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1. Publications

• The EWA bulletin: A new name

As you will notice that this version is not longer called EWA newsletter, but EWA *bulletin*. This renaming was decided by the EWA Communication Committee to avoid confusions with the European Water Management News (EWMN), the weekly email newsletter that is issued by the Netherlands Water Partnership for EWA.

• Online journal European Water Management Online (EWMO)

The hard copy journal of the EWA was closed down end of 2002. The EWA took the opportunity to switch its communication and information completely to modern media. Part of this is the online journal European Water Management Online (EWMO).

After the general principles of the EWMO were agreed upon and a basic outline was established, the first articles were uploaded in March 2002. The interest in the articles has extremely grown: from July to October 2002 the articles were viewed more than 3,000 times.

A number of articles are in the refereeing process of the Communication Committee which is lead by Helena Marecos do Monte (Portugal). New articles are put on the Association's homepage irregularly, but continuously. All members are asked for input; articles in other languages then English could also be published if an English abstract is provided.

At the moment the following articles can be found in the EWMO:

Title of article	Author(s)
Effect of oxidation ditch horizontal velocity on the nitrogen removal process	A. Abusam, K.J. Keesman, H. Spanjers, G. van Straten, and K. Meinema
The European Water Framework Directive: An Approach to Integrated River Basin Management	Martin Griffiths
Pollution sources and abatement measures for dredged sediments in the city of Delft (The Netherlands)	P. Kelderman
How the Netherlands Finance Public Water Management	Pieter Huisman
The Contribution of Agriculture to Nutrient Pollution in Three European Rivers, with Reference to the European Nitrates Directive	Marcel de Wit, Horst Behrendt, Giuseppe Bendoricchio, Wladimir Bleuten, Pauline van Gaans
Sustainable Surface Water Quality Monitoring in the Russian Federation: A Blueprint for Change in the Lower Don Region	E.D. Ongley, A. Zhulidov, V. Khlobystov, Y. Konygin

• EWA Yearbook 2002

After a long forerun the EWA Yearbook was published in 2002 for the Council meeting at IFAT. It contains information about all members, National Member Associations as well as Corporate Members. For most of the countries basic statistical data on the water and wastewater situation are given which was collected by the National Member Associations for their country.

Two editions of the yearbook were made:

1. An internal version (for members only) that gives the contact details of the members, the associations' representatives and the Council members. All members have received this version as hard copy.
2. An external version which is not printed, but only put on the homepage. This version does not include personal contact details for data protection reasons.

The Council at its meeting in Munich has welcomed this effort and decided to continue the EWA Yearbook in its current form. The associations' data should be updated annually, the country data on sewerage and drinking water every two or three years. The next version will be published and distributed electronically for January 2003.

• Publications

Two new publications have arisen from this year's conferences:

- **12th European Water, Sewage and Solid Waste Symposium**, Conference Programme Water/Wastewater; proceedings to the conference at IFAT from 13 to 15 May 2002
The water and wastewater part comprised the three topics Membrane Technology for drinking water and sewage, TV Inspection in Operation and Maintenance, Finances, charges and cost reduction potential, each topic covered by five lectures. 231 pages, 20 EUR
- **River Basin Management – From Experience to Implementation**
Proceedings to the conference at Aquatech from 3 to 4 October 2002
178 pages 25 EUR (planned; printing still in progress, proceedings will be available end of November)

A number of older publications are on sale for 10 EUR only. A list can be found on the association's homepage under the item "Studies, reports, documentations".

2. From the Association

• Elections

On the Council meeting in Munich at IFAT on 15 May 2002 some members for the EWA Management Committee (MC) and chairpersons for the Standing Committees were elected. Please find in the following an overview of the current and future positions within the MC:

	May 2001 – May 2003	May 2003 - May 2005
President	Raymond Pinoit, F	Haakon Thaulow, N
Vice President	Haakon Thaulow, N	
Past President	Claus Hagebro, DK	Raymond Pinoit, F
Honorary Treasurer	Jörg Londong, D	Jörg Londong, D
MC member	Jana Zagorc-Koncan, SLO	Jana Zagorc-Koncan, SLO
MC member	Miroslav Kollár, SK	Jiri Wanner, CZ
Chairpersons of the Committees (without fixed term of office)		
European Technical and Scientific Committee (ETSC)	Fritz Conradin, CH	Bojan Zmaic, HR
Editorial Committee (EdC) / Communication Committee (CC)	André van Bennekom, NL (until end of 2001) Helena Marecos do Monte, P (since beginning of 2002)	Helena Marecos do Monte, P
European Affairs Committee (EUC)	Antoine Sadowski, F	Antoine Sadowski, F
Corporate Members' Group	Peter Matthews, UK	Peter Matthews, UK
MC guests	Peter Cook	

• Change of statutes

Clause 17 of the EWA Statutes demanded that at least two thirds of all representatives have to be present at a Council meeting to pass resolutions. Unfortunately, the last years' experience has shown that this majority is not always reached, which makes decisions at Council meetings difficult. The EWA Management Committee (MC) therefore proposed to the Council to change this in the way that only half of all the representatives have to attend.

Together with other simplifications this proposed amendment was adopted on the Council's meeting in Munich in May 2002. These changes include a simplification of voting by correspondence, the possibility to include up to four instead of only up to three additional members in the MC, and a few editorial changes.

A comparative overview of the old and new version was enclosed to the last Council minutes. The new version of the statutes will be sent to all members and is also available on the Association's homepage at <http://www.ewaonline.de/downloads/statutes.pdf>

- **Fee structure**

On this year's Council meeting the representatives from the National Member Association were asked to decide on different financial matters, among which the budget 2003. The MC proposed an adaptation of the membership fees. Different models were presented to the Council which chose the most moderate one, which will mean a raise of 5% for all membership fee categories from 2003 on .

The latest raise of membership fees had been decided in 1999. At that meeting a new fee system, based on the annual budget of an association, had been created. It was supposed to be evaluated in 2002. The Council decided on its meeting in May that the fee system should be continued in its current form.

- **New members**

The "**Association of Wastewater Treatment Experts of the Slovak Republic**" (Asociácia čistiarenských expertov SR – AČE has joined the EWA as new member from the Slovak Republic.

Additionally a number of new Corporate Members was found in 2002:

Tuttahs & Meyer, Aachen (D), is a German consulting company with 90 highly qualified employees and an annual turnover of six million € for the year 2000, established in 1948. It provides services in the fields of Surface and Underground Water Management, Water Supply, Wastewater Engineering, Natural Resources Management, and Consulting Services.

Kongsted Maskinfabrik, Rønnede (DK), is a manufacturer of small wastewater treatment plants in sizes from 5 PE up to 2,000 PE. Apart from this the company produces Biological Activator (BioCat) for biologically overloaded larger wastewater plants and Biological Activator (BioGard) for treatment of sewage sludge

RWE Aqua GmbH, Essen (D), is a subsidiary of Thames Water which is the leading company for all of RWE's water business. RWE was an electricity producer at the time of its founding. Today RWE Aqua is the leading German water and wastewater company and has for a long time been offering customised systems for drinking-water supply and solutions for wastewater management far beyond Germany's borders. RWE Aqua leads in Germany and Eastern Europe, while Thames Water drives RWE's water business in the rest of the world.

Hydro-Comp Enterprises (Cyprus) is a unique information technology (IT) company that specialises in integrated business solutions that address the management, engineering and operational efficiency of Utility Services Providers. The Hydro-Comp business solution embodies a combination of business practices, engineering methodologies and information systems, effectively marrying technology with knowledge, in order to provide utilities with the optimum permutation of business efficiency solutions.

An updated list of the EWA members is available on the Association's homepage. The description of the new members will be included in the next edition of the EWA Yearbook.

3. Technical & scientific work

Currently the following task groups are active under the aegis of the European Technical and Scientific Committee (ETSC) respectively the European Affairs Committee (EUC):

European Technical and Scientific Committee; Chair: Fritz Conradin (CH)

Task group "Sludge"; Chair: Helmut Kroiss (A)

This group was established with a conference in Vienna in September 2001. Its aim is to formulate a new strategy in sludge monitoring and sludge disposal on land, based on the conclusion from this conference. This paper will be discussed within the task group, then sent to the MC for approval and forwarded to the European Commission. The task group was also involved in the development of the programme for an international IWA sludge conference in Trondheim (Norway) in June 2003.

Task group "TOC/BOD/COD"; Chair: John Martin (UK)

The intention is to set independent limits for BOD and COD. In some places high values of COD have been found in domestic effluents. The study should examine the issues for that and include TOC, not only as absolute measure of carbon but to give information on the use of TOC as a quality determinant.

The group collects available data both from the literature, the EWA network and personal contacts. A report is expected soon.

Task group "E.De.A.SS - European DEsign of Activated Sludge Systems"; Chair: Fabio Tatàno (I)

The current work of this task group is concentrated on the organisation of a related student workshop (see "").

Task group "Groundwater"; Chair: Bojan Zmaic (HR)

This group also started its work with a conference which took place in June in Zagreb, Croatia. The aim of the task group is to improve the co-operation between the involved organisations. A contact with the Expert Advisory Forum has been established so that the group can bring in EWA's point of view in the development of the new groundwater directive.

European Affairs Committee; Chair: Antoine Sadowski (F)

Task group "Water Framework Directive"; Chair: vacant

The EWA has gained access to the meetings and the documents of the Strategic Co-ordination Group (SCG) that directs the production of the Guidance Documents for the implementation of the Water Framework Directive. An expert from ATV-DVWK represents the EWA there.

Task group "Central and Eastern European Countries"; Chair: Karoly Kovacs (H)

• **International co-operation – EU Water Initiative "Water for Life"**

Together with other renowned international NGOs from the water sector the EWA through its Management Committee has declared its clear support to the EU Water Initiative "Water for Life". This initiative aims to achieve the goals of the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg (WSSD) on clean water sanitation.

The European Water Association fully agrees with the WSSD's target to halve the number of people with no access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation by 2015 and to develop integrated water resources management and efficiency plans by 2005.

• **Workshops and conferences**

EWA organised together with ATV-DVWK the *12th European Water, Sewage and Solid Waste Symposium* in May 2002 during IFAT in Munich. The symposium was very successful with more than 400 participants to the water and wastewater part, which was an increase by 66 %. The water and wastewater part comprised the three topics Membrane Technology for drinking water and sewage, TV Inspection in Operation and Maintenance, Finances, charges and cost reduction potential, each topic covered by five lectures.

The following conferences and workshops, organised either by the EWA itself or in co-operation with it, will take place in the next months:

1st EWATER UNI Forum on Activated Sludge Systems (Student workshop)

June/July 2003, Urbino (Italy)

Operation and Maintenance of Sewers and Water Pipes

4 to 5 December 2003, Paris (France) - *Call for Papers is open* –

Europe Water – Directives and EU Enlargement

Warsaw (Poland) (date to be confirmed)

Detailed information about these events including programmes and Call for Papers is available on the EWA homepage, item "Workshops and conferences" (<http://www.EWAonline.de>).

• **Code of Ethics**

Since the adoption of the Code by the EWA Council for the Association itself in 2001 the National Member Associations have deliberated on its implementation.

The UK member association CIWEM has adopted the Code in its original wording. With slight changes the code was translated into French and adopted by AGHTM which recommended to its members to respect it in all their professional activities. The German Association ATV-DVWK adopted a shorter version together with two other big German water related associations, thus reaching a wider community than only its own members. Other associations have accepted the code as a guideline without formally

adopting it, others still reflect a possible adoption. EWA's homepage lists how the National Member Associations have considered or implemented the Code of Ethics.

- **William Dunbar Medal**

The European Water Association awards every three years since 1973 the William Dunbar Medal on the occasion of each IFAT. The prize is given in remembrance to William Phillips Dunbar, who was a pioneer researcher in city cleansing. This year's laureate Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dr. techn. h.c. Rolf Kayser received the William Dunbar Medal for his outstanding contribution to the development of the activated sludge process, especially regarding nitrogen and phosphorus elimination, and for his activities in the professional education of engineers and operators.

4. Meetings

- **Future EWA meetings**

The year 2003 will start with a meeting of the executive directors respectively presidents of the National Member Associations on 17 January in London on the invitation of CIWEM. This meeting series was started in 2002 and was considered to be very fruitful and effective for the contact of the National Member Associations to the Secretariat and the MC as well as among the members.

The next meeting of the EWA Management Committee on 14 February 2003 will take place in EWA's offices in Hennef (D) together with a short meeting of the ETSC.

Afterwards the next EWA meetings will all take place on the invitation of VSA in Lucerne, Switzerland. The MC and ETSC/EUC will meet on 22 May 2003, the Council on 23 May. An excursion to the Vierwaldstätter lake will be organised on 24 May.

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**We wish you a very Merry Christmas
and a successful and happy New Year 2003!**

