

E(M)NIE constitution meeting

EMNIE - Future Makers

**26th of April 2014
Goteborg, Sweden**

Main goals

- Bridge academia, **professionals**, industry and business (continuous dialogue between these bodies)
- Create communication platform
- Promote the brand „Industrial Ecology“
- **Advocating/developing the professionalization and practice of Industrial Ecology (“practice” should be in the goal)**
- **Develop young professionals training programmes (concrete agreements with industry)**
- **Build a professionals/alumni community**
- **promote IE to younger students that have to decide their future university programmes**
- **Project to promote sustainability**

COMMENTS:

- consistency between different IE programmes is NOT something that EMNIE can deal with
- define the practice of IE can NOT be done by an international body as EMNIE, but on national base

EMNIE/ENIE?

- European (Masters) Network of Industrial Ecology

VOTE 1

ENPIE: 0

European Network of Industrial Ecology (ENIE): 18

European Masters Network of Industrial Ecology (EMNIE): 12

European Master Network for Industrial Ecologists (EN(F)IE): 20

VOTE 2:

European Network of Industrial Ecology (ENIE): 16

European Network for Industrial Ecologists (EN(F)IE): 29

- **Decision: European Network for Industrial Ecologists**

But who are Industrial Ecologists?

- critical and solution-oriented people
- with different backgrounds and specializations
sharing the same mind-set (explicitly state: systemic perspective/system thinking) → Roland proposed the use of 'paradigm' (seen as framework of ideas) to clarify what mind-set means
- thriving for sustainable development

So who can be a member?

- Students AND professionals studying/working in the field of Industrial Ecology → it has been stressed the importance of including young professionals
- Decision: no different memberships, for the beginning just one type of ENIE member

How is E(M)NIE connected to ISIE?

- Discussion at the ISIE conference in Surrey in 2015
- E(M)NIE focuses on the link between academia and industry
- E(M)NIE promotes Industrial Ecology outside the IE community
- In the future ISIE might be interested to associate with ENIE since they are working on the development of their professional section and establish a closer relationship between professional and scientific community

How much does it cost?

- Membership fee = 0 €

What kind of activities are desired?

- Regular (annual) events in different universities
- Newsletter/magazine (~every 6 months) → Online (could be a collection of different blogs, Kikki mentioned a platform called Paperleaf (?!?))
 - Abstracts of Master thesis
 - Summary what happened
 - IE entrepreneurs
- Website → center of all the activities/information of ENIE. Socials (facebook, twitter..) used only as news channels that redirect to the website.
- Thesis/ internship/ job postings
- Work fairs
- Field trips
- Logo
- Webinars
- Sustainability projects
- knowledge transfer for future events (collect information of ENIE 2014 event and provide it to the future host)

How to proceed from here?

- Small core group of ~5 people for developing strategy
- One coordinator to assign tasks
- Bylaw work might take time
- First official election: September 2014
- Call for nominations: August 2014
- Needed right now: volunteers for all sorts of activities
(many students/alumni signed up → see volunteer list)
- Next event 2015? Possibly in Surrey, SHIFT (Leiden-Delft) wants more information

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