



### **Environmental policy of the Contaminated Land Group**

We're conscious as a group of our effects on the environment and have decided to take steps to minimise our environmental footprint. Most of our carbon footprint comes from the conferences and meetings we organise. As group we're committed to:

#### **Working with venues**

- Discussing our environmental policy with any venues we use to ensure compatibility with our aims

#### **Working with others**

- Encouraging other groups we organise events with to adopt and implement their own environmental policies
- Learning best practice from others

#### **Transport**

- Selecting meeting venues which are accessible by public transport and encouraging delegates to use public transport options
- Investigating whether some events can be delivered entirely online to eliminate emissions associated with delegate travel
- Using skype/telecon facilities for the majority of our committee meetings to avoid unnecessary travel

#### **Printing / Recycling / Suppliers**

- Making our events paper free, with electronic versions of conference materials available
- Switching to biodegradable or recyclable name badges where available

#### **Catering**

- Preferring conference venues that use locally-sourced ingredients, and that ensure appropriate disposal of food waste and other waste generated
- Eliminating the use of single use-plastic for cutlery, cups and bottles
- Requesting vegetarian only menus where available

#### **Working with our sponsors**

- Working with our events sponsors to reduce waste and encourage them to remove any non-recyclable materials from exhibition stands

#### **Supporting environmental projects**

- Applying a small surcharge to our delegate fees and using this to support environmental projects. We aim to provide delegates with the opportunity to choose from a selection of projects which one they would like to support.