

Newsletter from the President



International Solid Waste Association



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As you all know ISWA Managing Director Suzanne Arup Veltzé has decided to resign from ISWA pr 1 April.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank Suzanne Arup Veltzé for 9½ years of devoted work to ISWA and at the same time bid Greg Vogt welcome as the new Managing Director. I wish Greg Vogt the best of luck in his new position and the same for Suzanne Arup Veltzé in her future without ISWA.

ISWA acts on the Climate Change

Last week it was published that the next United Nations Climate Summit will be held in Copenhagen, December 2009.

A few hours later ISWA and DAKOFA had established cooperation in order to organise a conference on waste management and climate change. The *press release* on this new initiative was submitted soon after and e-mails indicating interest in the conference is already received at the General Secretariat.

I find it evident that ISWA uses opportunities like these to be heard and seen on the international stage. And what is even more important: ISWA and its members have relevant possibilities to reduce the greenhouse gasses.

Use the ISWA website www.iswa.org to keep yourself updated on this big event. For further information contact Henriette Arup Veltzé at the General Secretariat: hav@iswa.dk

Publication Award – deadline coming up

As you know ISWA each year gives an award to the author(s) of an innovative, exceptional and interesting publication within solid waste management.

The ISWA Publication Award is highly respected in the waste management sector and in scientific circles. Last year the winner of the award was Elena Sandulescu from Romania, who won the award for her publication “The contribution of waste management to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions with applications in the city of Bucharest”. Elena Sandulescu was given the award as it is costume, at the ISWA Annual Congress in the autumn.

Though there are about 6 months to the next publication award winner will be handed the award it is now time to submit you contribution. Deadline is 20 April.

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Revision of the Waste Framework Directive

Remember the ISWA EU seminar on 7 May 2007

The final programme is now ready and so far the interest has been great.

Following highlights from the programme can be mentioned:

Mr Klaus Kogler from the European Commission will present the actual proposed revision of the Waste Framework Directive.

The recycling and resource perspective will be presented by Doreen Fedrigo from The European Environmental Bureau. The revision's effect on new Member States and overseas states will be given by representatives from the different states. Also organisations such as FEAD, CEWEP, ECN etc will give their point of view on the revision. ISWA's opinion will be presented by Jørgen Haukohl, member of the ISWA Board.

The seminar is opened by the new Managing Director of ISWA, Mr Greg Vogt.

The seminar is an excellent opportunity to be updated on the latest developments on waste legislation in Europe and to learn about the different - and weighty - points of view in the debate.

You can find the entire programme at the *ISWA web site* along with the registration form.

For further information contact Børge Boes Hansen at the General Secretariat: bbh@iswa.dk

If you want to be kept abreast on the EU waste management legislation and its impacts – do remember to register for the seminar.

ISWA World Congress 2007 in Amsterdam

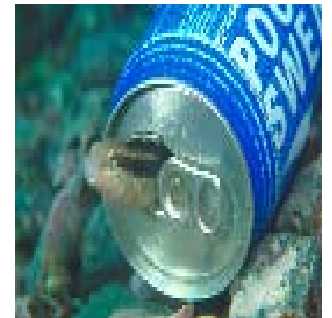
From 24-27 September 2007 the ISWA Annual Congress takes place in the RAI Convention Centre in Amsterdam. The themes of the congress are:

‘CHALLENGING THE FUTURE’ Solid Waste Management:
Sustainable City Management and Global Climate Control

The sessions will take place Monday 24 September – Wednesday 26 September. Thursday 27 September is the day of the Technical Tours. Participants can choose between seven different tours, all of them within waste management and waste processing facilities in the Netherlands.

The organisation of the congress is in full swing. The “call for papers” resulted in almost 300 high quality abstracts from 48 countries. An international abstract review team of eleven persons evaluated the submitted abstracts and based on that evaluation, the Programme Committee accepted 95 papers for oral presentation and 180 papers for poster presentation. The congress programme is based on plenary sessions in the morning (including the opening session on Monday), followed by five parallel

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sessions for the rest of the days. Keynote speakers from the United States, Germany, Mexico, Egypt and the Netherlands will address the congress during the plenary sessions.

The congress website: www.iswa2007.org gives a wealth of information on the congress programme, all accepted papers, the technical tours programme, the social programme, the partner programme, the hotel accommodation and last but not least all facilities for online registration. Please note that registration before 1 June 2007 is at a discounted rate.

ISWA Working Group is heard in EU

15 March 2007 the Working Group on Thermal Treatment held a special EU meeting with Chris Allen and Neil Emmott from the Commission and the personal assistant of MEP Johannes Blokland Mr. Boonzaaijer Wouter. The meeting was organised to discuss the important issues of thermal treatment in relation to the Waste Framework Directive (WFD) and the forthcoming revision of the Waste incineration Directive (WID).

ISWA is now part of the reference group concerning the revision of the WID. The Working Group on Thermal Treatment will therefore provide Ökopool with facts and figures for their report to be finalised by August 2007. This issue is moving fast and we are expecting the proposal to be ready by the end of 2007. It is a great pleasure to see that the ISWA working groups are active in sharing their technical knowledge with both civil servants and politicians in an open dialogue. This shows that ISWA is acknowledged as the forum for open constructive dialogue among all stakeholders. I therefore give my support to the Thermal Treatment Working Group. The ISWA Board is happy to see that our members are working actively within the association. Read more about the meeting on the ISWA homepage, where you also find the presentations from the meeting.

Links for presentations: *Chris Allen*
Neil Emmott
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ISWA and HSWMA successful meetings in Athens

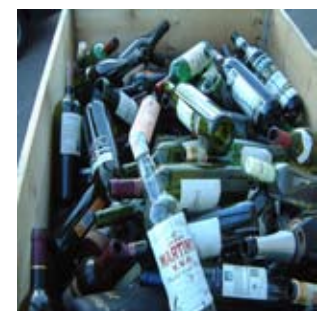
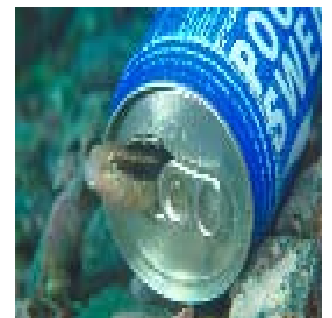
The ISWA meetings, study tour and workshop in Athens 12 - 14 March were a great success! ISWA Gold Member EPEM SA, the Hellenic Solid Waste Management Association and Harokopio University hosted 3 well organised days.

The two Working Groups – Biological Treatment and Sanitary Landfill – had internal meetings and a joint meeting at the first day. At the joint meeting the Working Groups debated the interface between mechanical biological treatment and landfill.

To supplement the business meetings a technical visit to the Ano Liosia Landfill Site and Municipal Solid Waste Recycling and Composting Plant took place during the second day.

Finally a workshop on interactions between the diversion of biodegradables and landfill was arranged at the last day.

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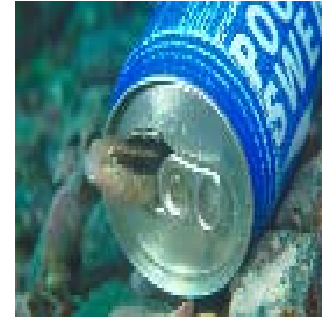


The workshop was attended by well over 170 delegates, and as ISWA President I had the opportunity to address the audience in the opening session. Presentations were given by experts from the Working Groups on subjects ranging from climate change, European Union Strategies, product marketing and case studies. Moreover, as qualitative terms are equally if not more important, most of the important people in the waste management sector were there, from contractors to mayors, NGOs and consultants to the Ministry.



Visits from Member Countries

Within the last couple of weeks the ISWA General Secretariat in Copenhagen has been enriched with visits from Member Countries. Two different delegations from respectively China and USA visited the Secretariats of ISWA & DAKOFA to learn about the Danish waste management system and the latest development in EU-legislation.



Wednesday 21 March 2007 a Chinese delegation of 7 people from greater cities like Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu were welcomed by ISWA President Niels Jørn Hahn and Managing Director of ISWA & DAKOFA Suzanne Arup Veltzé.

Vice President and Secretary General of CAUES, PR China National Member of ISWA, Mr Tao Hua chaired the delegation. The Chinese delegation is on tour in Europe to visit other major capitals both in Scandinavia and other European countries. A presentation on the development in EU-legislation was given by Henrik Wejdling from DAKOFA and Suzanne Arup Veltzé gave a general introduction on the Danish waste management system.



On the Monday 26 March 2007 Suzanne Arup Veltzé welcomed an American delegation of 17 people headed by John Williams from HDR (Silver Member of ISWA). They were accompanied by Jørgen Haukohl and Bettina Kamuk from Ramboll. The purpose of this trip was to learn about the Danish Waste to Energy system. Suzanne Arup Veltzé presented the Danish Waste Management System to the Americans.

Both presentations are available on the Internet.

Danish Waste Management System by Suzanne Arup Veltzé
Development in EU-legislation by Henrik Wejdling



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