Environmental Management Systems:** a first meeting of the WG (chaired by Matthias Friebe) has been held just after the Assembly.

Jan Karel has suggested to establish a task force (with four members) with the assignment to evaluate the new structure of the working groups.

## **5/ Date and location of the next General Assembly (London or Milano)**

After a brief discussion the Assembly has agreed that the next GA will be held in London, in June 2005. Following the resigning of Rudiger, in the same occasion a new treasurer will be elected.

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