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to look into the feasibility of allowing IAMs to attend meetings of the Council and of the four Regional Groups – Africa, the Americas, Europe & the Pacific Rim.

The Federation is also on the lookout for individual environmental health professionals to assist in some of the working groups that are being set up. For instance, IFEH now has official observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the work that could potentially flow from this involvement could not be done without the help of individuals who are not at present engaged in IFEH work.

The location of our present IAMs makes interesting reading as the following shows: England has 13 supporters followed by Scotland and the USA with 4 each, Norway and Northern Ireland have 2 each and there is one from each of Australia, Canada, Mauritius, New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Since IFEH has no member organisation in either Northern Ireland (which is part of the CIEH's territory) or the South Pacific, it is evident that the persons supporting the IFEH financially through this scheme are located in only 8 countries. The Federation has member organisations based in 34 countries. It would be marvellous if we managed to attract even one Individual Associate Member from each of the remaining 26 countries. The income from the scheme would almost double!

Please give this matter earnest consideration. I can guarantee that you will be doing good in assisting IFEH grow and further enable its aim of "Caring for the Environment in the Interest of World Health".

A form inviting your participation is provided as an insert in this edition of the magazine.



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**Daventry District Council – Iganga Town Council, Uganda Partnership
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Since it started in 1995, the link and partnership between Daventry District Council (DDC) in the United Kingdom and Iganga Town Council in Eastern Uganda has flourished. There is now an NGO 'The Daventry Friends of Iganga' carrying on the good work started by the Council and in Iganga the start of a similar NGO 'The Iganga Friends of Daventry'. A large amount of this work has involved Health Professionals in both Daventry and Uganda and most recently has led to the linking of Ugandan Public Health Officers and East Midlands Environmental Health Officers and also Membership of the IFEH for the Ugandans.

Environmental Health in the Canadian Arctic

The Canadian Arctic territory of Nunavut, established on April 1, 1999, is immense. It is as large as Europe and stretches above the tree line across more than two million square kilometers of land, water and ice. Its people, the Inuit, were previously identified by the Algonquin Indian term "Eskimo" meaning "eaters of raw flesh". The Inuit were proud to accept this designation and to identify themselves as practicing the principles arising out of Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit (IQ). IQ encompasses all aspects of traditional Inuit culture, including values, world-view, language, social organization, knowledge, life skills, perceptions and expectations.

Fred O'Brien, Hon. Vice-President of IFEH, moved to Nunavut in May 2003 and will provide an article for E&HI Volume 6 No 1 2004. It will examine and discuss aspects of environmental health science as they relate to Nunavut and should be of interest to an international audience.