

Dear Members,

**Welcome to the Spring/Summer Edition of your newsletter.** After a lot of rain, thunder, lightening, snow, hail, and an end to the football season, it's time for an update from the Scottish Centre on what has been happening around and about the country. This Newsletter is yours so make your input! You provide us with the information you want to share with other members across Scotland and tell us what you want to read. Send your suggestions, news, articles and photos to Andrew Dickson, Regional Development Officer, by email [andrew.dickson@ciwm.co.uk](mailto:andrew.dickson@ciwm.co.uk)

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## Spring Meeting and AGM

On a fine April day in the Kingdom of Fife, Scottish Centre Council held their Spring Meeting and AGM in the Building Learning and Conference Centre of Lauder College. This year's meeting was hosted by Fife Council. Seventy five members were present for the AGM. At the AGM it was intimated that Karen Anderson has agreed to serve another year as Chair of the Scottish Centre Council. Numbers rose to 90 for the Spring Meeting proper. Delegates were warmly welcomed by Councillor Mike Rumney, Chair of Environment and Development Committee. Vanessa Fandrich presented DEFRA's view on the waste strategy. Delegates also heard from Helen Houston on how the HNC in Wastes Management at Lauder College is developing. Lorna Walker from SEPA discussed the challenges ahead in terms of Household Waste Prevention. Chris Ewing from Fife Council provided delegates with an overview of the challenges that local authorities face in reducing the waste produced by householders and Graeme McDonald of William Tracey Ltd gave those present an insight into the current business opportunities and challenges in terms of waste management.

After a hearty lunch and a good deal of networking it was time for an issue that is sure to continue to be discussed over the next few years. "Direct Charging as a practical policy tool" was the topic for our lively debate in the afternoon session. Thanks go to the proposing team of John Cassells and Jim Baird, who won the vote. Thanks also to Linda Ovens and George Niblock in the opposing camp for an educational and entertaining debate.

Thanks to Fife Council for hosting and to our sponsors on the day:

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## People

Donald Macfarlane retired from SEPA in March 2006. Donald qualified from Strathclyde University as a Civil Engineer in 1968 and after working on a number of projects, joined the Scottish Office in 1976 where he worked in a number of branches. Those readers who recall (perhaps now with some fondness!) the Hazardous Waste Inspectorate will remember his attention to detail, and his close collaboration with Malcolm Crawford in developing the Waste Statistics Bulletin (no mean feat given the number of Districts involved and the lack of gadgets so freely available today). Donald moved to SEPA in 1996 with responsibilities for policy and guidance on waste management issues and was closely involved with the proposals for the National Waste Strategy, packaging regulations, WEEE etc to name but a few. On behalf of SCC and its membership we thank Donald for his work over the years and wish him a long and happy retirement.



## Scottish Centre Council Elections

After nominations and ballots the Scottish Centre duly elected John Crawford, Ken Morin and George Niblock onto Centre Council. It is important that Corporate members use the voting rights that they have when the opportunity arises.

Centre Council currently comprises:-

Karen Anderson (West Lothian Council) Centre Chairman  
Dr Colin Clark (Highland Council) Hon. Centre Secretary  
John Crawford (East Ayrshire Council) Public Relations Officer  
Prof Jim Baird (Caledonian Environment Centre) Treasurer  
Tim Curtis (Spirited Consultants)  
John Ferguson (SEPA)  
John Harris (SLR Consulting)  
Ken Morin (Faber Maunsell)  
George Niblock (Niblock Environmental)

Prof Baird is also a General Councillor. The Centre Council has co-opted General Councillor Trevor Jones, North Ayrshire Council in accordance with CIWM guidance.

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## Membership Update

The Scottish Centre membership continues to grow steadily and currently stands at 610. For those members who should be upgrading but haven't as yet, now is the time do so. Once a Corporate Member you will have voting rights, ability to stand for election to the Scottish Centre Council, and the use of Chartered Waste Manager in cognisance of your membership status. Should you have any colleagues who are not yet members, please provide their details to our RDO and he'll track them down. Alternatively with the Fast track affiliate route it couldn't be easier to start receiving the benefits of membership – get online now!

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## New Generation Group – National Conference



The NGG held their 7<sup>th</sup> National Conference in Edinburgh over the weekend of the 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> of April. The weekend was extremely well attended – a sell out! The number of Scottish delegates was not as high as hoped but attendance from all over the UK made for an interesting mix of waste management professionals. Dinner was held at the Thistle Hotel which was followed by some great socialising. A whole host of topics were covered over the 2 day conference with something for everyone and almost everybody made it on time for the Saturday sessions with or without a sore head!

To find out more about the NGG in Scotland and how you can become involved contact [Wendy.Rayner@enviros.com](mailto:Wendy.Rayner@enviros.com)



## Proven Technologies

Perth Concert hall was the venue for Proven Technologies from Europe? seminar on March 22nd. The event was a sell out and was attended by a varied mix of delegates from local authorities, consultants and private industry. Scottish Centre will be running future events of this nature in order to meet the needs of its members. Keep an eye on the Scottish Regional Centre of the CIWM web pages for details of upcoming events.

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## General Councillors

There are two casual vacancies, for 12 months, as General Councillors. One vacancy on the Scientific and Technical (S&T) committee, the other on the Education Training and Membership (ETM) committee. If you are interested in these positions contact the Regional Development Officer, [andrew.dickson@ciwm.co.uk](mailto:andrew.dickson@ciwm.co.uk)

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## Dates for the Diary:

### 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June – CIWM 2006

Paignton UK. Annual Conference and Exhibition. If you haven't booked already, what's stopping you ?

### 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October - Eventful Scotland

This year's two day waste conference will again be at the Glasgow Hilton. Once the booking forms are out, get signed up as spaces are sure to go quickly!

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## Public Relations Officer for Scottish Centre:

Any member who may wish to contact our Public Relations Officer, John Crawford, regarding matters pertaining to the CIWM Scottish Centre, can contact John by:

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## Future Items for newsletter

**Send your items for inclusion to the Regional Development Officer, Andrew Dickson:**

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