

NEWSLETTER

Our Annual General Meeting

Plans are complete for our next AGM which is on Wednesday 26th February at 2.00pm in the City of London Walbrook Wharf Offices. Members have already received the relevant papers. A seminar will immediately follow the business meeting and will be a paper entitled: '*Air quality governance in England: challenges and potential reform*'. This will be presented by Eloise Scotford who is Professor of Environmental Law and Vice-Dean (Research), Faculty of Laws, University College London.

Professor Scotford is author of *Environmental Principles and the Evolution of Environmental Law* (Hart 2017) and co-authors of OUP's *Environmental Law: Text, Cases and Materials* with



Professor Liz Fisher and Dr Bettina Lange. She has published in both generalist legal journals and specialist environmental law journals, and edited collections on strategic environmental assessment (*The Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive: A Plan for Success?* Hart 2017) and technology and the law (*Oxford Handbook of the Law and Regulation of Technology*, OUP 2017). At the core of Professor Scotford's research is an exploration of the richness, variety and openness of legal institutions, doctrines, and cultures in responding to and accommodating environmental problems. Eloise met with our Air Quality Committee in November last year to express her take on the proposed Environment Bill.

News in Brief

Air Quality Committee

AQC Meets next on Wednesday 11th March at the City of London Walbrook Wharf Offices. Items for the agenda should be sent to Dr David Muir at: muirenvironmental@gmail.com

Land Quality Committee

LQ met on 30th January when David Rudland stood down as Chair. Congratulations to Robin Lancefield who became the new Chair elect and to Louise Siddorn who is the new Vice Chair.

Noise Committee

All is quiet on the Noise front. If any of our Noise Committee members have anything for next month's newsletter, please send it to: j.r.merefield@exeter.ac.uk;

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE

Land Quality Committee

At the Land Quality meeting on Wednesday 30th January at Jacobs Engineering Offices in Birmingham, Darren Beriro of the British Geological Survey gave a presentation entitled "*Steps toward a physiologically based in vitro dermal bioavailability test for soil PAH*". This is of course very relevant to LQ professionals, as it is the latest research on the dermal absorption route for human exposure to this class of chemicals.

This was the last meeting to be Chaired by David Rudland. Robin Lancefield was elected unanimously as the new Chair and will also join us as a Trustee. The Committee also elected Louise Siddorn unanimously as the second Vice-Chair.

Christopher Fry would like to take the opportunity to thank David Rudland for his 9 years as Chair during which time he kept the LQC briefed about contaminated land issues, engaged with the press, was a judge for Brownfield Awards, wrote and updated EPUK leaflets and will soon publish a guide for the redevelopment of former petrol station forecourts.



With Robin Lancefield as his successor, LQ remains in good hands and we wish him well as he takes over this important role for EPUK. Email Robin at:

robin.lancefield@fastmail.fm.

Website update

We are planning on updating our website in the near future. If you are a website whizz and would like to be considered for this challenge, please email Vanessa Tanner on info@environmental-protection.org.uk;

Take a look at the site and give us some suggestions of changes you think would improve it. We will take them into consideration once we decide on a contractor to do the work: <https://www.environmental-protection.org.uk/about-us/>



One Day Seminars

After the success of the Land Quality Seminar at Hawarden last month, EPUK continues with its 2020 programme with an AQ Seminar in April at Birmingham University, plus another contaminated land seminar at the British Geological Survey HQ in Keyworth Nottinghamshire on the 2nd June. Keep the suggestions for one-day seminar topics coming, and for suitable speakers too. Contact Christopher Fry at cchfry@btinternet.com.

MEMBERSHIP

We are always looking for new members. Please recommend EPUK and its services to your colleagues and any organisation you feel would benefit from membership. Follow the link below for more information regarding types of membership and associated cost.

<https://www.environmental-protection.org.uk/membership/>

Ask us for a Membership Booklet by emailing: info@environmental-protection.org.uk;

AND FINALLY, FROM THE PRESS

The logo for The Guardian newspaper, featuring the words "The Guardian" in a bold, serif font. "The" is smaller and positioned above "Guardian".

Ed Miliband in the Guardian this month calls on all of us to take ownership of the 2020 UN Climate Change Conference, known as COP26, which will be taking place in Glasgow in November '..... we cannot leave it to the government alone. We all need to take ownership of this event.'

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