

## A sincere *thank you* to our outgoing Chair Tim Boldero

The Society would like to express its sincere thanks to Tim Boldero who, for two challenging years in the voluntary post of Chairman, helped steer SocEnv on a steady and successful course despite the turbulent economic times. Reflecting on his tenure, Tim said:



"It has been an interesting two years as SocEnv's Chairman in which the Society continued to make progress, and interest in its potential remains very high."

"With a new Chief Executive now in post the Society, in my view, is probably on the threshold of becoming something rather special as we continue to grow and develop a unique identity which has hardly seen the light of day, but soon will. I would like to thank Steve Lee and his recruitment team for the enormous amount of time and effort given in selecting our new Chief Executive.

"I am indebted to the patience, perseverance and personalities of our Board Members. Their conviction for the values of the Society is a great motivator.

"A special thank you to the members of the all our committees, particularly over the last two years, and to Kerry Geldart, Acting CEO and Trish Hall who have provided so much support.

"We have chosen John Gregory to succeed me as Chairman and I know that he will relish the opportunity to continue the journey.

"I thank you most sincerely for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Chairman."

## Honorary Fellowship for Colin Challen MP



The Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Climate Change, Colin Challen MP, was presented with an Honorary Fellowship at SocEnv's Annual Reception in June.

His tireless championing of the concept of Contraction & Convergence, as a framework to allocate emissions equitably on a per-capita basis, brought him to the attention of the Directors of the Society.

By awarding him an Honorary Fellowship, SocEnv recognises the valuable contribution that Colin Challen has made to raising awareness of climate change.

## Jonathon Porritt receives SocEnv Honorary Fellowship



At the Society's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Reception on June 17<sup>th</sup>, Lord Chris Smith, Chairman of the Environment Agency, presented Jonathon Porritt with an Honorary Fellowship to the Society for the Environment. This was in recognition of Jonathon's outstanding service both to the Society and to sustainability more widely.

### *'The strategic importance of the Chartered Environmentalist'*

Speaking at the event, Jonathon highlighted the strategic importance of the Chartered Environmentalist qualification, at a time when urgent action is needed to deliver government promises on sustainability.

"We have a terrible record of leading the world on rhetoric and then failing to deliver in our own backyard," he said. "We are on a long journey to turn an economy from unsustainable economic growth into genuinely sustainable economic development. I'm confident we are moving in the right direction, it's just happening much too slowly."

The Society would like to extend its gratitude to both Jonathon Porritt and Lord Smith for giving generously of their time to attend and contribute to our Annual Reception in June.

## SocEnv signs up to 10:10

Joining 10:10 makes your business part of the solution to climate change.

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## SocEnv appoints new Chief Executive, John Carstensen

An exciting new chapter begins for The Society with the appointment of our new Chief Executive, John Carstensen. John, who started his new role in August, has 25 years' experience working on environmental issues, climate change and sustainable development. He joins us from INTRAC, the international research and training organisation for NGOs, where he was chief operating officer.

Previously John worked at the United Nations Environment Programme headquarters in Nairobi and its regional office in Geneva. He has overseen waste, biodiversity, resource management and pollution control programmes in places as diverse as Thailand, Vietnam and Egypt, and spent 10 years with the Danish EPA and Ministry of the Environment.



Commenting on his appointment, John said: "A key element in improving standards of environmental

management is that we share knowledge and experience. There is a lot of factual environmental knowledge that is in the open, such as standards, but not so much on how to apply them and how to be a good environmentalist. I hope to be able to help SocEnv improve on that."

## SocEnv welcomes John Gregory as SocEnv Chairman

The Society is pleased to welcome long-standing Board Member John Gregory to the post of SocEnv Chairman.



John, who has been Vice Chair of SocEnv for the past two years and was formerly Chair of the Registration Authority and Chair of

the Management Committee, has worked in fisheries in the UK and overseas for more than thirty years and is currently working for Environment Agency Wales in Cardiff.

"SocEnv is ideally placed to champion the efforts of environmental practitioners to adapt to the changing climate," said John. "We can engage with professionals of all disciplines on how we can use our expertise to seek solutions to the many environmental problems.

"I'm looking forward to addressing these issues whilst at the same time we develop the CEnv qualification into something valued by professionals and employers alike.

## InWent capacity development workshop

SocEnv has been invited by the German organisation Inwent to take part in a workshop on capacity development in agriculture and rural development.

Inwent Capacity Building International works across the world in human resource development, advanced training and dialogue, aiming to shape globalisation fairly and promote sustainable development.

In our role as an umbrella organisation for environmental professionals, SocEnv can make a valuable contribution to this workshop. The event takes place from 21-22 September in Feldafing, Germany

## Baroness Barbara Young CEnv joins the Adaptation Sub Committee

SocEnv is delighted that Baroness Barbara Young, the first designated Chartered Environmentalist, has been appointed to the board of the newly-formed Adaptation Sub Committee (ASC), which reports to the Committee on Climate Change (CCC).

The CCC was created to deliver independent advice to Government on building a low-carbon economy, but the ASC will advise on how the UK can adapt to the levels of climate change already thought to be inevitable. Chaired by Lord John Krebs, the rest of the committee members are Dr Sam Fankhauser, Professor Martin Parry, Professor Jim Hall, Dr Andrew Dlugolecki and Mr Graham Wynne.

Baroness Young achieved her CEnv qualification through the Chartered Institution of Water & Environmental Management (CIWEM) in 2004.

## Auditor Workshop 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2009 @ IChemE, London

This year's SocEnv Auditor Workshop is held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at the Institution of Chemical Engineers, One Portland Place, London. The workshop begins at 10.00 am and should finish by 4.00 pm - refreshments and lunch will be provided.

The objective of this training day is to review the auditor guidelines and improve auditing skills through case studies. We would like to see all current Auditors attend, as having an up-to-date group is key to carrying out successful SocEnv Audits.

The Society urgently needs to increase its CB audit pool, if you can be of help, please contact [trish.hall@socenv.org.uk](mailto:trish.hall@socenv.org.uk) for details.

## Focus on... CIWM

The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) represents approximately 7,000 professionals, of which 729 are Chartered Environmentalists. Its members work in the sustainable resource and waste management sectors, predominantly in the UK but also overseas. CIWM sets the professional standards for individuals working in the industry and has various grades of membership determined by education, qualification and experience. The Institution is a company incorporated by Royal Charter and a charity registered in England, Wales and Scotland.

### Vision:

"A world where: resources are kept working, waste is put back to work and residues are carefully disposed of".

### CIWM's Mission:

"Continuous improvement in sustainable management of resources and wastes."

As the principle professional body for sustainable resource and waste management, CIWM seeks to use its expertise to inform, to identify and disseminate best practice and to support the development of waste and resource professionals in all sectors of the industry.

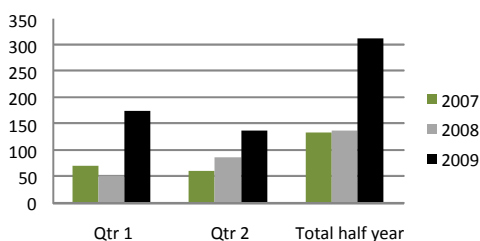
The Institution conducts its activities through conferences, special interest groups, position statements, networking events, both the CIWM and Municipal Vehicle Operator magazines, and the peer-reviewed journal, CWRM.

CIWM is focused on shaping the industry response to some of the biggest challenges we face this century will face: energy, carbon management, climate change, resource conservation, global markets, local environmental quality, public health and quality of life. [www.ciwm.co.uk](http://www.ciwm.co.uk)

## 2009 sees leap in Chartered Environmentalist registrations

This year has seen a record number of Environmentalists becoming chartered through their licensed bodies. On average, 60 practitioners are qualifying as Chartered Environmentalists every month.

CEnv Registration half year figures



This strongly suggests that in the difficult economic climate, environmental practitioners are placing high importance on registration and qualifications to enhance their employability.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Chartered Environmentalist visit

<http://www.socenv.org.uk/chartered-environmentalist-cenv/>

## The Chartered Environmentalist



Paul Pritchard - Corporate Responsibility Manager at RSA Group

Paul Pritchard is a Chartered Chemist and a board member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA).

Initially he studied chemistry and the environment, followed by research into the behaviour of heavy metal contamination in the River Tyne.

Paul then worked at the then-DTI, looking at contaminated land and water, moving on to a range of roles in environmental consultancy before joining RSA as an environmental specialist in 1997.

He became a Chartered Environmentalist in 2007, through IEMA.

"It's fantastic that an increasing number of people feel passionate about environmental issues," he says.

"But it's vital that there is proper recognition of the technical skills required to tackle these problems. That's why getting qualified as a Chartered Environmentalist is increasingly important."

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