

## **Stop the Press!!!**

### **IEMA welcomes it's 10,000<sup>th</sup> member**

On the Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006, the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) welcomed it's 10,000<sup>th</sup> member.

Over the past few years membership of the IEMA has grown at an astounding rate, reflecting the growing importance and stature of environmental issues amongst organisations and individuals in the United Kingdom and beyond. At the turn of the millennium the IEMA had less than 5,000 members. This demonstrates the rapid growth of the organisation in the last six years.

IEMA Chief Executive Russell Foster is delighted to have reached such a milestone so quickly. He believes the IEMA is going from strength to strength, and said "This is a hugely significant milestone for our Institute, as it firmly puts the IEMA on the environmental map and I pay tribute to all the hard work, by our staff and supporters alike, whose combined efforts have helped us achieve this noteworthy membership figure in such a relatively short space of time - I'm delighted".

IEMA members come from all areas of the environmental sector, including consultancy, business, local authority and education establishments.

Members include specialists in Air, Water, Contaminated Land, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Strategic Impact Assessment (SEA), Environmental Management Systems (EMS), Environmental Auditing, Life Cycle Assessment, Sustainability and Waste.

The IEMA has an overall aim to promote the goal of sustainable development, and provides members, both individual and corporate, with the knowledge and experience essential to achieving this goal. The IEMA aims to influence these individuals and organisations by equipping them with the necessary tools and skills to ensure that individuals, businesses, Government and society operate in a more sustainable manner.

To find out more about IEMA membership, and the different levels and services available, please click on the following link <http://www.iema.net/>.

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1) **The Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)** is an independent membership body which provides recognition and support to environmental professionals, combining the disciplines of environmental management, auditing and assessment, encompassing both public and private sectors.

2) With over 10,000 members, the IEMA is a leading UK membership organisation dedicated to the promotion of the goal of sustainable development and to the professional development of individuals involved in environmental management and assessment.

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