

Chairman's Column



"Do you want to make a difference?" is a question we've probably all asked ourselves at some time in our careers.

But have you asked that question in relation to your Society? Could you do more to engage SocEnv in the environmental issues of today and raise the standards of our profession at the same time?

SocEnv has moved quickly to embrace the new political situation in the UK and to work with others to influence the new coalition government. Our [website](#) gives you the text of the environment programme from the Conservative/Liberal Democrat government and the opportunity to express your view on the new policy opportunities.

Chartered Environmentalists (CEnvs) are in a special position resulting from their experience, qualifications and occupations. We are all committed to helping the environment and can help each other to better understand differing and sometimes competing aspects of a sustainable system. Our executive team and our committee chairs and members are all heavily involved in developing the Society's influence, but there is room for you too.

Real innovation and development stems from a variety of contributions and a diversity of opinion and approach, and it's here that CEnvs can make a personal contribution. We have close on six thousand Chartered Environmentalists, offering a great opportunity to expand our activity and influence - so please do get involved.

Whether it's organising a CPD event which might be open to CEnvs from other bodies or drafting a policy position statement, your input is vital to maintain and improve the vibrancy of our society. So please do get involved, make your input to SocEnv and help us become the pre-eminent network for environmental professionals.

John Gregory, SocEnv Chairman

SocEnv to join European Federation of Associations of Environmental Professionals

As recognition and desire for the Chartered Environmentalist qualification grows internationally, SocEnv has decided to join [EFAEP](#). Several of SocEnv's Licensed Member bodies, the IEEM, IEMA and CIWEM, are already members - SocEnv looks forward to joining them and strengthening the UK contingent.

SocEnv 2011 Fees Freeze!

The Society is freezing fees for Chartered Environmentalists and Constituent Body Members for the 2nd year running. Fees will remain at 2009 rates until the end of 2011.

Explaining the decision, SocEnv's Finance Manager Kerry Geldart said: "In difficult economic times, qualifications and professional recognition becomes paramount."

"We would like to encourage more environmental professionals to become registered; not only to give them a professional edge over the competition but to send a clear message to the public, government and industry about how environmental choices, such as building climate change adaptation measures into organisational strategy or a transition to a low carbon economy, will contribute to future economic recovery as well as a sustainable future."

SocEnv Fees 2009 - 2011

Constituent Body Joining Fee	£3500
Constituent Body Annual Subscription	£600
CEnv Initial Registration Fee	£65
CEnv Annual Renewal Fee	£35

SocEnv Olympic Site Tour



In 2005, SocEnv signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the London 2012 Partnership in support of the Olympic bid. SocEnv has been working with the organisers of the London 2012 Olympic Games and we are pleased to announce a tour of the Olympic Site on 26 July 2010 for SocEnv Board Members.

On the tour, SocEnv board representatives from 24 professional institutions will discover first-hand the efforts of the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) and the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (LOCOG) towards making the 2012 Olympic Games sustainable.

Following the tour there will be presentations by David Stubbs, Chartered Environmentalist and Head of Sustainability for LOCOG, and members of the ODA, as well as a Q&A session about progress in delivering a sustainable games and its legacy.

There will also be an opportunity to discuss the challenges of putting sustainability into practice, the lessons learned during that process and the ways in which SocEnv can help to make those lessons available to Chartered Environmentalists and SocEnv's member organisations.

John Carstensen speaks on 'low carbon transition' at Sustainability Live 2010

This year, SocEnv's CEO John Carstensen was a key speaker in the opening seminar 'A Low Carbon Transition' at Sustainability Live.



Having represented SocEnv in Copenhagen at the Climate Summit last December, John spoke about attitudes to climate science and the global commitment to moving to low carbon economies.

"'Climategate' had little attention in Copenhagen, where virtually everybody acknowledged that the climate science is global, not only UEA, and scientists from all over the world came to similar conclusions," he said.

"In my view the science is solid! I have seen nothing that distracts from the heart of the IPCC conclusions, only re-affirmations that as a society we need to react fast. What I was waiting for in Copenhagen was not a legal agreement, but a clear political signal that the global leaders had knowingly and unequivocally committed themselves to the low-carbon journey that the EU and the UK have committed themselves to in response to the science. It failed to materialise."

Over the three days, Sustainability Live attracted a record attendance of 8,904, with around 240 speakers and over 400 exhibiting organisations.

You can [download the full presentation](#) from the SocEnv's website.

CEnv resigns RSA Fellowship in Lomborg protest

On May 5th 'Carbon Coach' Dave Hampton CEnv and SocEnv Board Member, resigned publicly from Fellowship of the [RSA](#), in protest at the choice of [Bjorn Lomborg](#) for [The 2010 President's Lecture](#).

Bjorn Lomborg is best known for his book 'The Sceptical Environmentalist'

SocEnv to join cross party policy group *Carbon Connect*



SocEnv has recently joined Carbon Connect, a growing coalition of businesses, organisations, parliamentarians and civil servants committed to integrating low carbon thinking into the future development of the UK's major industrial sectors.

Carbon Connect was launched in 2009 by Ed Miliband MP, the then Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. It seeks to provide thought leadership, through research into the role of government policy in supporting low carbon innovation.

In its first policy report, [Driving Demand: Creating Opportunities for the Commercialisation of Low Carbon Technologies](#), chaired by former Shell UK chairman Lord Oxburgh, Carbon Connect encouraged the government to use regulation and procurement to create long-term, sustained demand for low carbon technologies.

"I welcome SocEnv as a member of Carbon Connect," said founder and chair Barry Sheerman MP. "As the leading body for supporting and championing the role of environmental professionals, SocEnv has a key role to play in leading the way on the low carbon agenda. Being a member of Carbon Connect places SocEnv at the heart of the political debate around how we can turn the UK into a low carbon economy."

Visit the [Carbon Connect website](#) for more.



The Big Bang
10 Years On

Big Bang Science Fair

This year SocEnv joined forces with the Science Council and a number of scientific professional institutions to create an interactive stand at the Big Bang Science Fair in Manchester.



The interactive wall explored themes cutting across science, engineering and environmental issues, and

highlighted the importance of collaboration between disciplines.

The target audience of 9- to 19-year-old students were also given a postcard to write to the Prime Minister with their views on what they felt the government should be addressing. The responses were analysed and turned into a report sent to the main political parties in the run-up to the election. To read the report prepared by the Royal Meteorological Society please visit the [SocEnv website](#).

SocEnv Connects Down Under

A Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed between SocEnv and the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand.

The MoU which will be available to download from SocEnv website soon, will help us to explore collaboratively the global impacts and objectives of environmental professionalism.

SocEnv Out and About

Institute of Water Conference

Our CEO John Carstensen shared his experience of Overseas Development Assistance at the Institute of Water's Annual Conference in Belfast earlier this month.



As a guest speaker, John told delegates that too little attention had been paid to sustainable solutions in the

aftermath of the tsunami in Indonesia - and that there were clearly roles for Chartered Environmentalists to play in delivering solutions to development challenges more widely.

ABE Seminar

John Carstensen also spoke at the Association of Building Engineers Seminar: [Action Oriented Dialogue on Earth Observation and Built Environment Risk](#), which took place at the Marriot Hotel in Northampton.

UK Green Maintenance Conference

SocEnv collaborated with CIOB, UWIC, NHIC, BRE and CIH for the [UK Green Maintenance Conference & Exhibition One Day National Event](#) on April 15th in Cardiff. John Carstensen was a speaker at the event.

FUTURESOURCE 15-17th June ExCel London

SocEnv's CEO is very pleased to have been invited to speak at this year's CIWM FutuResource Exhibition.

Discussing climate change, John will be asking: "Do we have the skills and competencies that will enable the innovative approaches and lifestyle changes needed?" [Register here to attend!](#)

External Collaboration

The Society has recently been invited to work with Manchester University to develop a better understanding of sustainability issues around nuclear power and other energy sources. More information on this initiative will be available in 2011.

SocEnv launches Biodiversity Forum for CEnvs



2010 has been declared the International Year of Biodiversity by

the United Nations. Humans are part of the world's biodiversity, but currently our activities are destroying it at an alarming rate. These losses are irreversible, impoverish us all and damage the life support systems we rely on - but we can prevent them.

In the UK, over 200 partner organisations have come together to promote the understanding of biodiversity during the International Year of Biodiversity.

Visit [SocEnv's Biodiversity Blog and Discussion Forum](#) to have your say, and go to www.biodiversityislife.net for more information on how you can contribute.

Recent new appointments for SocEnv Board Members

The Society would like to congratulate **Professor William Pope**, SocEnv Honorary Fellow and Founder Board Member, on his appointment as the new chair of the East of England Development Agency (EEDA). A member of EEDA's board since December 2006, Professor Pope is a successful businessman who has developed a number of innovative environmental technologies companies.

The Society would also like to congratulate **Professor Raymond Clark**, SocEnv Board Member and Chair of SocEnv's Policy Forum, on his election as the Group C representative on the Engineering Council Board. Group C representation provides an important link between the Engineering Council Board and the valuable niche status of the smaller Group C institutions.

Congratulations and best wishes are also expressed for SocEnv Honorary Fellow and Founder Board Member, **Jon Prichard** on his appointment as the [new CEO of the Engineering Council](#). Jon will be joining the regulatory body at the beginning of August to replace Andrew Ramsay, who is retiring after 13 successful years at the organisation including eight years as its CEO.

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