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# European Water Association

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### **Membership**

The Finnish company *Painehuuhtelu Oy PTV* joined the EWA as Corporate Member. It is a privately owned Finnish company active in condition assessment and evaluation of water and waste water networks and maintenance of these assets with different methods according to the requirements of the work site.

An updated list of the EWA members is available on the Association's homepage.

### **Co-operation with other associations**

*IWA (International Water Association)*: A Memorandum of Understanding is being signed between EWA and IWA where the two associations agree upon co-operation for conferences, regular meetings of committees and working groups as well as an exchange of information.

*Eureau*: A Memorandum of Understanding between EWA and Eureau has been prepared and is being discussed by the responsible committees of the associations.

### **Conferences and workshops**

As in the years before the EWA organised in 2001 two workshops on water related EU legislation and its national implementation in Vannes (France) and Celje (Slovenia). The Slovenian workshop dealt particularly with the implementation and transposition of EU legislation into Slovenian law and the country's environmental situation regarding water protection.

EWA worked together with some member and partner associations for several bigger conferences: Watershed 2001 in Tokyo, organised together with the Water and Environment Federation (WEF) and Japan Sewage Works Association (JSWA); a conference on sewage sludge in Vienna, organised together with the Austrian Water and Waste Management Association (ÖWAV); and a conference on water quality management in Spain and application of European legislation in Barcelona, organised by ADECAGUA (Asociación de la calidad de las aguas).

The revision of the EU Bathing Water Directive was the topic of another expert workshop. The results were summarized in a report with recommendations that was forwarded to the European Commission to be taken into account during the directive's revision.

Reports and (partly) transparencies from these events can be found on the EWA homepage, item "Workshops and conferences".

### **New Communication Strategy**

At the end of 2002 the EWA journal "European Water Management", issued six times per year, had to be closed down after ten years of existence. The EWA takes this opportunity to switch its communication and information completely to modern media.

News from the European and international water sector will continue to be issued via the weekly e-mail news service. This service - to which interested persons can subscribe for free - currently reaches 5,200 readers and also contains information about the EWA work. Subscription can be made by sending an e-mail to [jan.van.de.kraats@kabelfoon.nl](mailto:jan.van.de.kraats@kabelfoon.nl) with "Subscribe European Water Management News" in the subject line.

Articles will be published at irregular intervals on the EWA homepage. The EWA journal will thus change to an online version. Interested authors can contact the responsible chairwoman:

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*Background documents* on water pollution control issues such as EU Directives, working documents, reports, newsletters can be found on the European Water Pollution Control Network (EWPCN). The information is available as references or downloadable documents; currently over 50 are found in the network. The EWPCN is run by the EWA in co-operation with the European Environmental Agency

(EEA). Partners are the European Commission (DG Environment, DG Research, JRC Ispra), Helcom, WHO and IWA. It is accessible at <http://ew.eea.eu.int/>.

Detailed *information on EWA activities* will continue to be distributed via this newsletter. The frequency will be doubled so that it will be produced four times a year. It will soon also be available on the EWA homepage.

The Editorial Committee (EdC), whose job so far was the selection of articles for the journal, will now co-ordinate all elements of the new Communication Strategy. It has therefore changed its name to Communication Committee (CC). Helena Marecos do Monte (Portugal) is the new chairwoman of this Committee.

### **Meeting Executive Directors and Presidents**

A meeting of the Executive Directors or Presidents of the EWA member associations took place at the EWA offices. The aim was to discuss present the EWA activities, agree on further co-operation also between the member associations and the expectations towards the EWA. The meeting was very much appreciated; the participants agreed to organise a similar event every year.

### **European activities**

One of the continuous EWA activities is the contact to European institutions. The EWA does this by participating in Brussels workshops and also by personal contacts to several experts from the European Commission. Apart from gathering further knowledge about ongoing legislation the goal of these contacts is to influence legislation, e.g. concerning the revision of the Bathing Water Directive.

### **Upcoming workshops and conferences**

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

- 12th European Water, Sewage and Solid Waste Symposium and Workshops  
13-15 May 2002, Munich (Germany)
- EWA conference on the Water Framework Directive  
2-3 October 2002, Amsterdam (at Aquatech Amsterdam) - *Call for Papers open*
- Small water treatment plants  
6-7 June 2002, Kaunas, Lithuania - *Call for Papers open*
- Protection of groundwater resources in Europe - state of the art  
14-15 June 2002, Zagreb (Croatia)

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>).

### **Future EWA meetings**

This year's first meeting of the EWA Management Committee on 15 March is hosted by the AGHTM at Paris. Afterwards the next EWA meetings will all take place during IFAT 2002 in Munich. The ETSC and the EUC will meet on Monday 13 May from 9:30 to 12:30; the MC will have its second meeting on Tuesday 14 May from 14:00 to 19:00, and the EWA Council meet on Wednesday 15 May 2002 from 9:30 to 12:30.

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