

Activities of the Ottawa Area Program Committee

The Ottawa Program Committee held a pub night seminar in November 2000 and a Christmas social in mid-December.

The November pub night featured 2 guest speakers, David Parkinson from Jacques Whitford, and Laurent Arselin from KPMG Quality Registrar speaking to the topic of linkages between environmental assessment practice and environmental management system (EMS) development to the ISO 14001 standard. The pub night was well attended with a lengthy Q&A session that ventured into the realm of promoting IA and its links to the federal department ISO 14001-based Sustainable Development Strategies. The speakers also discussed the types of private and public sector organizations which would implement ISO 14001, a typical registration process, and the advantages held by professionals with IA backgrounds in the area of EMS development.

The December Christmas Social was somewhat poorly attended allowing to some rough weather. Our thanks go to Paul Godbold however for his hard work to arrange the evening.