

Editorial

On behalf of the Consultant Editors and members of the Advisory and Country Correspondent Editorial Boards, I would like to welcome all readers to this first issue of *European Environmental Law Review*. We believe that we will be providing a unique service of information, guidance and criticism for lawyers working throughout Europe in the area of environmental law, a subject set to become the most crucial of all legal disciplines, the only one upon which the future of our planet may truly be said to depend.

The Review will extend its coverage to all acknowledged separate countries in Europe and will provide not only coverage of changes in their

laws but also articles comparing aspects of the regulatory regimes in different countries. A wide variety of other articles will be included with the emphasis on practicality rather than academic theorising. Our coverage of developments in the institutions of the European Community will be a special and comprehensive feature. The importance of events outside Europe will not be ignored with correspondents reporting on the changes in pan-world organisations and, of course, special attention will be paid to the results (whether good or indifferent) of the UN Conference on Environment and Development in Brazil. A monthly report from the

USA will point out comparisons and benefits which Europeans may derive from the American experience.

All readers are invited to join in the debate by contributing articles, letters and notes of forthcoming conferences or meetings (to be sent to the Editor in the UK), together with any other material which will interest or inform other practitioners. We look forward to a long and productive relationship with you.

The Editor