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International conference “Operation and Maintenance of Sewer and Water Pipes” of EWA and AGHTM

Hennef, 28 May 2003. Operators of sewer and drinking water networks are getting more and more concerned about the status of the infrastructure whose increasing age leads to diverse operation problems while environmental requirements grow. As this infrastructure is hidden in the earth the observation of its status is difficult, which complicates operation and renewal of these networks. On 4 and 5 December 2003 an international conference in Paris will deal with this challenge and ways of meeting it successfully. The conference is jointly organised by the Association Générale des Hygiénistes et Techniciens Municipaux (AGHTM) and the European Water Association (EWA) and takes place together with the international environmental trade fair Pollutec in Paris.

In three half-day sessions with a total of sixteen lectures speakers from six European countries will give both general approaches and concentrate on specific details.



The authors come from universities, research institutes, cities, operators, engineering consultancies, and water authorities, and are thus able to present diversified and multidisciplinary views on the topic.

Operation and inspection of sewers and water pipes

This part of the conference deals with the monitoring of storm-water overflows, the use of real time management for flood protection and water pollution control, and rapid diagnosis for sewage networks. Special topics will be the question of legionella in hot water sanitary networks and drinking water treatment with orthophosphates. The session closes with the presentation of a detailed guide about tools for the inspection of drinking water networks.

Sewers rehabilitation

Two sessions of the conference will deal with questions of rehabilitation; the first one focuses on sewers. The speakers will present in this session the case study of a bursting river siphon, the reduction of extraneous water, and computer-aided rehabilitation of sewer networks. Additional topics are performance indicators for economic analyses and for the ranking of rehabilitation projects as well as a case study of the City of Paris as an example of a large-scale overall municipal rehabilitation scheme.



Rehabilitation of water pipes

The second rehabilitation session concentrates on drinking water networks. Topics herein are energy-based analyses for the rehabilitation of water distribution networks, computer-aided rehabilitation of water networks and alternative materials for the replacement of lead pipes. The last lectures will present criteria for the order of renewal of networks and decision-making tools.

The conference will be held in English and French (simultaneous interpretation). The final programme will be available end of June. Regularly updated information is available on the homepage of the two associations and on request.

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The trade fair Pollutec takes place from 2 to 5 December 2003 at the exhibition centre Paris-Nord Villepinte. Further information about the trade fair can be found at www.pollutec.com.

The European Water Association (EWA) is an independent non-governmental and non-profit making organisation dealing with the management and improvement of the water environment. It is one of the major professional associations in Europe that covers the whole water sector, wastewater as well as drinking water and water related waste. With member associations from nearly all Central and Eastern European Countries, it not only includes the current European Union member states, Norway, and Switzerland, but also most of the future EU members from Central and Eastern Europe.

Besides the information of its members on EU legislation and standardisation, the aim of the association is to provide a forum and network for the discussion of key technical and policy issues. This is done by international conferences, workshops and meetings, special working groups for experts and publications. Through this exchange of knowledge the association intends to contribute to a sustainable water management: a safe water supply and the protection of water and soil.

The EWA has established close contacts to the European Commission (DG Environment), the European Committee for Standardization (CEN), the European Environment Agency (EEA) and the European Parliament.

The EWA consists today of more than 25 European national associations representing professionals and technicians for wastewater and water utilities as well as consultants, and several enterprises as corporate members. The association thus represents about 55,000 professional individuals working in their national associations in a broad field of water management.