

ELC life has been particularly busy and productive this past quarter, with activities both at National (workshops for the 'Bottom Up to Kyoto' project) and Brussels level on providing final comments to the Tertiary Lighting (see page 3) proposals under EUP.



Over the last quarter the ELC team participated in a number of external events, which tackled various issues of importance on the environment & energy side. At Light+Building in Frankfurt we were invited to participate in a press conference organised by the Professional Lighting Designers Association (see page 3) and had the opportunity to visit the stands of our members and others. With our project partners we organised five workshops within the framework of our EU-funded project Butk (see page 2). We were also represented at the EURELECTRIC convention which dealt with the sustainable energy market (see page 4). Later in the quarter we participated in a conference organised by the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) (see page 1) on the future of the RoHS Directive where four of our members had the opportunity to discuss their environmental & energy efficiency strategies with a number of business, NGO, EU related & other participants.

This newsletter also provides a brief summary of our meeting with NEMA (National Electrical Manufacturers Association) in the US representing the interests of US lighting industry among others) to discuss future challenges and common strategies for the lighting sector.

In order to improve communication with our numerous stakeholders including member companies and their representatives, the ELC Secretariat has launched a completely redesigned website; the result is an extensive, modernised website with fresh design, improved user-friendliness, several new functionalities and more information. Finally and with great pleasure, I would like to welcome two new faces who have recently joined the ELC team. Details of the new additions can be found on page 1.



Gerald Strickland, Secretary General

European Environmental Bureau (EEB) Conference

The European Environmental Bureau (EEB), a federation of over 142 environmental citizens' organisations in the EU, organised a conference entitled "Mercury containing lamps under the spotlight" on 27 June 2008 in Brussels. The programme of the conference included presentations from the European Commission on the actions related to energy saving lamps, lamp manufacturers (General Electric, Osram, Philips and Sylvania) and the Secretary General of the ELC on the content of mercury in lamps, as well as Member States and experts on lamp collection and recycling issues. The presentations were followed by a panel discussion.



The ELC member companies have committed to reducing quantities of mercury in energy efficient lamps below the limits currently required under the RoHS Directive. Speaking at the conference, Gerald Strickland pointed out that different mercury limits are needed depending on the technical characteristics of each lamp group concerned (such as technology, phosphor, size, length, wattage, lifetime, production process, dosing technology, purpose, etc). If mercury limits are too ambitious, this could for instance result in a reduction of the lamp life, leading to higher mercury consumption overall.

Marc Guiraud joins the ELC

Marc Guiraud has recently been recruited by the ELC as Project Manager for internal (e.g. RoMS) and EU-funded projects (e.g. ButK). Marc is a French national with previous experience in European industry associations with legal and regulatory responsibilities and in academia. He holds a Masters degree in European law and has had training in public affairs and lobbying in Brussels.



Daniele Faieta, new stagiaire at the ELC



Daniele Faieta has been recently recruited by the ELC as a Stagiaire. He is currently in a supporting role (Energy, RoMS and Public Affairs), which includes general and administrative affairs. Daniele is an Italian national with previous experience in an executive search and selection firm and in an academic think tank as trainee research assistant.

ButK workshops held in five countries

As an important part of the communication and dissemination activities required for ButK, the first series of workshops entitled “Going-efficient lighting in our local communities” were organized respectively on 16 April in Cluj-Napoca (Romania), 20 May in Võru (Estonia), 21 May in Riga (Latvia), 27 May in Slovenska Bistrica (Slovenia) and on 10 June in Raciechowice (Poland).



Võru, Estonia

Hosted and largely organised by the ButK local municipal partners (County councils, municipalities) the various workshops attracted up to 40 participants, representing local authorities, ESCOs (Energy Service Companies), lamp manufacturers, installers, representatives of national energy agencies and producers.

ELC staff provided an introduction to the ButK project and Vollrad Kuhn from the Berliner Energieagentur presented the main results of the data analysis and the feasibility investigations, as well as the contracting model and other tendering procedure issues.

The ensuing discussions allowed participants to ask questions about the Third Party Financing Model (TPF) proposed and its implementation. The workshop provided the opportunity to communicate the necessary information to the ButK municipal partners to enable them to put into effect a full tender procedure for the procurement of efficient lighting within the framework of ButK.



Cluj, Romania



Raciechowice, Poland



Riga, Latvia



Slovenska Bistrica, Slovenia

ButK Project Management Committee meets in Slovenia

The ButK Lighting Task Force and the Project Management Committee meetings were held on 28 May in Slovenska Bistrica (Slovenia). Project progress was reviewed and guidance was given to the partners on how to proceed with their next important tasks, which include the launch of calls for interest and the tendering procedure. For more information please see http://www.elcfd.org/2_projects_kyoto.html.



Launch of the new ELC website

The new ELC website was launched in May 2008. The new homepage is easy to scan and guides users through the entire website. The information is streamlined and re-organised (the number of top levels was reduced from 14 to 5), whereby the important information is just two clicks away. Please check out our new website at www.elcfd.org

Recent developments within the PR Working Group

The WG PR has recently prepared several press statements related to important events and developments: i) on the occasion of the 2nd Global Lamp Forum and on the eve of the G8 summit in Hokkaido on climate change, a joint communiqué of global lighting associations was released to support the G8 in the promotion of energy efficient lighting. ii) In relation to the study conducted by the UK Health Protection Agency (HPA) on health issues of CFLi lamps, a press statement was prepared in anticipation of the upcoming publication of measurements data. iii) Ahead of the European Environmental Bureau conference “Mercury containing lamps under the spotlight”, a press release was issued on the efforts of European lamp manufacturers to reduce the amount of mercury needed in energy saving lamps. iv) In advance of the Light+Building 2008 trade fair in Frankfurt, a press statement was prepared on the switch to energy efficient lighting. WGPR has also updated the FAQ on domestic lighting and prepared a factsheet on Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) exposure and energy saving lamps. All above mentioned documents are available on the ELC website.

ELC at the Light+Building 2008 in Frankfurt

The 5th Light+Building trade fair was held from 6 to 11 April 2008 in Frankfurt am Main. All ELC member companies were represented at this international trade fair for Architecture and Technology. A wide range of products and services in the fields of lighting, electrical engineering and building automation was presented by over 2000 exhibitors.



ELC at the press conference with the Professional Lighting Designer's Association (PLDA)

“Energy efficiency” was the main theme of the fair, and it was fully supported by all ELC member companies, which showed a huge variety of energy-saving lighting solutions. At the same time, technology was well combined with design. Solid State Lighting (LEDs) was to be seen at almost every exhibition stand.

Energy efficiency: the solution to high energy prices

In a press release dated 18 June, the leading European Associations in the energy efficiency sector have called on the EU Heads of States to strengthen the energy efficiency agenda in Brussels and adopt a mandatory energy efficiency target for Europe in order to limit the impact of high energy prices.

Read the press release here: <http://tinyurl.com/6b9kdf>

Intense discussions on Tertiary Lighting

Tertiary sector lighting is an expression used by the Commission in preparatory work on legislation to define minimum energy performance standards in office and street lighting. During the last quarter the Commission (DG TREN) changed their initial proposal thereby including all lamp types in the scope. They also proposed to use a relatively new and untested formula to classify lamps rather than the methodology based on the ELC lamp tables. This was viewed by the ELC as a radical change to the proposal originally discussed with the



Commission with minimum added value i.e. increased complexity and unchanged CO₂ savings potential. Efforts were also made by the Commission to align the proposed EUP product standards so that they conform with the EU energy label (currently also under revision).



The ELC and its member companies' experts raised concerns arising from this new approach and discussed with Commission officials ways to best improve the working document.

Approximate timings:

- 21 July - working document is expected to be sent out for “inter-service consultation”
- 5 September- Member States receive updated version of the tertiary lighting document
- 26 September- EuP Regulatory Committee to vote on tertiary lighting

Lobbying timelines for RoMS network:

- Information to RoMS network: July
- Meeting with national administration: August and early September

The ELC takes part in 2008 EURELECTRIC Annual Convention and Conference



The ELC had a stand at EURELECTRIC Convention and Conference that took place on 16-17 June 2008 in Barcelona. This major convention for the European electricity sector attracted about 550 delegates and 28 exhibitors.

Promoting efficient lighting: Among the documentation on display were the Make the Switch Road Map and the Domestic Lighting strategy brochure. Marc Guiraud represented the ELC at this event.

Promoting ButK (Bottom up to Kyoto): ButK, the EU-funded project for which the ELC is the coordinator, was present via display of the recent ButK Newsletters and an overall interactive presentation. Marc Guiraud, project manager for ButK, drew the visitors' attention to ButK and discussed ways to increase the visibility of ButK with the representative of the Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign (SEEC), a campaign to which the ELC is both a partner and an associate.

The ELC at NEMA meeting

ELC Secretary General, Gerald Strickland, took part in NEMA meeting (Lamp Section) in Chatanooga (USA) on 28-29 April. NEMA is the US leading trade association of electrical equipment manufacturers. Mr. Strickland presented ELC activities, focusing on issues involved in replacing incandescent lamps with compact fluorescent lamps and other efficient light sources, including capacity issues, differences between the VITO and ELC approaches, as well as a comparison of United States and ELC approaches. When discussing health and safety issues, Mr. Strickland informed participants about ELC communication efforts and referred to the Frequently Asked Questions & Answers on Energy Efficient Lamps brochure which have been recently adopted by NEMA.

New LED working group

The Board of the ELC has taken the decision to create a LED working group to begin work shortly on a number of issues. Meetings of the new LED working group will be attended by ELC member company representatives as well as CELMA representatives. Gerald Strickland will chair the kick-off meeting and a new chair will be nominated at the same meeting for a longer period. Alignment on definitions, outline of a European roadmap and work on performance criteria are some of the first priorities of the LED working group.



ELC-CELMA joint comments on EPBD

CELMA and the ELC (upon consultation of its OIL WG) has submitted early June joint comments to the European Commission within the framework of the proposed revision of the 2002 European Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD). Some of the key lighting industry requests include:

- Obtaining the same calculation methods for lighting all countries
- Systematically mention lighting in the uses of energy in the Directive
- Mentioning outdoor lighting in the Directive
- Provide, in addition to the ongoing EuP Implementing Measures for lighting, new EU-wide lighting design legislation, as per joint ELC-CELMA position on energy efficiency.

The Commission will now review the various comments received and possibly include them in its legislative proposal that it is likely to transmit to the Council and Parliament in the Autumn.

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The ELC Calendar



2008	TITLE	MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL
19 August	DIM	Conference call
19 August	Board	Conference call
8 September	RoMS	Meeting
9 September	RoMS Plenary	Meeting
10 September	ET	Meeting
12 September	DIM	Meeting
19 September	Board	Conference call
24 September	Board	Meeting
14 October	DIM	Conference call
29 October	RoMS	Meeting
6-7 November	ET	Meeting
19 November	DIM	Meeting
10 December	RoMS	Meeting
10 December	DIM	Meeting
2009	TITLE	MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL
16 February	RoMS	Meeting
17 February	RoMS Plenary	Meeting