EIA Awards for European Information Sources 2011

Joint Winner
Manual of European Environmental Policy

Those of us who have worked in the world of European information for many years and who have needed to take an interest in the growing amount of environment law adopted at EU level will no doubt have come across a most useful loose-leaf reference title called *Manual of Environmental Policy: the EU and Britain*.

Published by the UK arm of the Institute of European Environmental Policy (IEEP), it offers, in an authoritative and very clear manner, periodically updated information about the development of each piece of EU environmental legislation and its implementation in the UK.

There has now been a major step forward.

Earthscan and the IEEP have recently launched a new online and interactive version, as the *Manual of European Environmental Policy*. This new version more effectively reflects:

- The fast changing nature of the subject
- The need to provide a genuinely pan-European information service rather than one focused primarily on the UK
- The actual legislation in force today, rather than the historical evolution of policy
- The use of softer policy instruments and the interaction of environment law with other polices

Written by an interdisciplinary team of experts from the IEEP, the *Manual* is the most comprehensive resource in the field, providing an analysis of over 500 current and archived Directives, Decisions and Regulations from 1992 onwards. It covers the fields of:

- Air quality
- Climate change
- Industrial pollution
- Water and marine
- Waste
- Resource use
- Chemicals
- Biodiversity
- Noise

The *Manual* also provides information on the EU policy framework, supporting policies, funding instruments and forthcoming developments. There are direct hyperlinks to adopted legislation, policy proposals and cases from the European Court of Justice. Interactive features allow users to cross-reference key terms, save entries, e-mail them, and share with social networks. There are simple and advanced search options with straightforward functionality.

Transforming a well-established and respected print source into an electronic format was clearly an obvious step. However, the technical and editorial challenges are considerable. The judges of the EIA Awards for European Information Sources 2011 think that the *Manual of Environmental Policy* makes that transformation very successfully and will be of great service to those researchers, stakeholders, NGOs and others who need to follow the development of European environmental policy.

The Manual is a worthy winner of one of the EIA Awards for European Information Sources for 2011 and the European Information Association would like to congratulate IEEP and Earthscan for investing in, and creating, such a significant and useful European information source.

The award was presented by EIA President Ian Thomson (far right) and received by (left to right):

Joe d'Angelo (Journals Co-ordinator, Earthscan)
Camilla Adelle (IEEP, Project Manager and Managing Editor for the *Manual*)
Veruschka Selbach (Head of Sales and Marketing, Earthscan)
Andrew Farmer (IEEP, Editor in Chief of the Manual)
Nigel Haigh, Honorary Fellow and Founding Director of IEEP

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