



PECE holds first country workshop

PECE has now added country-learning workshops to the list of services it provides. On Thursday 29th June 06, PECE held its first of these events, which looked at working in Ukraine.

Groundwork and St. James's Research came up with the original idea to offer to run an informal meet-and-greet to share experiences of working in Ukraine. Struan Simpson, of St. James's Research, therefore chaired this first session, which was hosted at Defra offices in Victoria.



I think everyone who attended will agree that it was a really good opportunity for PECE members to share experiences of previous or current working in Ukraine and discuss potential project ideas that members could partner into. We were also fortunate that we could hear local views of this work from 3 Ukrainian fellows here with the John Smith Fellowship Programme and Dr. Vyacheslav Oleshchenko from the Administration of the President of the Ukraine.

As this session on Ukraine was so successful we would definitely like to see this happen again for other EECCA countries. However, we need you, as members, to assist us in this. You have the most hands-on experience of working in our target countries therefore we would like members to volunteer to chair or host sessions where you have most experience. A lot of you also take full advantage of 2-way practical learning by inviting your colleagues from within the EECCA region over to the UK. The local contributions to these workshops are invaluable so we would like to hear whenever you have delegates over to see if it is possible to schedule a relevant country event at the same time. We feel this set up would give most benefit to members.

Thank you to all of you who came and made this first workshop such a success. Please contact the Secretariat if you have any plans for your EECCA colleagues to visit the UK or if you are interested in running or hosting a country workshop. [For more details of the event please see http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/past.htm](http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/past.htm).

Project Opportunities

1. Tomsk Oblast Committee for Environmental Protection (Western Siberia) is seeking partners for:

- Development of system for state ecological management
- Support of energy efficiency and energy conservation projects
- Support of Regional and local authorities activity to reduce impact of industrial

development on climate change and air pollution

More information in [EECCA Directory](#) or contact: Dmitri Volostnov: vdv@green.tsu.ru

2. Russian NGO 'Green Don' is seeking project partners to draft a proposal and establish a Ural River International Sturgeon Park. See [EECCA Directory](#) for more details. Contact: Vladimir Lagutov: zedon@novoch.ru, lagutov@gmail.com

For more details on these and other opportunities, please go to <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/opps/index.htm>

New PECE Members

Welcome to our new PECE members:

- Natural History Museum
- Waterwise
- The Great Bustard Group

This brings the total number of PECE members to 79. Information on all members can be found at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/documents/memberdirectory.pdf>

To join PECE as a member, please complete the form at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/join>

Funding Opportunities

1. Defra's Environment for Europe fund will shortly release its call for proposals.

2. The Darwin Initiative is a small grants programme that aims to promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of resources around the world. New call for funding will open on 17 July 2006.

Keep an eye out on the website for more news of dates and deadlines.

More information about other funding opportunities can be found at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/funding/index.htm>

PECE / Project Events

We are looking to provide our members with more information about PECE project activities to share ideas and raise the profile of your projects. If you have a PECE project, please ensure you keep the Secretariat informed of activities taking place. More details about events can be found at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/index.htm>

1. The PECE Steering Committee met on 16th May. The papers and note of the meeting are now online. <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/past.htm>

2. EECCA Country Working Groups: Please see the above article relating to the Ukraine workshop. Please send any comments or any wishes to lead or host a specific EECCA country meeting to the Secretariat. We are planning that this will be the first in a series of EECCA country meetings. <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/past.htm>

3. PECE-08: Eco-footprints-communicating sustainable development Field Studies Council ran their interactive exhibition to allow general public in Russia to measure their impact on the environment and find out how they can reduce this. Have a look at their report and photos on the website to see its success. <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/pece-08.htm>

4. PECE-16: "Open Dialogue: Government, Industry, Civil Society".

Conference and workshops are scheduled for 19th-21st September 2006 at Mariupol State University of the Humanities, Ukraine.

In the context of Ukraine's Millennium Development Goal 3 - ensuring environmental sustainability, themes are: Business & the Environment, Implementing Legislation and

Citizen's Participation in Local Decision Making. PECE partners are St James's Research, Groundwork UK, Cambrensis Ltd and the British Council - Kiev, with principal funding from The A.G. Leventis Foundation.

PECE members with business and other partnership interests in Ukraine are encouraged to participate. For details and contacts, visit www.open-dialog.com.

5. PECE-15: Ukraine Sustainable Energy Management Toolkit.

The Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), Roza Vetrov NGO, the Local Government International Bureau and Groundwork UK are organising a follow-on "Business Commitment to the Environment" seminar in Donetsk on Friday 22nd September, 2006. More information will be available on the web soon.

These are excellent examples of working partnerships brought about by the PECE initiative, where members can obtain the mutual benefits of working together, sharing experience and maximising opportunities.

Other Future Events

1. Profitable Trading of Emissions Rights & Successful CDM/JI Projects, Stockholm.

22-23 August, 2006. Exploiting business opportunities within EU ETS and prepare for the global future of carbon allowance trading. <http://www.pointcarbon.com/Events/Upcoming%20conferences/article15897-141.html>

2. RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2006: 'Global social justice and environmental sustainability'

30 August - 1st September 2006 at the Royal Geographical Society with IBG, London. This is a large conference and will include general session related to sustainable development as well as specialist session re CEE/FSU.

www.rgs.org.

3. "Promoting Education for Sustainable Development in Europe" -13-15 September 2006, Hamburg, Germany

<http://sd.tutech.net/en/index.php?sprache=en&page=fair>

4. 25-26 September 2006. Global Emissions Trading Congress, Geneva. high level interaction and debate on the major issues affecting the Emissions markets focusing on the development of key trading strategies and increasing market profitability.

<http://www.pointcarbon.com/Events/Upcoming%20conferences/article15922-141.html>.

5. Sakhalin Salmon Initiative International Conference. (October 31-November 2, 2006, Yuzhno-Sakhlinsk). Please contact Nicole Portley (nportley@wildsalmoncenter.org), SSI Conference Coordinator, The Wild Salmon Center; More information at:

http://www.wildsalmoncenter.org/programs/russia_far_east/ssi_conference.php

Past Events

1. "Russia and the Carbon Market 2006"

was held in Moscow, Russia, from 28th-29th June 2006. The conference focused on general and particular issues of Kyoto protocol implementation in Russia, inter alia practical aspects of meeting Kyoto requirements for emission reductions trade.

2. Scott Polar Research Institute,

Cambridge University, 26th June 2006

The 'frontier' in Amazonia and Siberia: Extractive economies, indigenous politics and social transformations. More information:

http://www.srpf.ucam.org/cusanth/index.php?title=The_%27frontier%27_in_Amazonia_and_Siberia

3. RBCC Business Summit 2006. 21st - 22nd June 2006, London

<http://www.rbcc.co.uk/summit2006/index.htm>

4. 8th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors & 2006 Black Sea Business Day, Baku, Azerbaijan 11-12 June 2006.
<http://www.bstadb.org/2006busday.htm>

5. Ethical Corporation Summit – Novotel, Hammersmith, 31st May – 1st June 2006.
<http://www.ethicalcorp.com/europe2006/>

6. DG Environment's Green Week 30th May – 2nd June 06.
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/greenweek/home.html>

7. Greenpower: Corporate Climate Response, Covent Garden 22nd May.
http://www.greenpowerconferences.com/general/past_event_listings.html

8. EBRD Annual General Meeting – 21st – 22nd May 06.
<http://www.ebrd.com/new/am/index.htm>

9. On 10th May, the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP) and the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21) launched their new information gateway, **REEGLE**. See www.reegle.info

10. Russian Economic Forum. London, 23-25 April 2006.
<http://www.eventica.co.uk/events/ref/2006/>

11. BASEES (British Association of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies) **Annual Conference**, 1-3 April 2006, Cambridge

Dr. Jonathan Oldfield – University of Birmingham was chairing sections *Traditions in Russian Environmental Thought and Practice* and *Sustainable Development in Russia – Global Benchmarks, National Policies* He kindly agreed to provide articles for newsletter. Thank you very much John. Articles could be found at:
<http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/other-archive.htm>

Changes in Secretariat

Amanda Plimmer has now left the PECE Secretariat on secondment to Shell, working on environment and social issues associated with projects in Russia, Arctic and Kazakhstan. Amanda's new contact details are Amanda.Plimmer@shell.com; Tel: +44 (0) 207 934 8623.

Anna Tombs from the Environment Agency has joined Karina Karmenian from St James's Research to form the Secretariat in Amanda's absence. The contact details for the Secretariat will remain the same.

Next newsletter

Please send any feedback or information for the next edition of the newsletter to the PECE Secretariat.

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