

## The Society for the Environment Welcomes New Chair: Tim Boldero

Tim, a founding member of SocEnv and the Vice President (Environment) of the Institution of Water Officers was announced as Chair at the AGM on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2007. On taking up his post Tim said:

"One of our key objectives is the aspiration to be the leading, coordinating professional body in environmental matters and a pre-eminent champion of a sustainable environment.

Make no mistake, environmental initiatives and promising innovations occur almost daily and in quantity and all the while society is trying to assimilate them. Whether that is the business community, the professions, or the general public, there are consequences for each.

If we accept that we have a duty to study, rationalise, communicate and, if possible, lead for the benefit of society, then we need to look at how we can focus our efforts to optimise our effectiveness - both as a Society and as individuals. As Constituent Bodies and as individual registrants within those bodies, I therefore urge you to become engaged, to make that extra contribution and think outside your present context, which is so all important if together we are to make a difference."



## Increase in the Society's growth and profile

The Society's outgoing Chairman, John Brady, reflected on a very busy year as SocEnv's Chair. In just 12 months the Society's membership of professional institutions has increased from 14 to 18, bringing overall professional representation of the Society's collective membership to over 265,000 practitioners.

We have also enjoyed a presence at this year's Environmental Technologies Exhibition at the NEC as well as being joined by prominent guests from the environmental sector at key SocEnv events. We would like to express our thanks to the Rt Hon John Gummer, Aubrey Meyer, Sir John Harman and Colin Challen MP for delivering inspirational speeches at SocEnv's Annual Reception, Strategy Away Day Dinner and March Board Meeting respectively

We are also delighted with the enthusiasm from our Chartered Environmentalists who attended the Energy Seminars. The seminars attracted key speakers from the coal industry, the renewable energy sector and energy economists. The Society will continue to provide a forum for debate and analysis where ground level environmental issues can be discussed by experts across business, government, industry and public sectors.

The Society would like to thank John for all his support and tireless efforts during his year as the Society's Chairman.



## The Society's Response to Draft Climate Change Bill

SocEnv welcomed the chance to respond to the consultation on the Draft Climate Change Bill and fully supports and advocates the UK's strong leadership on creating a long term framework for mitigating and adapting to climate change both domestically as well as on an international scale.

However, SocEnv urges the government to ensure that targets are robust and remain flexible in light of up to date science, particularly given recent reports from the IPCC that a tougher target (rather than the proposed 60% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions) may be necessary.

In this matter SocEnv supports the 'Contraction and Convergence' (C&C) framework to provide an open and transparent rationale for target setting and, if necessary, target revisions. For information on C&C see [www.gci.org.uk](http://www.gci.org.uk).

Download SocEnv's response at <http://www.socenv.org.uk/get-involved/consultation-response/socenv-responses/>

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[www.socenv.org.uk/mailling-list](http://www.socenv.org.uk/mailling-list)

## SocEnv explores global solutions to climate change challenges

We were delighted to be joined by Aubrey Meyer, Director of the Global Commons Institute, at our Annual Reception on 6<sup>th</sup> June this Year. Aubrey treated our Board members and their guests to a presentation about Contraction and Convergence (C&C) set to a backdrop of emotive images and live music performed by Aubrey himself, a classical musician and composer.



Aubrey Meyer at the SocEnv Annual Reception June 2007

## Members' News

SocEnv welcomes the following people as new Board Members:

Ben Maxted and Rhoderic Taylor – from the Arboricultural Association

Dr Peter Savill and Dr Gabriel Hemery – from the Institute of Chartered Foresters

Martin Leay and Nigel Thorne – from the Landscape Institute

James Kavanagh from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

For a list of all SocEnv Board and Committee Members visit <http://www.socenv.org.uk/who-are-we/whos-who/>



## Northern Environment Conference

The recent Bolton Conference provided a very good excellent opportunity for front line practitioners to network ideas and exchange knowledge. Presentations on a wide range of issues, including zero carbon and sustainable building, as well as environmental assessment and waste management solutions highlighted the benefits of professionals from all sectors working together and joining up their thinking to meet the challenges of climate change. David Hickie, CEO, was invited to speak at the conference on Environmental Leadership. For more details please visit our website [www.socenv.org.uk](http://www.socenv.org.uk)

Society for the Environment members include the following:

AA	ICF	IFM
CIOB	ICE	LI
CIWEM	IChemE	IWO
CIWM	IEEM	RICS
IAgrE	IEMA	RMetS
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[www.socenv.org.uk/members](http://www.socenv.org.uk/members)

Total No. of CEnvs to date = 4404

## CEnvs – have your say!

Read CIWEM article 'It's Water Stupid'. Comment and debate your view on this and other topics with likeminded CEnvs by visiting SocEnv Discussion Forum: [www.socenv.org.uk/discussion-forum/](http://www.socenv.org.uk/discussion-forum/)





IWO, CIWEM & SocEnv join forces for World Environment Day...



## Changing Climate – should it cost the earth?

Norman Lamb (MP for North Norfolk) opened a packed out event in Peterborough that included many SocEnv members from across the East Anglian region. Norman's keynote talk on climate change covered some very thought provoking statistics. Paul Gibbs (ADAS) reported on the challenge of seeking to recycle and conserve by promoting the use of biosolids (the bi-product of wastewater treatment) to support bio-fuel crop production. Paul also advocated the huge benefit from the use of biosolids for carbon sequestration. Keith Jones (WRAP) discussed the benefits of 'life cycle thinking' and the final speaker, Dr Julian Wright (Principle Climate Change Scientist for the Environment Agency) explained the consensus on scientific thinking at the moment. The messages were clear: "minimise waste and maximise recycling".

For more information about this dynamic and thought provoking day and to download key speaker presentations please visit: [www.socenv.org.uk/latest](http://www.socenv.org.uk/latest)



Paul Gibbs, Keith James, Julian Wright, Paul Gibbs and Martin Ballard

## Forthcoming SocEnv Seminars.....

Don't forget to check the website for announcements of more SocEnv Events at [www.socenv.org.uk/mailling-list](http://www.socenv.org.uk/mailling-list)

## SocEnv welcomes new member body: The Institute of Chartered Foresters



On being presented with their License to award Chartered Environmentalist at SocEnv's Reception on June 6<sup>th</sup>, Peter Savill, a Fellow of the ICF said: "ICF is delighted to become a member of the Society for the Environment and to be able to award the CEnv title to our members.

Many of our members are experts in the environmental and sustainable development field and work closely with, or indeed are members of, the other Constituent Bodies of the Society for the Environment."

Recent SocEnv member, the Arboricultural Association also achieved their license to award the CEnv status and have already received a bundle of applications from their members. Director Nick Eden said:

"The availability of Chartered Environmental Status through the Arboricultural Association has been very well received by our professional members and applications were received within days of the application forms being available".



## International reach of SocEnv extends to the Environmental practitioners down-under!



David Hickie and Bill Haylock

Bill Haylock, President of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ) recently met with David Hickie and Kerry Geldart of SocEnv to discuss developing links and exchanging ideas. Initially this will start with links to each others websites. EIANZ has set up the independent Certified Environmental Practitioner Program which awards 'CEnvP' and is supported by National and State Governments."

## An Honorary Fellowship for Dr Alex Tait of IEEM.

This is the Society's highest award for outstanding contribution to the goal of a sustainable environment. Alex represented IEEM within the Society for the Environment for four years from 2002 to 2006 as a Board Member and he now serves on the Registration Authority. Alex has been an enthusiastic champion of the Society and, by the award of HonFSE, the Society for the Environment recognises and sincerely thanks him for his contribution. Alex thanked the Board said "I hope and expect that the Society will flourish and continue to foster environmental standards"

## SocEnv Auditor Workshop

The Auditor Workshop was very well attended and identified areas in the audit process which are to be refined. A working group will be reviewing key documents and developing guidelines to ensure that we can enhance the efficiency and quality of the audit process for new and existing SocEnv member bodies. A need for additional training, for new auditors, was also identified and is being considered.

## Become a SocEnv Auditor

If you would like to join the SocEnv audit team we would love to hear from you. Please contact Trish at: [trish.hall@socenv.org.uk](mailto:trish.hall@socenv.org.uk) for details.

## The Chartered Environmentalist

Kevan Trott, a Chartered Environmentalist and a Chartered Surveyor, tells us about building Europe's first Earthship to have received planning permission:



Earthship Home, Normandy

"As someone with environmental concerns, I was won over by the thermal passive solar principles of the Earthship. This is not some wacky housing scheme for hippies: it can be designed to fine specifications or kept very simple. But it certainly provides the best possible housing solution to the problems of over-consumption of energy and disposal of waste. To respond to climate change we need to dramatically reduce carbon emissions, particularly from the built environment." Kevan says he became a CEnv through RICS and for the last three years has been involved in sustainable development. "The opportunity to become a Chartered Environmentalist was perfect, as it gave me a professional base from which to operate. The membership has given me access to many information streams and has also given me a clearer insight into the tremendous need to provide a solution to the environmental problems the planet faces today."

A development for 16 Earthships has recently received planning permission in Brighton. See <http://www.earthship.net/>

## Are you a Chartered Environmentalist?

We would like to feature profiles of CEnvs in future newsletters and on the SocEnv website on a regular basis. If you would like to be included please contact: [kerry.geldart@socenv.org.uk](mailto:kerry.geldart@socenv.org.uk) tel: 0845 337 2951

