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**Two Honours for the Society for the Environment Team at the
Female CEO Excellence Awards**

The Society for the Environment has been recognised twice in the inaugural Female CEO Excellence Awards, with an award for CEO, Dr Emma Wilcox, and for the Society's environmental professional register.

The awards are "truly well-deserved" says Chair of the Society, Professor Will Pope HonFSE CEnv.

CEO Monthly launched the Female CEO Excellence Awards this year in recognition of the fact that the number of Female CEOs is currently at an all-time high around the globe. The reasoning behind the awards is described by CEO Monthly; "We feel that these innovative and hardworking businesswomen deserve to be recognised throughout their desired industry, and what better way to do so by winning one of our respected awards."

CEO of the Society, Dr Emma Wilcox, picked up the award for '**UK Professional Certification CEO of the Year**' and the Society was awarded '**Best Environmental Qualification Authority – UK**'.

Emma was appointed CEO of the Society in July 2015, and since joining the organisation has led the development of a new five-year strategy to increase registrations and the profile for Chartered Environmentalists and Registered Environmental Technicians. Emma's work to date caught the eye of the judging panel, who ranked Emma above her peers.

The organisations managed by female CEOs were also able to showcase themselves by winning an award. The Society was successful, and collected the award for 'Best Environmental Qualification Authority – UK'.

Chair of the Society, Professor Will Pope HonFSE CEnv, said; "It's very pleasing to see this truly well-deserved recognition both for Emma as our CEO, and for the Society's services as the custodian of the Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) and Registered Environmental Technician (REnvTech) registers - the formal accreditation and recognition of quality for environmental professionals.

That these prestigious awards come to our relatively young Society - at a point when we have now registered over 9,000 environmental professionals in total since gaining our Royal Charter in 2004 - is a great credit to Emma and the teams involved, both in the Society and in our 24 Constituent Bodies. I look forward to the continuing development of the Society as it further grows its register, supports its registrants and its Constituent Bodies, as well as becoming ever more influential when providing a voice for registrants who are dedicated to environmental improvement and sustainability across sectors".

CEO Monthly highlight that all of the awards are “based solely on merit, and not based on the number of votes received. We have a highly experienced research and judging panel who have ensured that only the very best are rewarded in this programme.”

To discover more about the work of the Society, please visit www.socenv.org.uk.

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About the Society for the Environment

The Society for the Environment, is comprised of 24 Licenced Bodies, with over 500,000 members between them. It received a Royal Charter in 2004, which empowers it to regulate the Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) and Registered Environmental Technician (REnvTech) registration in the UK. There are now over 7,000 environmental professionals currently registered who share a common vision of delivering sustainability through environmental professionalism. Further information can be found at www.socenv.org.uk.

About Professor Will Pope HonFSE CEnv, Chair of the Society for the Environment

Will was a member of the initial, ambitious group who formed the Society for the Environment in 1999. Since then, he has held a number of key roles in the Society including Chair, Chair of the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Honorary Fellows Panel and Audit and Risk Assurance Committee. Will is also a current Vice President of the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES).

Will has a wealth of experience, leadership and expertise gained from senior roles within industry, the NHS and academia, including at chairman and chief executive level. He was CEO of the UK’s largest integrated health, safety and environmental business for 10 years and has been one of the UK’s leaders in managing and developing environmental technology companies over the last 35 years. In addition, he has been a Council member and Chair of Licensed Body IES, IES Chair from 1999-2002 and was elected Vice President in 2005.

About Dr Emma Wilcox, CEO of the Society for the Environment

Emma has been CEO of the Society since July 2015 and since joining the organisation has led the development of a new five-year strategy increasing registrations and profile for Chartered Environmentalists and Registered Environmental Technicians.

Her career has spanned a number of disciplines including scientific research, knowledge and technology transfer, skills and education, programme and business management and stakeholder and relationship management. Emma’s strong academic background is supported by an in-depth knowledge of both public and private sector landscapes.

The 24 Licensed Bodies of the Society for the Environment are:

Arboricultural Association (AA)
Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE)
Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT)

Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM)
Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)
Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM)
Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM)
Energy Institute (EI)
Institute of Agricultural Management (IAgrM)
Institute of Chartered Foresters (ICF)
Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)
Institute of Fisheries Management (IFM)
Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining (IOM3)
Institute of Water (IWater)
Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE)
Institution of Chemical Engineers (ICHEM)
Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)
Institution of Engineering Designers (IED)
Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES)
Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMECH)
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)
Society of Environmental Engineers (SEE)
Society of Operations Engineers (SOE)