



European Ecological Federation

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The EEF seeks charity status

The European Ecological Federation is seeking to be established as a charity in the UK. The EEF aims to enable cooperation between European ecological societies in order to promote the science of ecology in Europe. It does this by providing a forum for effective communication throughout the community of ecological scientists in Europe on matters of common interest; by disseminating ecological knowledge through meetings, publications and other means; by acting in an advisory, consultative and representative capacity in relation to European institutions; by promoting collaborative activity on those matters where there is a pan-European context; and through cooperation with other international organisations.

EEF web site launched

The European Ecological Federation has launched its new web site. We hope that it will become a valuable resource for members across Europe. Look out for future additions to the site including job vacancies, funding opportunities and events. For more information see <http://www.europeanecology.org>

Meeting in Brussels

The EEF Board met last July 15 at a Lunch Time Conference with EC officers in Brussels. The agenda was discussed with Astrid Kaemena from DG Research and Karin Zaunberger from DG Environment and the ENVI - Environment, Public Health and Food Safety from the European Parliament members were invited. Our President, Stefan Klotz, made a presentation of the EEF to attendees, who afterwards discussed how the EEF may contribute to develop the science-policy interface at the European level and provide quick advice to EC requests.

Leipzig Congress

Nearly 1000 delegates, from 40 countries, will attend the EURECO-GFOE 2008 meeting in Leipzig next September. The largest-ever EEF meeting is being organised along the GFOE - the Ecological Society of Germany, Austria and Switzerland at the Congress Centre Leipzig. Local organisers are the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research-UFZ and the Universities of Halle and Leipzig.

This international conference addresses issues of wide relevance, offering the opportunity for EU-funded projects and initiatives (e.g., ALARM, ALTER-Net, BIOSCORE, COCONUT, DAISIE, MACIS, or ESF) to present their results to the wider scientific community.

Ecologists from all European countries and from a broad range of scientific specialties in ecology will be present at EURECO-GFOE 2008. It is of particular importance for students and

young scientists and offers them the opportunity to meet leading researchers in the field of ecology. Moreover, the meeting will also provide an opportunity to foster cooperation between scientists from different countries and should lead to closer integration between researchers working on specific aspects of ecology.

The EEF Council will meet during the Leipzig Congress. The Council comprises representatives from all member societies, so you can contact your representative with any issues you would like raised.

A number of fellowships are available for students. Info at <http://www.eureco-gfoe2008.ufz.de>

Student awards

The EEF will present the European Ecology Award 2008 to a student presentation at the EURECO-GFOE meeting in Leipzig. A panel of senior ecologists will attend presentations and assess the students' performance. The prize winner will be announced at the closing ceremony.

Web Ecology

The EEF official journal (<http://www.oikos.ekol.lu.se/wejrn1.html>) is now publishing at a regular pace papers on all aspects of Ecology. WEB ECOLOGY is leaving behind a troubled period and this year should mark its consolidation. Manuscripts are being submitted in increasing numbers, which make us view with optimism the journal's future. Most valued by authors are the rapid handling times, which from submission to publication may typically take 100 days but can be as little as 40 days. Also important is the open access policy of WEB ECOLOGY, which gives papers a wide readership. We invite all members to support our journal by submitting high quality manuscripts.

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