

Report on Activities of the ISEE European Chapter

Period September to November 2014

The main activities for this period were the Young Researchers ISEE conference in October, contacts with stakeholders and the European Commission regarding future research plans and also development of activity on policy on air-pollution . The ISEE European Council had regular monthly calls and a meeting of members at the ISEE Conference in Seattle. Also we held elections for the renewal of the ISEE-Europe Council.

1. ISEE-Europe. Young/Early Career Researchers Conference on Environmental Epidemiology

The two day conference took place on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 October 2014 at CREAL, Barcelona with the participation of around 200 young researchers. A full account has been provided separately to the Council.

2. Contacts with the European Commission

We submitted via national stakeholders ISEE's views for the proposal for funding circulated by the Commission for the years 2016-17. Proposals were developed through an informal internal consultation with about 30 senior ISEE researchers in different European countries. This is a problematic situation due to the opaque ways through which the Commission develops their priorities. The text we were commenting was supposedly sent to national contact points of the commission who have as their task to summarise views of stakeholders of their own countries but were told, however, by the Commission that they should not make it public. We have enough contacts by now around Europe and were sent the document for comments. The final outcome of the consultation is uncertain.

3. Policy- air pollution

ISEE-Europe participated at the EEB event Clean Air WG meeting in Brussels, October 14. The event that was a success and Bert Brunekreef's intervention was very much appreciated.

ISEE-Europe contacted the two ministries in France responsible for the 3rd French National research plan on Environmental Health and expressed our views.

4. Renewal of 2 members of the council.

We had decided that members of the council should be gradually renewed. Two members resigned (Simon Birkett and Fabrizio Bianchi) and two new members were elected (Ulrike Gehring and Danielle Vienneau)

5. ISEE-Europe assembly and Council meetings

The ISEE-Europe assembly took place in Seattle. The council communicated regularly (once a month).