

NEWSLETTER

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE

Conference 2019 Imminent!

Annual Conference is Wednesday 13th November at our new venue, the Edgbaston Park Hotel and Conference Centre, affiliated to the University of Birmingham. Including speakers from all our policy areas: addressing air pollution for the next decade, updating Noise Policy for local authorities, & stressing the power of good land surveys, plus sound trade representation, it promises to be our finest.

See the programme for the day below.

Air Quality Committee

The AQC will meet on the 25th November with the new Environment Bill under scrutiny along with consideration on whether its watchdog will have any teeth.

Land Committee

Fracking engenders much hostility, but as reported in our press feature, the Government has taken some heat out of the situation.

Noise Committee

New Noise Committee chair, Robin Whitehouse, has taken up his post and is busy setting out policy objectives. Meet him at Conference on the 13th November.

ARE YOU CONFERENCE READY THIS MONTH?

Last minute bookings for the EPUK Annual Conference at our new venue, the Edgbaston Park Hotel, Birmingham in November, can still be secured at: <http://www.environmental-protection.org.uk/events/epuk-events/epuk-annual-conference-2019>

2019 EPUK CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

09.00 *Registration, displays and exhibition plus refreshments*

PLENARY SESSION 1

Session Chair: Christopher Fry, Chair, EPUK Board of Trustees

10.15 **Welcome and Introductions**

EPUK President

10.20 **Keynote Address: Maximising Health Benefits of Environmental Protection: addressing air pollution now, over the next decade and beyond**

Gary Fuller, Kings College London

10.50 **Questions and Discussion**

11.00 *Refreshment, displays and exhibition*

PLENARY SESSION 2

11.30 **The Environment Bill**

Session Chair: David Muir, EPUK

11.35 **The prospect for a strong and robust legal framework for the future**

William Wilson, Barrister and Director of Wyeside Consulting Ltd

12.05 **Clean Air Legislation that is fit for purpose**

Andrea Lee, Client Earth

12.30 **Discussion, Closing remarks**

12.45 **Introduction to Exhibitors**

13.00 *Lunch, displays and exhibition*

After lunch please make your way to your relevant break out session.

PLENARY SESSION 3

16.00 **Challenges for 2020: the EPUK Response to the Environment Bill and feedback from Breakout Sessions**

Session Chair: John Murlis EPUK

16.05 **EPUK Expectations of the Environment Bill: feedback on consultations within Policy Committees**

Sarah Legge, Chair, EPUK Air Quality Policy Committee.

Feedback from Chairs of Noise and Land Quality Policy Committees

Questions and Discussion

16.40 **Closing address**

EPS – experience of working for a cleaner quieter healthier and sustainable Scotland

John Bynorth, Policy and Communications Officer, EPS

16.55 **Closing remarks-** EPUK President

17.00 **Close of 2019 National Conference**

Light refreshments, displays and exhibition.

AIR QUALITY, LAND QUALITY AND NOISE BREAKOUT SESSIONS**AIR QUALITY**

- 14.00 **Emerging Issues: Ultra-fine Particles, impacts and policy options**
Session Chair: Sarah Legge, EPUK
- 14.05 **Ultra-fine Particles in the UK - An Overview**
David Muir, Chair of Executive EPUK
- 14.30 **Exposure to metal-rich, ultrafine particulate air pollution: a possible risk factor for neurodegenerative disease.**
Professor Barbara Maher, Centre for Environmental Magnetism & Palaeomagnetism, Lancaster Environment Centre, University of Lancaster
- 15.00 **Policy Options for management of UfP**
John Murlis
- 15.15 **Real World Emissions Testing - an Update**
Nick Molden, AIR (Allow Independent Road-testing)
- 15.25 **Discussion: elements of a UK policy response including opportunities through national programmes, CAZ and LAQM**
- 15.30 **Close of Session. Refreshments, displays and exhibitions**

LAND QUALITY

- 14.00 **Introduction:** David Rudland, Chair of Land Quality Policy Committee
- 14.10 **The power of a good survey: survey techniques below ground, standard land survey and remote sensing**
Tom Ridgway, Lead Geospatial Surveyor, The Carto Group
- 14.40 **Asbestos Risk in Ground Investigation: the latest UK industry good practice for intrusive ground investigation for compliance with the control of asbestos regulations 2012**
Marian Markham, Jacobs
- 15.05 **Enhancing geophysical investigations: recent advances in science and technology**
Oliver Chrisp, Aecom
- 15.30 **Close of Breakout Session. Refreshments, displays and exhibitions**

NOISE

- 14.00 **Introduction:** Robin Whitehouse, Chair of Noise Policy Committee
- 14.10 **Emerging issues in urban noise: drone noise – a new public health challenge in urban areas**
Dr Antonio J. Torija Martinez, University of Salford
- 14.40 **Assessing health impacts of exposure to noise**
Speaker TBC
- 15.05 **Update on Noise Policy: A Local Authority perspective**
Robin Whitehouse
- 15.30 **Close of Breakout Session. Refreshments, displays and exhibitions**



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AND FINALLY, FROM THE PRESS



The Times reports this month that fracking has been suspended by the UK Government over the issue of earthquakes. It argues that more research is needed on the fracking-earthquake issue. Residents are now considering whether to sue the mining company Cuadrilla, over the Preston New Road earthquake last month. This was 2.9 on the Richter scale as against the 0.5 permitted by the Oil and Gas regulator.

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