

Selected Newly Added Documents on EUGRIS

EUGRIS now has a new easier to use format, which I hope you will find the time to have a quick look at. 20 resources, events projects and news items were added to EUGRIS 1 –24 November 2009. These can be viewed at:

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Resources added include this selection:

Proceedings of the Green Remediation Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark November 2009

Sustainable approaches for decision making and soil remediation are more relevant than ever. The objective of the Green Remediation Conference is to improve the awareness of green remediation solutions among environmentalists and decision makers. The main topics were: policy drivers, decision support tools, and sustainable remediation technologies. For a short period the proceedings are available to download on:

<http://www.polytec.dk/greenremediation/default.asp?page=Proceedings>

Report of the NICOLE Workshop: Sustainable Remediation – A Solution to an Unsustainable Past? 3-5 June 2009, Leuven, Belgium

NICOLE's vision for this workshop is to help find a greater understanding of what sustainable remediation is and can achieve. The workshop explored what might be meant by "sustainable remediation"; linked this concept to frameworks for contaminated land management, and considered how sustainability can be included in contaminated land management decisions across Europe. The workshop found as follows. Sustainable remediation needs "sustainable legislation". This means not only the content of the legislation, but the way it relates to other relevant legislation, as well as principles and practices of working. NICOLE will continue to press for joined up thinking at EU and Member State level to provide a consistent approach to soil and waste related regulations as they affect contaminated sites. Offering a prescriptive and dogmatic view on tools and indicators is scarcely likely to assist a consensus between these different constituencies. NICOLE's approach will be to provide a road map about the process of using sustainability in contaminated land decision making and checklists to provide technical support to decision-makers, allowing them to examine suggestions of possible sustainability criteria or factors (indicators) and available tools and techniques in the literature or on the market along with some assessment of their utility. NICOLE is collaborating closely with SURF and SURF-UK and developing links with the Common Forum to try and develop an international consensus of what sustainable remediation is and how it should be achieved

http://www.nicole.org/documents/stream.aspx?o=2&fn=NICOLE_Docs_250.pdf