

# Newsletter from the President



International Solid Waste Association



## NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT NO. 17 - JUNE 2008

Hello everyone,

Note that a mini-questionnaire has been included with this month's mailing of the Presidential Newsletter.

Only 3 questions, so if you would, mark the boxes and send back to the ISWA General Secretariat. I will report the numerical results next issue.

### Collection Workshop In Uganda

As part of ISWA's outreach to developing countries, the Collection & Transportation Technology (CTT) Working Group and the General Secretariat are conducting a 2-day waste collection workshop in Uganda this July.

The workshop will be a collaborative effort with the non-profit group Vision for Africa-International, the City of Mukono, NVRD (ISWA's National Member in the Netherlands), and ISWA-Austria. For details, contact Ms. Helena Bergman at [hb@iswa.dk](mailto:hb@iswa.dk)

### Managing Director Vogt Receives Award

I was fortunate to be present at the recent CIWM's Annual Conference and Exhibition held in Torbay, England a week or so ago.

The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management named ISWA's Managing Director Greg Vogt as this year's recipient of the President's Award for his work and contributions related to the waste management sector. Congratulations, Greg.

### Joint Working Group Meetings in Porto, Portugal

On 29-30 May the Working Groups on Communication & Social Issues and the Working Group on Hazardous Waste met in Porto as part of their ongoing technical efforts. I am pleased to say the meetings were hosted by the intermunicipal company Lipor.

Some of the main discussions were:

- Standardization of pictograms/colors of waste bins. It was agreed to involve the National Members in the discussion in the near future.
- Preparations for a Waste-to-Energy Seminar in Delaware, USA, Spring 2009. The discussion focused on how to avoid NIMBY effects in connection with establishment Waste-to-Energy Plants.
- Why it is necessary to keep hazardous waste apart from the other waste streams?
- How to promote legal export of waste for legitimate treatment purposes?
- Handling hazardous wastes associated with the construction and demolition waste stream.

Following their respective meetings, the groups conducted technical tours of Lipor's recycling plant and the 25 MW Waste-to-Energy facility.



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## UNEP "DEBRIS" Project

ISWA is engaged with UNEP in an EU-financed project for the cleaning up of the tsunami-affected areas. Titled "Demonstrating ESTs for Building Waste Reduction in Indonesia" or the "DEBRIS" Project, ISWA is providing collaborative expert support specific to the management of construction and demolition wastes.

At this stage a Request for Proposal has been issued for the supply, installation, and commissioning of Waste Management Systems. You can find more information on the ISWA website as well as the full documentation on this link:

<http://www.unon.org/ssse/documents/RFP.08.0024%20Waste%20Management%20System%20A.pdf>

## New Staff for the ISWA General Secretariat

In concert with the transition of the ISWA headquarters to Vienna from Copenhagen, I am pleased to announce a new addition to the General Secretariat staff. Ms. Maie Majak Knoebl, MBA, will serve as the Operations Coordinator for the soon-to-be-established Transition office in Vienna. She will begin work this Summer in a part-time status and will be ISWA's first paid staff person to be located in Vienna. Related to her husband's professional assignments and relocations, she has lived and worked in 5 countries. They are now settled in Vienna permanently. Welcome aboard, Maie.

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President of ISWA



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