



## SNIFFER 'e' bulletin

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### New SNIFFER website now live at [www.sniffer.org.uk](http://www.sniffer.org.uk)

#### We are delighted to announce that we have a brand new website!

The site has been redeveloped to reflect the changes that SNIFFER has undergone over the last few years.

With the new site you will be able to explore our topic areas in more detail, and keep up to date with any new developments in these areas. You will also be able to learn more about the status of various projects we are currently running, and find out about any projects that are proposed.

In addition to information about topics and projects, you can also learn more about SNIFFER's expertise as a knowledge broker. The site has a new and greatly improved search function, so you can search for projects through use of keywords, titles, project codes, or topic.

You can explore the types of service we can provide in the fields of horizon scanning, research management and knowledge exchange, and learn more about what SNIFFER can do for you.

Please take a look at the site at [www.sniffer.org.uk](http://www.sniffer.org.uk) and feel free to let us know of any thoughts you have regarding the content and functionality of the site.

### Research Information Service for Flood Risk Management (RISE) relocates to a new website address [www.rise-frm.org.uk](http://www.rise-frm.org.uk)

As part of SNIFFER's new website update, the Research Information Service for Flood Risk Management (RISE) site is now being hosted from a new portal [www.rise-frm.org.uk](http://www.rise-frm.org.uk). The site will still provide the same level of functionality as before but from a dedicated web address.

Please use the new address above to update your links to RISE. If you have any comments or queries, please contact [gina@sniffer.org.uk](mailto:gina@sniffer.org.uk) (0131 524 9748).

#### Useful links

- [Research Information Service for Flood Risk Management \(RISE\)](#)
- [Water Framework Directive UK TAG](#)
- [WFD Visual](#)
- [WFD Research Database](#)
- [URBAN-NET project](#)
- [Integrated Water Resource Management](#)
- [Scottish Climate Change Impacts Partnership](#)

#### Staff updates

There have been a number of recent staff changes at SNIFFER:

**Julian Holbrook** has joined us as climate change Programme Coordinator. **Amber Moss** has moved on to join East Lothian Council as a Sustainability Officer, and is replaced in the short term by **Robin Cathcart** who is coordinating our Environmental Regulation projects.

## UKTAG and the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management Conference

The Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management in partnership with UKTAG held a conference last month titled "**Developing the draft River Basin Management Plans**". UKTAG made several presentations giving a summation of UKTAG achievements since its inception in 2001.

Subjects included;

- the river basin planning process
- objectives setting
- the development of river basin district measures
- designation and classification of heavily modified and artificial waterbodies
- classification process

The balance of representation from England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland coordinated by the UKTAG coordinator, coupled with the high standard of knowledge from the speakers made this WFD conference clear and informative. Many stakeholders gave positive feedback to the high standard coupled with the hugely informative question and answer sessions.

Stakeholders felt that the conference was able to simplify where possible the hugely intricate subject of the Water Framework Directive and for those of you that are familiar with this Directive, this is a great achievement in itself.



SNIFFER has been instrumental in the coordination of UKTAG and the development and management of the UK's WFD research agenda. For more information on the conference please click [here](#) or contact [janet@sniffer.org.uk](mailto:janet@sniffer.org.uk). The UKTAG website can be located at [www.wfduk.org](http://www.wfduk.org)

## SNIFFER goes to Sweden

SNIFFER, on behalf of IWRM-Net and in connection with a number of other ERA-NETs, recently organised a side event at the World Water Week in Sweden. This event was from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August in Stockholm, and brought together over 1500 delegates from around the world to discuss water management. Within this there were many side events and on the Monday evening the water related ERA-NETs organised an informal meeting to allow people to discuss the research needs related to international development. For further details on this event contact [Stephen Midgley](#)

## Rushlight Awards 2008



**SNIFFER is pleased to announce that we are a supporting partner of the Rushlight Awards, which is now open for entries.**

The Rushlight Awards are a promotion and celebration of the significant achievements of organisations developing technology and innovations in renewable energy, clean fuels, power generation, water, waste and pollution management. They are providing support for the further development of clean technology and improved environmental standards.

There are 27 initial categories with every entry having the chance to win up to a further 2 awards, including the prestigious overall Rushlight Award, which will be presented at a Gala Dinner at the New Connaught Rooms, London on 22 January 2009.

For more information please visit [www.rushlightawards.co.uk](http://www.rushlightawards.co.uk)



URBAN-NET is now two years old and growing fast!

## EUROPEAN THEMATIC URBAN RESEARCH FRAMEWORK

The project is developing a European framework for urban research that will be used to assist the project partners and other national urban research funders to hold a joint call for research proposals in late 2009, and to help coordinate European level urban research activities. As part of this process the project recently held a workshop in Berlin comprising some 60 experts from the academic, programme management, policy and consultancy communities covering the following research areas:

- Urban sprawl or compact city – integrated re-use of land
- Integrated urban management through multi-sector/-actor governance
- Climate change and ecological risk management
- Health, quality of life and public spaces.

The workshop was a great success with new rich insights gained to inform the project on how to further develop integrated, cross sectoral and innovative approaches to the most pressing European urban research topics. All materials developed for the workshop, presentations and final report are available from the URBAN-NET website at <http://www.urban-net.org/eventsandconferences/stakeholderworkshop2/index.html>

If you would like to receive regular update directly from the URBAN-NET projects please send a request to [info@urban-net.org](mailto:info@urban-net.org).

## URBAN RESEARCH PROGRAMMES IN EUROPE

The project is finalising a compilation of a study of urban research programmes in Europe and is further to the initial review of European research programmes already carried out which is available [here](#)

Further to this, the project website will soon include an online database of recently completed and current European national urban research programmes. If you have involvement in or knowledge of programmes you would like to be included in this database, please contact [paul@sniffer.org.uk](mailto:paul@sniffer.org.uk).

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