

Newsletter from the President



International Solid Waste Association



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International Waste Manager

I would like to start this newsletter by encouraging all members of ISWA to join ISWA's International Waste Manager Programme. The programme is designed to provide an international recognised certification of waste managers. By joining the programme you will help to promote professional standards in the waste sector. [Read more](#)

News from the Board

At its meeting on 13 January 2007 in Paris the Board decided to grant each of the Regional Development Networks the sum of EURO 10.200. The Asian and Pacific Network was granted the funding in order to create visibility of ISWA especially in the light of the 2008 Annual Congress in Singapore, the Middle East to continue the work on getting new National Members in the region and the Latin American Network to continue to increase the visibility of ISWA in the region through translation of ISWA material into Spanish. I am sure that although the funding covers far from the amounts applied for, the money will be of help for the Networks to promote ISWA in the Networks through a number of activities.

It seems to be a new trend of development that ISWA is getting new National Members at a fast pace. At the General Assembly in October 2006 in Copenhagen Bulgaria was approved as Incoming National Member and at the Extraordinary General Assembly in January Israel was approved as full National Member. The latest step in this direction is that the Board also approved CENER 21 of Bosnia-Herzegovina's application for full National Membership. The National Members have now been asked for a final approval of CENER 21 before 19 February 2007. I think that this development underlines that there is a need for ISWA around the world.

The process on the location of the General Secretariat is on-going and is scheduled to be finalised at the General Assembly in Amsterdam this year. However the date for an Extraordinary General Assembly to decide criteria's to apply has been postponed after decision by the Board to allow further work on this matter.



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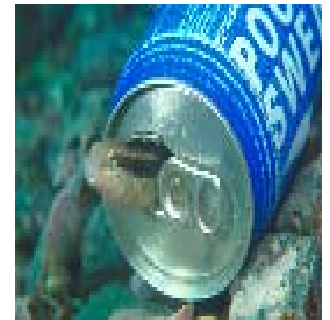
Joint coalition of EU and International Waste Organisations

Managing Directors of ISWA, ASSURRE, CEWEP, Euroheat & Power, and FEAD have provided the members of the European Parliament with a short overview of some of the key facts relevant to energy recovery. The Managing Directors are asking the Parliament to recognise the importance of setting good standards and to encourage good practice in the forthcoming revision of the Waste Framework Directive (the Parliament will vote 14 February 2007). [Read more](#)



I hope ISWA and the other organisations in this way will be able to leave its fingerprint on this very important legislation for the European waste sector.

Also a workshop “Revision of the Waste Framework Directive – deregulation?” will take place on 26 February 2007 in Bruxelles in co-operation between ISWA, FEAD, EEB and CEMR and ISWA National Members in Europe have been invited to the workshop and asked to kick start a European Branch of ISWA in connection with this workshop.



Malmö Role Model for Sustainability

ISWA aims at promoting sustainable waste management. In its latest issue of the “State of the World” the Worldwatch Institute has described Malmö as a role model for sustainability. A part of the activities in any city of the world are related to waste management. In Malmö SYSAV (our organisation member) is playing a very active role in solving the waste related problems. I would like to congratulate the city of Malmö for this fine achievement.



ISWA 2006 questionnaire

ISWA has conducted a small survey among its members. It clearly shows that ISWA is a network organisation, as most of the answers show that members first learned about ISWA through business contacts, other ISWA Members or National Members. This is also shown by the answers to the question “Which of the following benefits would you recommend to others?” where “access to the Working Groups”, “Networking” and the “Possibility of making business contacts” are among the high scores. It is also positive that Waste Management World and Waste Management & Research both are much appreciated among the Members. [Read more](#)

Let us use and improve the networking concept not only to get more members but also to promote the International Waste Manager Programme.



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