

## **IEMA Environmental Knowledge Exchange**

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Building on the success of the first Environmental Knowledge Exchange held in November 2007, the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA), in association with the Environmental Knowledge Transfer Network, will again bring together academics and practitioners from the environmental field. Structured as a multi-disciplinary dialogue, the Knowledge Exchange provides a platform to discuss cutting-edge research that deals with specific issues in the management of environmental problems as well as policy considerations regarding the natural environment. For researchers this entails disseminating their research, exploring how practitioners could put these ideas in practice, and discussing practitioner insights to further the research agenda. Furthermore, building on last year's frank discussions, academics will be able to continue the dialogue with the funding councils regarding the way research is funded.

We are therefore extending an invitation to academics and research arms of business to submit potential papers for inclusion into the day's programme. More details about topics, format and process follow below.

As part of continuing the Exchange dialogue, presenters will subsequently be invited to submit their paper for publication in the peer-reviewed section of 'the Environmentalist' (IEMA's publication circulated to more than 11,000 members).

IEMA is pleased to announce that the event is supported by four relevant research funding bodies (NERC, ESPRC, BBSRC, ESRC), as well as external sponsors.

### **About IEMA**

The Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) is a not-for-profit organisation established to promote best practice standards in environmental management, auditing and assessment. With over 12,500 individual and corporate members, the IEMA is now a leading international membership-based organisation dedicated to the promotion of sustainable development, and to the professional development of individuals involved in the environmental profession, whether they be in the public, private or non-governmental sectors. Individual members include environmental managers, auditors, regulators, and impact assessors who work in companies, the consultancy profession, education and training establishments, national and local governments, and environmental enforcement authorities.

### **Goals of the Exchange**

- to enable the dissemination of research to an audience of peers and practitioners
- to establish dialogue and build links between the research and practice communities, and possibly form partnerships where appropriate
- to foster a common understanding of core concepts, definitions, unifying frameworks, and research themes regarding the management of environmental issues
- to continue the dialogue with the funding bodies regarding funding practices.

### **Format**

The format of the day is structured to maximise the opportunity for dialogue between the participants. After a brief plenary introduction, a number of parallel sessions and poster sessions will take place throughout the day. Speakers will be from research groups only, so as to maximise academic content. As the format is informal, we welcome live demonstrations and posters. Ample time for discussion will be available throughout the day, as well as time for networking. Conference and session programmes will be available in the month before the event.

## Topics of Interest

The topics of interest relate to a diverse range of sustainability issues that are relevant to practitioners in the fields of sustainable development, environmental management and policy making. Therefore, contributions can be broadly classified but are not limited to:

1. Global and local sustainable development
2. Climate change
3. Ecology and natural cycles
4. Energy and energy efficiency
5. Resource usage
6. Water and marine environments
7. Waste management and recycling
8. Planning and transport
9. Management and organisational behaviour

## Timetable

01 April 2008: Call for contributions opens  
06 June: Deadline for abstracts  
20 June: Acceptance issued and draft programme made available  
15 August: Deadline for full papers  
03 September 2008: 2<sup>nd</sup> IEMA Environmental Knowledge Exchange

## Format of contributions

Abstracts should be between 400 and 500 words, which should be emailed to [m.vanderkamp@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:m.vanderkamp@lancaster.ac.uk) before 06 June 2008. A panel of academics and practitioners will review each contribution. On acceptance, a full paper of around 3,500 words excluding references will be required to finalise the submission.

Format:

MS Word or PDF format.

File name should be first author's surname.

Please include names, affiliations, and contact details of authors.

Please state **clearly** the intended format of the paper: **poster**, **presentation** or **demonstration**.

For further information and to register your interest in participating please contact Gillian Gibson ([gillian@gbgibson.com](mailto:gillian@gbgibson.com)) or Maarten van der Kamp ([m.vanderkamp@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:m.vanderkamp@lancaster.ac.uk)).

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