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The new look UKELA website has just gone on line at www.ukela.org. We hope you like it. It has new sections on Environmental Law (a big thank you to those who helped write them – also thanked in the new credits section), an index for e-law, more information about Council members and lots more photos. We can now add things more easily and the group convenors will soon be able to keep their own areas up to date. Please do send feedback to Vicki.elcoate@ntlworld.com. The new web editor is Tim Jewell, whose details are on the website. Thank you again to Peter Kellett for all his hard work on the website over the years.

If you would like to offer an article for the website – particularly information to help the environmental law section provide a better service to the public – please let us know.

E-LAW – YOU TOLD US WHAT YOU THINK

Thank you to all those who took the time to complete and return the questionnaire sent out with the January edition of e-law. We are very grateful for your comments and these are summarised below. We will be reviewing the views given over the next month or so.

Thank you also to those who offered to write articles for future editions of e-law. Your contact details have been passed on to the editor and she will be in touch with you direct.

- The majority of you found e-law either very or fairly useful and were happy with e-law the way it is. However, we received some very useful suggestions on how e-law could be made better. One such suggestion was that a link be provided from the contents page to the articles. You also thought that better spacing and use of different fonts would make e-law easier to read.
- You also wanted more layperson's articles, more case studies and more legal updates.
- We had suggested that we could improve e-law by including more pictures and graphics, but many of you were wary of this and advised caution because of the problem of overfilling inboxes.
- You really liked the idea of an index on the website of main e-law articles to help you find things more easily but were split on the suggestion that the website should also include a search facility for e-law articles. You will now find the main articles of e-law going back to 2000 on the website.
- We already include job adverts in e-law – use of this facility to either advertise a post or search for one was split fairly evenly.

Alison Boyd
Member Support Officer

Council Elections 2008

We will be in touch with all members very shortly about the arrangements for this year's elections to UKELA's Council of Management. An invitation to stand for Council will come to everyone in May – if you are interested in standing for Council this time, then you will need to put together a short manifesto including the names of 2 supporters. Members will then vote on candidates (assuming the number of candidates exceeds the number of places available on Council) and the results will be declared at the AGM during the Annual Conference in June. We welcome candidates from all sectors of UKELA's membership, particularly the regions, academics, students and consultants.

Alison Boyd

REGULATORY REFORMS – A NEW ERA

A packed auditorium discussed the details of reforms, which will provide a significantly expanded enforcement toolkit for regulators, in a Bill being considered by the House of Lords.

The first joint meeting of UKELA and the Health and Safety Lawyers Association on April 3rd attracted a record audience of over 160 members of both organisations.

The seminar, chaired by UKELA's President Lord Justice Carnwath, discussed how the reforms in the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill, could revolutionise the way regulators operate. The Bill will shortly move on for discussion in the Commons.

If enacted the Bill will give regulators, like the Environment Agency and Health and Safety Executive, access to a much wider range of enforcement options. Instead of being subject to criminal prosecution as the only enforcement option, those responsible for breaches of environmental or health and safety law could instead be faced with fines (a fixed amount or an amount determined by the regulator). Similar systems in the USA have seen some operators facing fines or penalties of millions of dollars. Operators may also have the option of entering into voluntary agreements to address non-compliance issues.

Professor Richard Macrory, who proposed the reforms initially, said there had been concerns in the press about civil servants side stepping the law. But he said the Bill contained "significant safeguards to prevent abuse". He said the key thing was to eliminate financial gain for those who breached the law – "fines aren't necessarily the best response to change behaviour even in a criminal court. Over-relying on criminal prosecution devalues the criminal law".

Dominic Smales, of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, told the audience that the first orders under the new Act would appear by October 2009. He said that it was likely that a regulatory chamber would hear appeals, rather than a new tribunal, or appeals could go to existing tribunals.

Ric Navarro, Director of Legal Services for the Environment Agency, said the penalties in the criminal courts "often do not reflect the gravity of offences we have to deal with". Implementing the changes would require a lot of time and work: "we're going to have to be satisfied that the costs and benefits are going to justify that work".

Alex Brett-Holt, Legal Adviser to the Health and Safety Executive, said that the HSE was not planning to implement the changes (which are optional). She said she felt the system worked well as it is in the health and safety field.

Madeleine Abas, Chair of the Health and Safety Lawyers Association, said the Bill would introduce a “totally new regime” and lawyers should rise to the challenge. “It was”, she said, “a great opportunity to think about the implications for clients – an opportunity for training and explanation”.



Speakers left to right: Madeleine Abas, Richard Macrory, Sir Robert Carnwath, Alex Brett-Holt, Ric Navarro

MOOT FINALS 2008

Richard Kimblin, No 5 Chambers

The 2008 moot competitions took place before Lord Justice Carnwath on Thursday 13 March 2008 at No 5 Chambers, 76 Shoe Lane, London on a nature conservation/human rights issue. UKELA is particularly grateful to Lord Justice Carnwath for judging the moots.

All of the entrants dealt admirably with the tricky comparison between an expert body which can decide issue such as protection of habitats and species and a fact finding body which does not exercise any expert function. This is important in drawing the distinction between cases like *Aggregate Industries* which is concerned with nature conservation and designation of a SSSI and *Tsfayo* which is concerned with a factual question as to whether a claimant can show reasonable cause for a particular course of conduct. Each case raised the question of whether the decision making tribunal was an independent and impartial tribunal for the purposes of Art 6 ECHR.

In the Lord Slynn of Hadley Mooting Competition, the results were:

Winners: Cain Ormondroyd and Tom Cross (FTB Chambers)

Runners up: Frances Trevena and Lucy Saunders (BPP)

In the UKELA Student Moot, the results were:

Winners: Mark Stigglebout and Ruth Hudson (Oxford University)

Runners up: Marija Skundric and Gemma Bowes (LSE)

The winners received a trophy, a small cash prize, membership of UKELA and a copy of *Environmental Law* by Ball & Bell. The runners up received membership of UKELA and a copy of *Environmental Law*.

Below is the not particularly expansive judgment of Brain J:

In this case Buildit seek to challenge, by way of judicial review, the decision of the Newt Protection Agency (NPE) to designate Buildit's land as a site of special scientific interest by reason of a population of great crested newts.

Buildit own the land which is the subject of this appeal. It is former industrial land, which, from the evidence I have seen, is in desperate need of cleaning up because of its industrial past and which would, absent the newts, provide housing for which there is a great shortage in south east England. The NPE are a statutory body with duties of environmental protection in the sphere of protection of newts and their habitats.

Co-incident with Buildit's application for planning permission, NPE determined that the land was a SSSI by reason of the exceptional number of newts on the site and the suitability of this derelict site as a habitat for newts. Buildit's application for a licence to remove the newts was refused on the basis that there were alternative sites on which houses could be built.

*I have been referred by the NPE to *Aggregate Industries (UK) Ltd v English Nature and the Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs* [2003] 3 Env LR which, they submit, is a complete answer*

to the Buildit's first complaint. Buildit have submitted that Aggregate Industries should now be seen in the light of the decision in *Tsfayo*¹.

I note the strong policy arguments in favour of experts deciding these matters. I also accept that a high level of protection is to be given to species which are rare on a European scale. I can well see that the local planning authority would not wish to grant planning permission development of a SSSI. However, I prefer Buildit's arguments because it seems to me that Buildit has not had an opportunity to be heard by a fact finding tribunal which is clearly independent of the body which made the decision complained about. Moreover, I also accept Buildit's second submission that, in the circumstances of this case, it is a disproportionate interference with the use of Buildit's rights in land to render it effectively of no value. I bear in mind the need to balance the needs of people and the needs of wildlife.

*I grant permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal on both points because they give rise to issues of wider importance, namely (i) does *Tsfayo* alter the position stated in *Aggregate Industries*, and; (ii) was it open to me to find the designation of the land was a SSSI was a disproportionate interference?*

The appellants in each moot had the easier end of the argument, but the respondents argued with conviction and ingenuity. Most importantly, all of the arguments were clearly set out in the skeleton arguments and were succinctly presented in the limited time which was available to each advocate.

Lord Justice Carnwath gave judgment on the moot problem. He discussed the evolution of the law on the Art 6 point, and the progression from *Alconbury* to the position in *Aggregate Industries* which establishes that the fact that a decision maker is not independent or impartial is not a legal obstacle. Some may think that is a questionable distinction. However, the House of Lords has decided the point and has drawn attention to the fact that in planning cases there is an Inspector and protections available such as the right to object and make representations. *Tsfayo* is different and is concerned with housing benefit and on a question of fact to be decided, but where there is no independent part of the authority to decide it. It can be distinguished from cases like *Alconbury* because it is a simple question of fact rather than a wider policy question. However, the boundaries of distinction are not clear, but if asked to distinguish I would say that the Newt Protection Agency is simply concerned with whether there are lots of newts but whether they are sufficiently important and so *Tsfayo* does not upset *Aggregate Industries*.

On the question of the interference with Buildit's rights. Brain J did not explain why the interference was disproportionate and in any event the authorities make it clear that there is a wide margin of appreciation.

RICHARD KIMBLIN
No 5 Chambers

Photos of the moot final are on the website

MANUAL OF NATURE CONSERVATION LAW

Members of the Nature Conservation Working Group have published the 2nd edition of The Manual of Nature Conservation Law. This was launched at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust site at Barnes Reservoir in March. Michael Fry edited the edition. It can be ordered from the publishers at the website www.wildlaw.co.uk or by email to a.baker@BSG-ECOLOGY.COM. The Publishers will be offering a special discount to delegates at the UKELA conference at the University of Kent this June where the Manual will be on sale for the price of £60. There will be a review in the next edition of e-law.

¹ *Tsfayo v United Kingdom* – European Court of Human Rights - Application no 60860/00

60 SECOND INTERVIEW

Paul Bratt

Partner, Commercial & Dispute Resolution (SHE Group), Hammonds

Paul is the convenor of the North West Regional Group, which is holding the first UKELA/ENDS joint event on Thursday (April 24th) evening in Manchester. More details below.

What is your current role?

I lead the Environmental Law Team at Hammonds and advise our environmental transactions, projects and litigation in the UK, Europe, Far East and South America.

How did you get into environmental law?

I was a teenager when a number of NGO's were successfully campaigning to "stop the bloody whaling" a campaign which was very difficult to disagree with unless your family owned a whaling fleet.

What are the main challenges in your work?

The main challenge is to keep abreast of the tidal wave of environmental law and policy, now that environment protection is a respected government aim.

What environmental issue keeps you awake at night?

I am a very sound sleeper.

What is the biggest single thing that would make a difference to environmental protection and well-being?

Although it may be unpalatable, a reduction in the rate of population growth.

What is your UKELA working party of choice and why?

I am happy with my role as North West Regional Convenor (although we must think of a snappier title!) which allows us to develop UKELA away from its roots in "cardigans and case law" to have a much more diverse membership, and information sharing with a number of other professional bodies such as IEMA and CIWM.

What is the biggest benefit to you of UKELA membership?

The ability to put together a sensible forum of clients, stakeholders and regulators and to share perspectives.

UKELA/ENDS, SEMINAR ON WASTE

The United Kingdom Environmental Law Association and ENDS are pleased to present a seminar on Waste Issues. It will be held on Thursday 24 April 2008 at Hammonds Solicitors in Manchester. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about the latest developments in Waste legislation and key cases, as well as a summary of forthcoming developments at this early evening seminar.

The event will be chaired by Paul Bratt from Hammonds. Our Speakers are:

Stephen Tromans, Barrister, 39 Essex Street: Leading Cases of 2007-2008 Reviewed

Dr Catherine Wilson, ENDS – Looking to the future

There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion and a networking opportunity with drinks afterwards.

Date: Thursday 24 April 2008

Time: 4.30pm – 7.30pm (speakers from 5pm)

Venue: Hammonds, Trinity Court, 16 John Dalton St, Manchester, M60 8HS

CPD points accredited: 1

Coffee/tea available from 4.30pm. Please stay for drinks and nibbles afterwards.

Please note there is no cost to attend this event which is put on with the kind support of Hammonds. Refreshments supplied by ENDS and administration by UKELA.

However, all places must be booked – please contact Alison Boyd alisonboyd.ukela@ntlbusiness.com

UKELA SEMINAR, ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION UPDATE CARDIFF WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL 2008

UKELA is holding a seminar in Cardiff on April 30th 2008 to provide a comprehensive environmental legislation update on a range of current issues– members and non members welcome. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion and a networking opportunity with drinks afterwards.

We have four speakers:

- 1. Huw Williams, Geldards LLP - Climate Change Bill and Environmental Law in Wales*
- 2. Professor Mark Stallworthy, Swansea University - The Climate Change Bill: Trading our way out of this mess*
- 3. Steven Vaughan, Cardiff University, Latham & Watkins - Ready for REACH?*
- 4. Professor Robert Lee, Cardiff University - Transposing the Environmental Liability Directive in England and Wales*

Thanks to the Centre for Business Relationships, Accountability, Sustainability and Society (BRASS) and the Law School at Cardiff University for arranging this meeting. Thanks to Geldards LLP for hosting.

Places are limited and early booking is recommended.

Date: Wednesday 30 April 2008

Time: 5pm (speakers at 5.30pm)

Venue: Geldards LLP, Dumfries House, Dumfries Place, Cardiff
CF10 3ZF

CPD points accredited: Two hours

Coffee/tea available from 5pm in the Boardroom.

Cost: UKELA members £10. Non-members £20. Students free of charge although places are limited. All places must be booked.

Booking:

Please book your place by contacting Alison Boyd, alisonboyd.ukela@ntlbusiness.com

UKELA CONFERENCE JUNE 20-22

Book now for the UKELA conference which is happening in under two months from now.

The UKELA Annual Conference 2008, which is at the University of Kent over the weekend 20-22 June, will discuss the shifting responsibilities in environmental regulation. Regulatory reform is a hot topic with a plethora of legislation in Parliament in the current session. Conference sessions include: new approaches to regulation and enforcement; environmental permitting; habitat and wildlife protection; the planning reforms; hot cases.

Discounted places of £250 remain available for the Conference, although they are going fast. So if you have previously thought the Conference is too expensive for you, then we would encourage you to think again – we particularly welcome applications from the academic sector – for whom a special breakout session is being arranged.

Running parallel with the Working Group sessions during the 'working lunch' session on Saturday, 12.45-2.15 pm, Donald McGillivray, Kent Law School, and Prof Bob Lee, Cardiff Law School are convening a session on 'Environmental Law and the Academy'. The session is intended to allow a space for discussion of current research interests, as well as to discuss current developments in the environmental law curriculum and in its teaching (including, but not limited to, the impact of energy and climate change as dominating issues). While the session is aimed primarily at the academic members of UKELA, it is open to all and the participation of non-academic members with interests in these areas is especially encouraged, with a view to stimulating a constructive dialogue and debate.

Programme:

The Challenging New World of Environmental Regulation: shifting the balance between corporate and individual rights and responsibilities



UKELA Conference 2008 – University of Kent

The Challenging New World of Environmental Regulation: shifting the balance between corporate and individual rights and responsibilities

Friday 20th June

4.00pm – 5.30pm	Registration – Keynes College Atrium Foyer
5.30pm – 6.45pm	<i>‘The Future of Environmental Rights and Responsibilities’</i> Chair: Professor Sir Francis Jacobs - Kings College London Speaker: Baroness Barbara Young – Chief Executive, Environment Agency of England & Wales
7.00pm – 7.30pm	Welcome drink – Eliot Mungos
7.30pm – 01.00am	Buffet Dinner & Bar – Eliot Dining Hall
<u>Saturday 21st June</u>	
7.45am – 9.00am	Breakfast – Eliot Dining Hall
9.15am – 11.10pm	Plenary Session Topic: Exploring Recent Changes in the Approach to Environmental Regulation and Enforcement Chair: Daniel Lawrence – Chairman UKELA
9.15am – 9.25m	Comments by Chair
9.25am – 9.50am	<i>How is the new Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions toolkit being welcomed?</i> Speaker: Professor Richard Macrory – University College London
9.50am – 10.20am	<i>Accessing Justice: Implications of the Sullivan Report</i> Speaker: David Wolfe – Matrix
10.20am – 10.50am	<i>Environmental Permitting: Rights and Responsibilities</i> Speaker: Peter Kellett – Environment Agency
10.50am – 11.10am	Coffee break
11.10am – 12.30am	Plenary Session Topic: How does the law prioritise rights and responsibilities for habitat/wildlife protection; and is the current legal framework sufficient? Chair:

11.10am – 11.30am	Prof. Stuart Harrop – Prof. of Wildlife Management Law at the Durrell Institute Comments by Chair
11.30am – 11.55am	Whether Current EU nature conservation law provides the right balance of rights and responsibilities in relation to ensure its goals are met? Speaker: Andrew Dodd – Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
11.55am - 12:20pm	Natural England’s perspective as to rights and responsibilities towards the natural environment and how this may differ from what has gone before Speaker: Julie Lunt – Natural England
12:20pm – 12.45pm	Rights and responsibilities in relation to marine nature conservation in the Marine Bill Speaker: Tom Mosedale - DEFRA
12.45pm – 2.15pm	Lunch/Working Party sessions – Keynes Atrium Foyer
2.30pm – 6.00pm	Afternoon tours: Wildwood Trust Howletts Wildlife Park Walking Tour of Canterbury
7.30pm – 8.15pm	Drinks Reception – Canterbury Cathedral/Campanile Garden
8.15pm – 10.30pm	Gala Dinner – Canterbury Cathedral/Marquee on Cathedral Lodge Guest Speaker: The Rt Hon John Gummer MP
<u>Sunday 22nd June</u>	
8.00am – 9.30am	Breakfast – Eliot Dining Hall
9.30am – 11.15am	Plenary Session Topic: The implications of the recent planning reforms on individual and corporate rights and responsibilities? Chair: Sir Robert Carnwath CVO, President of UKELA
9.30am – 9.40am	Comments by Chair
9.40am – 10.10am	The reforms and their implications for environmental protection

	Speaker: David Elvin QC – Landmark Chambers
10.10am – 10.40am	Friends of the Earth’s perspective on the reforms
	Speaker: Phil Michaels – Friends of the Earth
10.40am – 11.15am	Strategic Environmental Assessment
	Speaker: Gregory Jones – Francis Taylor Building
11.15am – 11.45am	AGM followed by Coffee Break
11.45am – 1.30pm	The Year’s Hottest Cases Reviewed
	Speakers: David Hart QC - 1 Crown Office Row
	Justine Thornton – 39 Essex Street
	Stephen Tromans – 39 Essex Street
1.30pm – 2.00pm	Packed Lunch – Keynes Atrium Foyer Area
2.00pm	Close of Conference

With thanks to the Main Sponsors 39 Essex St and WSP Environmental Ltd

Field Visits

Visits to choose are to Wildwood, a UK wildlife conservation centre; Howletts, specialist centre for captive breeding of endangered species and a walking tour with guide of Canterbury. The Gala dinner on Saturday evening will be held in the beautiful grounds of Canterbury Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The full price rates for this year’s conference are slightly more expensive than last year to enable us to deliver as green a conference as possible, with local and organic food where possible. We will be promoting travel that minimises carbon emissions and two of the tours have an environmental theme. The accommodation is typical university hall of residence standard, which means that the UKELA conference remains fantastic value. Further details including how to book are on the attached booking form.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE SEMINAR 9 MAY 2008 KINGS COLLEGE LONDON

This event, which attracts 3 CPD points, is a half-day seminar to discuss the recommendations of the Panel report on Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, chaired by Mr Justice Sullivan – the UK and European aspects. This event is on Friday 9 May 2008 at Kings College London on the Strand. It runs from 2-5.30pm and will be held in the Edmund J Safra lecture theatre. Registration is from 1.30pm. It costs £20 to attend (students may attend free) – all places must be booked. Contact Alison Boyd alisonboyd.ukela@ntlbusiness.com for further details.

UKELA LONDON MEETING, EARTH JURISPRUDENCE MONDAY 19TH MAY 2008 AT 6PM

At Herbert Smith, Exchange House, Primrose Street, Exchange Square, London EC2A 2HS

UKELA members are cordially invited to this early evening session where the subject will be **Earth Jurisprudence**.

The speakers will look at the development of Earth Jurisprudence including more recent ideas from writers such as Thomas Berry and Cormac Cullinan.

Some of the issues that will be discussed are:

- Whether there is a need for alternative approaches in dealing with current global environmental issues including climate change and loss of biodiversity.
- The practical application of earth-centred approaches in tackling global issues.
- The extent to which earth-centred ideas already form the basis of a number of important environmental laws.

The speakers will be:

- **Liz Hosken of the Gaia Foundation**
- **Peter Kellett, UKELA Council and Environment Agency**
- **Elizabeth Rivers, facilitator, mediator and coach**
- **Melanie Strickland, Wragges & Co.**

Liz Hosken

Born near Johannesburg, South Africa, Liz Hosken was active from a young age in both environmental issues and the anti-apartheid movement. She was exiled to the UK, in her early 20s, where she co-founded The Gaia Foundation. As Director of Gaia she has actively sought to work with pioneers and visionaries for ecological and social justice. She has received the Jameson Award, the Schumacher Award and a One World Award for media work on biodiversity related issues, and is a fellow of the Findhorn Foundation and advisor to the Goldman Environmental Prize. Liz has a BSc in Ecological Sciences and a Masters in Education.

Liz will talk about how the idea of Earth Jurisprudence emerged, its evolution across the world, as well as strategies for its further development in various continents. She will also highlight important lessons that have emerged to date.

Peter Kellett- UKELA Council & Environment Agency - will consider whether “wild laws” might already exist in England and Wales and if so whether Earth Jurisprudence played any part in their design.

Elizabeth Rivers

Elizabeth is a facilitator, mediator and coach who specialises in developing creativity for sustainable change. Formerly a litigation lawyer with Eversheds for 10 years, plus working as an environmental mediator dealing with topics such as aviation expansion, nuclear waste and sustainable water management, she combines 20 years commercial experience with 15 years training in psychology and personal development.

Elizabeth will be outlining UKELA's work in this area over the last four years and ideas that have emerged from the work so far, plus previewing the 2008 Conference. She will also talk about the relationship between personal values and professional career choices and how this field offers opportunities for alignment between the two.

Melanie Strickland – Trainee solicitor with Wragge & Co. Wrote the papers for the first Wild Law mock trial conducted at the 2007 Wild Law Workshop and has presented a paper to the College of Law.

Melanie will consider why we need to look for alternatives now, with reference to the IPCC report and the consequences of ‘business as usual’.

The Meeting will be chaired by **Simon Boyle of UKELA Council**

The Meeting will last for approximately 90 minutes after which refreshments will be provided to enable those attending to discuss the issues informally.

Registration is 5.30 pm with seminar due to start at 6 pm.

1.5 CPD points will be available for all attending.

There will be a small contribution to cover costs at £10 for Members and £20 for Non-members. Students and Unwaged members are free. Your booking is not confirmed until a cheque has been received.

If you wish to accept please contact by e-mail Angela Pallett at Herbert Smith: angela.pallett@herbertsmith.com

All cheques should be made payable to UKELA and sent to:

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(DX 28 London)

WILD LAW

Arrangements for the Wild Law workshop on September 26 – 28 are just being finalised and will be circulated shortly. It is promising to be an exciting event with the launch of international research on the application of Wild Law being carried out by UKELA and the Gaia Foundation. We are grateful to the students who are helping with this and to the experts overseas who are advising. We have secured some excellent speakers and funding. Thanks to the Matrix Causes Fund and Argyll Environmental for their support. We await some further news on funding and then we can finalise the costs and let you know how to book.

Climate Change London meeting: Andrew Kimbrell, the US attorney involved in the Massachusetts case on regulating carbon emissions, will be one of the speakers at a special London meeting on September 29th. Andy was involved in the last Wild Law workshop (and will be helping lead the 2008 workshop) and is an excellent and entertaining speaker. More details soon but diary it now.

Special offers, discounts, events of other organisations

CONFERENCE: 'ENFORCING EC ENVIRONMENTAL LAW'

The Faculty of Law at University College Cork, Ireland will host a conference on the theme 'Enforcing EC Environmental Law' on Thursday, April 24 from 2-5.30pm.

This event examines contemporary problems in the enforcement of EC environmental law - with particular reference to Ireland. It focuses on administrative remedies, judicial review and the role of the EC Commission. The implications of the Aarhus Convention will also be examined. The aim is to consider how enforcement could be strengthened in practice.

The conference is aimed at lawyers, judges, environmental consultants and ENGOs. There is no charge to attend this event, but advance registration is compulsory as places are limited. Full details at www.ucc.ie/law/events

EIC CONFERENCE "THE CLIMATE CHANGE BILL: IMPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS"

£30 DISCOUNT FOR UKELA MEMBERS

EIC is running the Brownfield Expo (the new name for ICU) conference at the NEC. Barbara Young, Chief Executive of the Environment Agency, will provide the keynote speech.

You will be well aware of the continuing rapid pace of change in the policy and legislative framework covering contaminated land. This essential conference draws on EIC's expertise to bring together leading officials, regulators and industry to provide advance warning policy intelligence, definitive current status reports and clear guidance on the regulatory framework.

Key issues covered by the conference include:

- **new Land Remediation Code of Practice** and how the Environment Agency will reduce regulation for those applying it;
- **changes in the application of the definition of waste** with a new EU Directive and new Defra guidance;
- forthcoming developments on **technical competence, verification and accreditation**;
- latest Defra thinking on breaking the **CLEA/SGVs deadlock**;
- the **Health Protection Agency views** on the risk associated with contaminated land.

The event is kindly sponsored by Terramundo. Lunch will be provided within the main Brownfield Expo on the Parsons Brinkerhoff Stand and, therefore, give an opportunity to visit the exhibition.

To enable UKELA Members to take maximum advantage of this high level event we have arranged for a £30 discount to the £245 fee, which you can claim by entering the code "UKELA" in the discount code box on the registration form.

To book, click through to www.eic-uk.co.uk/brownfieldexpo.cfm

INSURING ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

2nd & 3rd July 2008 Millennium Hotel London Knightsbridge

Bulk buy special offer for UKELA members

UKELA Members have already received a special offer for discounted tickets (10% on the standard brochure price) for this conference. The organisers have now extended that offer to 25% off, if 4 or more UKELA members book together. You should note that the offer is exclusive to UKELA and only applies if booked through Ganesh Raman at C5. E-MAIL the delegate details to g.raman@C5-Online.com.

WORKSHOP: "FROM PRODUCTION TO CONSUMPTION: LEGAL AND POLICY CHALLENGES FOR A NEW APPROACH TO CLIMATE CHANGE", AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SURREY, GUILDFORD, FRIDAY 30 MAY

Sustainable consumption has become not just an option, but an imperative for a successful climate strategy. Production focused policies are not enough and they must be complemented by approaches that take into account the role of consumption in climate change. A consumption based approach implies

a move towards allocating national responsibility for emissions and emissions reduction based on the supply chains of goods consumed within a country, rather than the emissions occurring within that country's own borders.

UKELA members are invited to discuss these issues at this workshop being organised by the Environmental Regulatory Research Group at the School of Law of the University of Surrey, the Surrey European Law Unit and the Centre for Environmental Strategy.

For further details including how to register for the workshop please see <http://www.ias.surrey.ac.uk/workshops/ClimateC/index.php>. Spaces are limited, and will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis. Please contact *Francesco Sindico* at f.sindico@surrey.ac.uk for any clarification on the nature and the format of the workshop.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT 2008: SECURING OUR LOW CARBON ECONOMY

UKELA members to receive 20% discount with TAE01 promotional code

Ten Alps Events presents **Energy and Environment 2008: Securing our Low Carbon Economy** to be held on the 17th June 2008, at Church House Conference Centre, Westminster, London.

This premier national conference will highlight the key strategies that aim to redress the current imbalance across policy and practice regarding this agenda in the UK, concentrating on those areas where we can make a difference.

Rt. Hon. Gordon Brown, Prime Minister, recently set out the seriousness of the challenge: *“By 2020, Britain needs to be producing just 155-310 million tonnes – less than half as much as now, in an economy 250% larger.”* This will require a *“fourth technological revolution...a million people employed here in our environmental industries within the next two decades. And this will be essential to our energy security.”*

Energy and Environment 2008: Securing our Low Carbon Economy features experts from the public and private sectors, including:

Rt. Hon. Phil Woolas, Minister of State, Defra (Invited)
Gregory Baker, Shadow Minister for Climate Change and The Environment
Tom Delay, Chief Executive, The Carbon Trust
Maria McCaffery, Chief Executive, British Wind Energy Association
Keith Parker, Chief Executive, Nuclear Industries Association
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