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### **A Growing Europe – A Clean Environment**

**- 13<sup>th</sup> European Water, Wastewater and Waste Symposium from 25 to 28 April 2005 during IFAT Munich**

**Hennef/Cologne/Kopenhagen, 2 August 2004.**

**IFAT, the International Trade Fair for Water, Wastewater, Refuse and Recycling, will open its doors on 25 April 2005 for the fourteenth time at the New Munich Trade Fair Centre in Munich. The visitors of this most important international environmental trade fair will be able to enjoy a parallel international conference which will reach from membrane technology over waste disposal logistics and a China workshop.**

Four German and European professional associations have again joined together to provide visitors with the latest knowledge from the water, wastewater and waste sector: The German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste (ATV-DVWK) will organise the water and wastewater part together with its European umbrella organisation, the European Water Association (EWA). The waste part will be dealt with by the Association of local waste management and municipal cleaning service (VKS



im VKU) together with the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA).

The water/wastewater part will consist of the sessions "Membrane Technology", "Monitoring Plant Performance", "Public Private Partnership", and "Sewer Rehabilitation". In addition some special workshops will focus on particularly interesting regions like Central and Eastern European Countries, Asia (especially China) and the Middle East.

The Symposium's waste part will cover the future of thermal waste treatment in Europe, the implementation of the Electronic Waste Directive and European requirements to waste disposal logistics.

The complete programme will be available in the Internet as from September 2004 at [www.IFAT.de](http://www.IFAT.de), [www.atv-dvwk.de](http://www.atv-dvwk.de), and [www.vks-koeln.de](http://www.vks-koeln.de).

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#### **ATV-DVWK**

The German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste (ATV-DVWK) is the German speaker for all overall water issues and supports the development of a secure and sustainable water management. The some 15,000 members represent the experts and executives of municipalities, universities, engineering consultancies, public authorities, and companies. Their work focuses mainly on preparing and updating the ATV-DVWK Standards and on providing input to the preparation of technical standards on the national and international level ([www.atv-dvwk.de](http://www.atv-dvwk.de)).

#### **EWA**

The European Water Association (EWA) is one of the major professional associations in Europe in the water sector. With its 25 National Member Associations and a growing number of Commercial Members the EWA consists of most European countries. The EWA provides a forum for its members to discuss key technical and policy issues affecting the growing European region. This is done through conferences, workshops, meetings and special working groups of experts all organised on an international basis together with regular publications. Through its National Member Associations EWA represents about 55,000 professional individuals working in the broad field of water management ([www.EWAonline.de](http://www.EWAonline.de)).

#### **VKS im VKU**

The local waste management companies are represented within the VKU (The Association of Local Utilities) by a sub-association called the Verband kommunale Abfallwirtschaft und Stadtreinigung (VKS). Until 2003 the local waste disposal utilities were organised in two independent association, the VKS and the VKU. After years of close cooperation the two associations finally merged. The VKS now unites all the forces of the local waste management and municipal cleaning services sector within the VKU. However, it forms an independent organisational pillar for waste management issues. The sub-association, known as "VKS im VKU", is Germany's main specialist association for waste management, street cleaning and winter maintenance. The merger has brought around 420 new municipal undertakings into the VKU. There are another 165 or so sponsoring members, who are organised within a sponsor's association. ([www.vks-koeln.de](http://www.vks-koeln.de))

#### **ISWA**

ISWA - International Solid Waste Association is an international, independent and non-profit making association working in the public interest to promote and develop sustainable waste management worldwide. ISWA is open to individuals and organisation from the scientific community, public institutions, public and private companies, consultants and manufacturers from all over the world working in the field of and interested in waste management. ISWA has around 1.100 members from more than 70 countries around the world. (<http://www.iswa.org>)