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The Society for the Environment launches a new professional register: Registered Environmental Technician

Aware of the pressing environmental challenges faced locally nationally and globally, Society for the Environment (SocEnv) has established a new professional register for Registered Environmental Technicians (REnvTech). The Society is answering the call by the Technicians Council to raise the profile, status and numbers of technicians in the workforce following an important report by the UK Commission for Employment and Skills in 2009. The report highlighted an alarming skills gap between the number of technicians presently working in the UK, and the 450,000 needed by 2020 to underpin a growing innovation economy.

REnvTech, not only recognises the value and importance of technicians in a wide variety of environmentally-related fields, but also offers a career ladder to Chartered status – Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv). We are proud that over 8000 CEnvs have been recognised across the 23 professional institutions licensed by SocEnv, and we look forward to REnvTechs joining the family.

Professor Carolyn Roberts Immediate Past Chair of SocEnv says-

'I am very pleased that Society for the Environment is working alongside the Engineering Council, the Science Council and other professional organisations, to provide a framework for training for technicians. All the evidence suggests that lack of technical capacity is a key challenge for the UK economy, in sectors such as energy generation, water management, manufacturing, the built environment and agriculture. This new qualification should assist individuals to achieve recognition for their environmentally-related skills, and for employers to be certain that their staff understand the value of professional development.'

Professor Carolyn Roberts FRGS FIEEnvSc FCIWEM CEnv CSci CWEM SFHEA

Alastair Taylor, Chief Executive Officer of the Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE) commented:

"I can see many technicians working across the wider aspects of agricultural engineering from precision farming to waste management, forestry and soil conservation being interested in this level of registration as an indication of their professional status. IAgrE has enjoyed some good success in registering Engineering Technicians as EngTech and we hope that we can develop the same level of commitment for REnvTech. It is vital that professionals are properly recognised and I believe that REnvTech is a level of professionalism which should be promoted with enthusiasm. I can see the day where the end user asks the question as to whether the technician they are employing is properly recognised. The race is now on to get the first REnvTech registration, so watch this space!"

Alastair Taylor CEnv | IEng | MIAgrE Chief Executive - IAgrE

Tim Boldero Vice President Environment, Institute of Water

"The creation of an Environmental Technician qualification (REnvTech), offers another opportunity for the Society to extend its reach and for successful applicants to be registered in recognition of their job role and responsibility to the environment. REnvTech is a qualification in its own right and provides a sound career development opportunity."

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Note for editors:

- 1) The Society for the Environment is a leading independent, non-political umbrella organisation for environmental and sustainability professionals. Our purpose is to support and champion the role of environmental professionals everywhere in the pursuit of a sustainable future. The 23 institutions and learned societies that form our [membership](#) represent hundreds of thousands of practitioners, working across a broad spectrum of disciplines and sectors.
- 2) For further information on the work of the Society, see the website www.socenv.org.uk. Alternatively, contact Kerry Geldart, Deputy Chief Executive of the Society for the Environment: tel: 0845 3372951 kerry.geldart@socenv.org.uk
- 3) The members and Constituent Bodies of the Society for the Environment are:

Arboricultural Association (AA)
Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE)
Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT)
Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM)
Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)
Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM)
Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM)
Energy Institute (EI)
Institute of Agricultural Management (IAgrM)
Institute of Chartered Foresters (ICF)
Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)
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Institute of Water (IWater)
Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE)
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Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
Society of Environmental Engineers (SEE)
Society of Operations Engineers (SOE)

For more information about:

- A professional body joining SocEnv
- A professional body adding the REnvTech Register to an existing CEnv licence
- Becoming a REnvTech

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