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The Executive Planning Committee (EPC) to the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, INECE, whose membership is listed in these Proceedings, provided leadership and direction in the design of the program, selection of the speakers and topic experts, and identification of individuals from a range of nations who would be in the best positions to share practical experience in environmental compliance and enforcement to improve or develop domestic compliance and enforcement programs, and to engage in ongoing networking, capacity building and enforcement cooperation. The Executive Planning Committee included government and non-governmental representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), The Netherlands Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment (VROM), the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP IE), the World Bank, the European Commission, the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) and Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide (E-LAW), Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, United Kingdom (UK), Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Ukraine, Egypt, Nigeria, South Africa, India, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, the People's Republic of China and the Philippines.

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Important new capacity building support documents were developed for use during and following the Conference. An International Inspector Training Compendium, Course and Program Comparison was prepared by Science Applications International Corporation (Jack Mazingo and Valerie Breecher) under the technical direction of Ms. Cheryl Wasserman and Mr. Jo Gerardu. A first generation country progress/self assessment format was prepared by Ms. Cheryl Wasserman and Mr. Jo Gerardu in cooperation with the Executive Planning Committee and results compiled by Mr. Tony Descidue of Tetrattech Inc. aided by Enterprise Support Associates' data entry and databank reports, and Ms. Susan Casey-Lefkowitz, ELI, in regard to public role for a first draft working report of international status of country compliance and enforcement programs and priorities for capacity building. A new guide entitled: "Citizen Enforcement: Tools for effective Participation", prepared by Ms. Susan Casey-Lefkowitz puts into one place the experiences shared over the past conferences in support of effective public involvement for compliance and enforcement. Finally, an elaborated Internet site (www.inece.org) was developed supported by Ms. Shari Oley of Enterprise Support Associates with all conference proceedings and capacity building documents benefitting from an indexing of all papers and documents prepared from prior Conferences by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) under the technical direction of Ms. Cheryl Wasserman.

A substantial number of participants were able to join one of the three optional site visits on the day following the close of the conference. From many accounts this was one of the high points of the Conference as participants expressed to us how impressed they were with state of the art practices which they were able to see first hand, and with the tremendous hospitality they were shown, which made the tours both educational and enjoyable. In particular we note the contributions of Mr. William Merry, District Engineer, Monterey Regional Waste Management District and his staff for the tour of their state-of-the-art solid waste management operation and their creative use of market approaches in the "Last Chance Mercantile" where discarded items are offered for sale. We also note Mr. Keith Israel, General Manager, Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency, and his staff at the state-of-the-art wastewater treatment and reclamation plant, and the contributions of Mr. Ken Greenberg, USEPA's San Francisco Office, who offered his expertise in inspection for the site visit to the Monterey solid waste treatment and sewage treatment plants to the acclaim of about 60 participants fortunate enough to go on this optional site visit on Saturday morning. Mr. Lyle Shurtleff, Community Relations Specialist, International Technology Corporation at the Fort Ord Reuse Authority and his staff for providing an impressive example of military base closure, remediation and reuse. Many of the participants are coping with similar problems of abandoned or closing military installations and the visit to Fort Ord provided an excellent example of how one can safely close, clean-up and make productive future use of sites that have contamination from prior military activities and ensure optimal recycling of residual building materials from on-site demolition. 40 participants were able to visit USEPA's regional laboratory through the courtesy of Carl Kohnert, Peter Husby, Richard Bauer, Liza Finley, Andy Lincoff, Patricia Mack, Jennifer Mann, and Nancy Wilson who offered their expertise on laboratory operations. Our deep appreciation to the directors and their staffs who took time out of their Saturday to provide this experience and certainly one of the high points of the Conference.

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