

1. Publications

New articles on the European Water Management Online (EWMO), accessible at <http://www.ewaonline.de/journal/online.htm>:

Author(s)	Title of article
Miklas Scholz, Peter Anderson	Case study: Design, operation and water quality management of a combined wet and dry pond system
Andrea Nardini, Rodolfo Soncini-Sessa	Application of River Water Quality Models: The Role of Dispersion in the Model Calibration

In total there are 14 articles available at the moment.

2. From the Association

• New members

The All-Ukrainian Association of Water Purifying Equipment and Drinking Water Producers (hereinafter refers to as the **Ukrainian Water Association**) has applied for membership within the EWA and was accepted by the Council. The Ukrainian Water Association is a non-governmental organization, which was founded in 1999 in order to improve the mechanisms used for the supply of high quality drinking water to people, and render organizational and methodological support to companies and organizations producing water purifying equipment and drinking water.

At the end of 2003 the EWA thus encompasses 25 National Member Associations and 15 Corporate members. On EWA's homepage you will find an up-to-date list of all members and links to their homepages (if available).



*EWA's National Member Associations
as of December 2003*

3. Technical & scientific work

• Standing Committees and Task Groups

Since June 2003 the Task Group "Groundwater" is chaired by Zoran Nakić who took over this work from Bojan Zmaić who became chairman of the European Technical and Scientific Committee (ETSC). The Task Group still welcomes experts interested in this topic.

• Past workshops and conferences

On 24 and 25 the EWA organised a conference in Rimini at the trade fair Ecomondo. The "**SUWAMA**_{Europe} - SUsustainable WAter MAnagement: Focus on Different European Experiences" Forum was a two half-day session seminar with invited, qualified speakers focusing on different aspects of the sustainable water management. The basic idea is to open a view on different, practical ways for implementing the sustainable water management, by presenting some relevant European and Italian experiences. The next annual editions of the Forum at Ecomondo will hopefully develop in details these different aspects of sustainable water management. A follow-up is planned for Ecomondo 2004 which will take place from 3 to 6 November 2004.

Pollutec

On 4 and 5 December 2003 EWA and the French member association AGHTM/ASTEE jointly organised the conference "Operation and Maintenance of Sewer and Water Pipes". 100 participants registered for this conference where a total of sixteen speakers from several European countries presented both general approaches and concentrate on specific details about this very important topic. As this conference took place at the trade fair Pollutec it was interesting for the visitors of the trade fair to have this conference alongside.

• Upcoming conferences organised by the EWA

28-29 September 2004, Amsterdam

Nutrient Management: European Experiences and Perspectives

at Aquatech Amsterdam 2004

Subtopics:

- Wastewater Treatment Plants and Nutrient Removal
- Sludge Management
- Diffuse Pollution

Deadline for the submission of abstracts: 1 January 2004

25-27 April 2005, Munich

13th European Water, Wastewater and Waste Symposium

at IFAT 2005

Topics:

- Monitoring Plant Performance (including monitoring requirements, monitoring instruments, compliance of plants to environmental targets)
- Membrane Technology
- Public-Private Partnership
- Sewer Rehabilitation

All conference programmes and Call for Papers can be found on EWA's homepage at <http://www.ewaonline.de/pages/workshops.htm>

4. Information from Brussels**European information sent out to EWA members**

European Information # 01 was dealing with the compliance with European legislation in the waste and water sector in the different European countries, while European Information # 02 contained information about the proposal for a new Groundwater Directive.

Work of the Strategic Co-ordination Group (preparing Water Directors meetings)

Sigurd van Riesen (EWA Secretary General) and Marlene Liebeskind (Wupperverband) attended this year's last meeting of the Strategic Co-ordination Group (SCG) as representatives of the EWA. A report from this meeting was sent out to all EWA members. A very interesting work is the Pilot River Basin testing exercise for the Water Framework Directive.

Information sources

The European Commission has extended its public internet-based information platforms, called CIRCA. Currently the following sites are publicly available:

Soil Policy: <http://forum.europa.eu.int/Public/irc/env/soil/home>

WFD CIRCA: <http://forum.europa.eu.int/Public/irc/env/wfd/home>

On the latter site you will find all released Guidance Documents. A newsletter about the Water Framework Directive can be found at http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/water/water-framework/wfd_newsletter.html

5. Meetings

• Future EWA meetings

first MC meeting 2004: Prague, 5 March 2004

Annual meeting 2004 Oslo, June 2004

(Council, ETSC, MC):

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**We wish you a very Merry Christmas
and a successful and happy New Year 2004!**

