



Chartered
Institute of
Environmental
Health

BUSINESS PLAN – NORTHERN IRELAND REGION

2009

1. Vision Statement

Our vision is that through organised activities within the Region members in all categories of membership will engage with each other, with the organisation and with members of other professions both nationally and internationally. Through this participation we believe that the knowledge and professionalism of our members will be enhanced to the benefit of the environment and the public health.

2. Mission Statement

Our mission is to continue to motivate and encourage the NI membership to ensure the success of CIEH in NI and to encourage and facilitate the engagement of all members with CIEH professional activities.

We will also encourage our members to actively support the International work of the Region particularly with regard to –

- support for our colleagues in Chamata, the Tanzanian Association of Environmental Health Professionals
- continuing to nurture our links with EHOA and
- maintaining our links with the Environmental Health Professional organisations in Norway and Sweden.

3. Key Objectives 2009 – 2011

As we approach the deadline for the reorganisation of local government in Northern Ireland in 2011 our key objectives are to ensure that

- the importance of environmental and public health is promoted to and recognised by the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, by the relevant Assembly Ministers and Departments and by the incoming larger Councils
- our members are fully prepared to embrace the challenges and opportunities that will be presented by reorganisation

We will do this by

- Supporting the Director of Environmental Health (NI) at every opportunity in lobbying activities to ensure the correct placement of environmental health in the new local government service
- Highlighting both the local and provincial/international nature of environmental health ensuring that our voice is heard at every opportunity and in every relevant forum

- Working with the Chief Environmental Health Officers Group in the preparation for change and of our members to accommodate that change
- Providing opportunities for members to develop skills that will be useful to them in attaining career opportunities and leading environmental health in the light of reorganisation – advocacy, communication and presentation, project management, leadership etc.
- Striving to ensure that members have the most up to date information on the progress of reorganisation through members at the NI Local Government Association, the NI Local Government Staff Commission, CEHOG and the NI CIEH Directorate

4. Continuing objectives

- To provide a programme of opportunities for members to access CPD activities and keep up-to-date with developments in technology and environmental health policy and practice
- To encourage active support for the International work of the Region particularly with regard to support for our colleagues in Chamata, the Tanzanian Association of Environmental Health Professionals and in revitalising our links with EHOA and the Environmental Health Professional organisations in Norway and Sweden.
- To recognise the requirements of retired, associate and student members and to encourage their participation in Regional activities specifically tailored to meet their needs.

5. Report on 2008 Objectives

- *To provide opportunities to share best practice and to provide opportunities for members to access CPD activities and keep up-to-date with developments in technology and environmental health policy and practice*
 - Regional meeting, ECOS Centre, Ballymena - Technical updates (Scores on the Doors pilot, Allergy Awareness, Climate Change)
 - All Ireland Conference – Hotel Europe, Killarney, Co Kerry
 - Regional Meeting, Lisburn Civic Centre – Progress with the Review of Public Administration
 - Regional Meeting University of Ulster – Graduates Presentations
 - Regional Meeting - CIEH Roadshow – a National Conversation
 - Open Members Forum

- *To encourage and facilitate the engagement of the membership in all categories with CIEH nationally and the NI Region in particular; to recognise the requirements of student members and to encourage their participation in Regional activities specifically tailored to meet their needs.*
 - Student Briefing Days Years 1 & 2 (jointly), Year 3 and Year 4
 - Three subsidised places to 2008 Best of the Best
 - Enlargement of Regional Council to accommodate three seats for student members, one seat for a member from private practice, one seat for University staff, co-options from FSA NI and DHSS&PS
- *To provide a conduit for information to flow from local to national levels and vice versa*
 - Trustees attend each Management Board meeting and report on National issues seeking comment on local concerns To provide a conduit for information to flow from local to national levels and vice versa
- *To encourage active support for the International work of the Region particularly with regard to support for our colleagues in Chamata, the Tanzanian Association of Environmental Health Professionals and in maintaining our links with EHOA.*
 - Continuing support of the Clarence Phenix Memorial Library at the College of Health Sciences, University of Dar es Salaam – computers dispatched
 - Sponsored attendance for a Chamata member at the World Environmental Health Congress in Brisbane, Australia
 - All Ireland Conference – Hotel Europe, Killarney, Co Kerry

6. Key Indicators of Achievement

- Increased attendance at meetings
- Increased participation in elections for Regional Management Board
- Improved student understanding of the role of CIEH
- Improved recognition from CEHOG

7. CPD events (to 30th June)

- Regional meeting, ECOS Centre, Ballymena - Technical updates

(Scores on the Doors pilot, Allergy Awareness, Climate Change) plus students forum (am) – 41 members

- All Ireland Conference – Hotel Europe, Killarney, Co Kerry – 20 members
- Regional Meeting, Lisburn Civic Centre – Progress with the Review of Public Administration – 45 members
- Regional Meeting University of Ulster – Graduates Presentations 39 Members
- Regional Meeting - CIEH Roadshow – a National Conversation 25 members
- Open Members Forum

8. Summary work programme 2009

- Re emphasis on meetings as useful, cheap and attractive training opportunities
- Engage with CEHOG to gain their support for members in attending and participating in CIEH CPD events
- Questionnaire to members for programme 2009 – 2011
- Provide personal skills development events
- Employ the “Investing in People” style by emphasising the usefulness of events for professional development, network building etc
- Build stronger links with International partners
- 2 day residential - low cost, training and practice orientated (Share Centre, Lisnaskea)
- Develop a more “marketing” orientated approach in terms of events – positive quotes from members, articles for CIEH NI newsletter, local member networks.
- Meeting/events programme to include technical as well as skills based meetings, student events, retired members issues.

9. Draft Programme for 2009

- March – Monday 2nd at Oxford Island, Craigavon, Student workshop 10 am, Membership meeting 2.15 pm (Technical Updates)

- May – All Ireland Conference, Athlone
- June – Tuesday 2nd at Island Civic Centre, Lisburn, Membership Meeting 2.15 pm
- Friday 19th June at UUI – all day conference and evening dinner dance – celebration of Environmental Health
- October – 2 day residential at Share Centre, Lisnaskea – practical skills/competencies
- October – Wednesday 14th at UUI, Student induction 10 am
Membership Meeting 2.15 pm (Graduate presentations)
- November – Mon 2nd and Tuesday 3rd – Pest Control Workshops –
Castlereagh Civic Centre
- December – Tuesday 1st at Hilton, Belfast, Retired Members Lunch
and Open Members Forum 2.15 pm

