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CIWEM & ICE Joint Event

What's Hot? Drivers for Environmental Research

Speaker:- Peter Singleton

In the ever progressing world of environmental management it is essential to understand what is and may in future impact our surroundings with a need to "Horizon Scan" for future issues. The Environment Research Funders' Forum (ERFF) is a focus group that brings together the UK's major public sector sponsors of environmental science. Its goal is to maximise the coherence and effectiveness of UK environmental sciences funding. Over the last 8 months the ERFF have carried out project to use futures thinking to identify the important dimensions of uncertainty that could impact on the UK's interests over the next twenty years.

<http://www.erff.org.uk/reports/reports/071212.asp>

Speaker Biography:-

Peter obtained a First in Oceanography and Meteorology at Plymouth Polytechnic. In 1986 he joined the Forth River Purification Board as an Assistant Oceanographer where he took part in hydrographic surveys and modelling. At the creation of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency in 1996, Peter moved to the Head Office in Stirling to work in the Science Policy Team, taking a fish farming remit with him, but adding air pollution modelling and developing environmental indicators to the portfolio. As SEPA's horizons expanded, the organisation re-structured, and Peter became head of the Emerging Issues Unit, charged with leading on horizon scanning, research and development and policy on Chemicals, Environmental liability, Climate Change and Energy.

This event can be considered for contributing to a recognised Continuing Professional Development (CPD) scheme. The CIWEM CPD scheme has an average requirement of 30 hours per year. Attendance certificates can be provided on request.

Venue: The Tower Lecture Theatre, Dundee University

<http://www.dundee.ac.uk/general/campusmap/>

Date: 31st January 2008; 17:45 for 18:15

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