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Environmental innovations for the 21st century

14th European Water, Wastewater and Waste Symposium during IFAT 2008 in Munich

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On 5th May 2008 the IFAT - the International Trade Fair for Water, Sewage, Refuse and Recycling, will open its doors for the fifteenth time on the premises of the New Munich Trade Fair Centre in Munich. Parallel to this important and largest world's environmental trade fairs, visitors will be able to enjoy a well selected international conference programme from 5th to 9th May 2008. As in previous years, four German and European professional associations have again joined together to present the latest knowledge from the water, wastewater and waste sector to visitors: The German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste (DWA) will organise the water and wastewater part of the conference together with its European umbrella organisation, the European Water Association (EWA). The waste part will be dealt with by the Association of municipal waste management and city cleaning in the VKU (VKS im VKU) together with the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA).

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Water and Wastewater

For the water and wastewater part of the conference, visitors and participants will be offered an international symposium jointly organised by the European Water Association (EWA), the Japan Sewage Works Association (JSWA) and the Water Environment Federation (WEF) – the 3rd joint specialty conference addressing the topic “Sustainable Water Management in response to 21st century pressures”.

The conference programme of DWA will address the topics flood protection, coastal protection and renewable energies amongst others. Together with national and international cooperation partners DWA will organise events with regional focus, e.g. the Middle East and Africa, besides the thematically oriented conferences.

Waste

For the subject waste, VKS and VKU are offering three interesting expert conferences. The conference on “Waste as source of energy – an opportunity for climate protection” will deal with the topic of power generation using different energy sources and their contribution to climate and environmental protection. One will look at residual waste, derived fuels, biomass as well as bio and landfill gas. Entitled “Automotive engineering as factor for clean air” another conference session is dedicated to possibili-



ties for reduction of emissions from technical devices used in street-cleaning and waste collection. Visitors of the technical conference “Recycling of waste and supporting logistical standards” can expect topics like control of secondary raw material flows on Federal State level; mobile and stationary collection concepts for separate collection of potential recyclables as well as recommendations for integration of professional sorting and marketing of potential recyclables under municipal management.

These expert conferences will take place on 5th and 8th May 2008.

Asia / Middle East / Fora

The Trade Fair Munich is organising diverse events with international focus such as China, India and Central and Eastern European Countries. Furthermore, exhibitors will get the possibility of an events platform in the form of two forums.

Programme, further information and registration

To find out more, please visit <http://ifat.dwa.de> (from October 2007 on).

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DWA

The German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste (DWA) is the German speaker for all comprehensive water issues and strongly supports the development of a secure and sustainable water management. The some 15,000 members represent experts and executives of municipalities, universities, engineering consultancies, public authorities, and companies. Their work focuses mainly on preparing and updating the DWA Standards and on providing input to the preparation of technical standards on national and international level (www.dwa.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).

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). The VKS im VKU unites as leading specialist association knowledge on waste management, street cleaning and winter maintenance. On national and international level the association is committed to strengthen the interests of their around 420 member companies. There are another 200 supporting members, who are organised within a sponsor's association (www.vksimvku.de).

ISWA

ISWA - International Solid Waste Association is an international association working in the public interest to promote and develop sustainable waste management worldwide. Founded in 1970 in Essen by representatives of seven nations (amongst them Germany), this association now has 35 national member is active in another 38 countries by representation without national member status via individual or organisations' membership. More than 1,100 organisations, companies or individuals from more than 70 countries around the world are members of ISWA (www.iswa.org).

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