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NEWS AND ITEMS FOR ISWA MEMBERS – NO. 1 - MAY 2009

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WHERE WE REVIEW THE MOST RECENT PAST AND LOOK TO THE MONTHS AHEAD

Participate in the workshop by the ISWA Taskforce on Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The ISWA Taskforce on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Waste Management is organising a workshop at the Veolia Campus outside of Paris on May 17-19. At this event ISWA is pleased to offer a selected panel of speakers and rapporteurs to explore and apply their own experiences to the issues at hand.

Climate change recognition and subsequent global policy shifts are anticipated to achieve significant traction in 2009. Indeed, there is a pressing priority for sector-by-sector collaboration while getting the definitions right, with underpinning from practical research.

You are invited to participate in this technical and policy-setting Workshop for the waste management industry. ISWA is taking the lead for the waste industry and wants to draw up some key messages to confirm how waste practices will serve to benefit coordinated global actions.

ISWA's global network of solid waste managers is best placed to draw on industry stakeholders to develop cross-cutting positions. The Workshop format promotes a dynamic exchange of ideas and expertise, case study examinations, and interactive breakout sessions.

Last day for registration is May 8 – so register today! You can find more information at www.iswa.org or by contacting hb@iswa.org

ISWA Communication Award

The ISWA Communication Award is designed to honour excellent waste communication campaigns that increase public awareness and promote sustainable waste management. The award is open for participation for both ISWA members and non-ISWA members.

Last day for nomination is extended to May 31st, 2009

Find out more at www.iswa.org

IWM – ISWA Programme on Professional Qualifications

As a first case, the Portuguese company Valorsul has offered its employees to register under the ISWA Professional Qualification scheme. ISWA is currently reviewing the applications of more than 10 Valorsul employees. The Personal Report Interviews will be carried out in early July by ISWA interviewers in Lisbon.

ISWA is discussing the same concept with both Greece and Serbia.

News from ISWA Working Groups

The Working Group on Communication had a successful working group meeting in Budapest during the 26-27 of March. Among the several topics discussed was the use of Sustainability Reporting Guidelines and the reasons for its implementation. Working



Group members attending the meeting also had the chance to visit a sorting and plastic recycling facility. Budapest was also the city chosen to host the Working Group meeting on Thermal Treatment that took place on 2-3 of April. Topics such as the IED Directive and the Task Force on Greenhouse gases were discussed among the 23 members attending the meeting. A technical tour of the Waste to Energy plant in Budapest was also part of the programme. During the 1-3 of May the Working Group on Collection and Transportation Technology held a successful working group meeting in Tel Aviv, Israel. Technical visits included the Ariel Sharon Park, where the Hiriya landfill is located, as well as a recycling plant.

ISWA General Assembly and Annual Congress

The 2009 ISWA General Assembly will take place on October 11, 2009 in Lisbon, Portugal.

The Annual Congress will take place 12-14 October 2009, so mark your calendars and start planning!

Also, the locations of the ISWA Annual Congresses for 2010 and 2011 have already been selected and will be held in Hamburg, Germany, and Daegu City, Korea, respectively.

Happenings at the ISWA General Secretariat

Since December 2008 the ISWA General Secretariat is based in Vienna, Austria and the Copenhagen office is closed down. All in all, the move has worked quite smoothly and the GS thanks its members for their understanding during this setting-in period. Due to the global financial crisis we have seen activities slowing down with restrained travelling budgets.

The ISWA General Secretariat marked the occasion of Earth Day-2009 with an organized waste and litter clean-up along the banks of the Danube River (Donau Insel). Joined by members of the Environmental Club from the American International School-Vienna, crews managed to fill several large receptacles with debris in an otherwise spotless, well-maintained city park. "There continues to be a strong environmental ethic within the high school populations", noted ISWA Managing Director Greg Vogt. "It is my hope that this volunteerism translates to further interest and future careers in the environmental field." All safety gear, hats, and bags were supplied by the Waste Management Department (MA48) of the City of Vienna, as part of its Clean City program.

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