

Newsletter from the President



International Solid Waste Association



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This year ISWA introduces two brand new awards:

ISWA Innovation Prize

Innovation is the key to improvement and development and as such it should be awarded. That is why ISWA launches a new innovation prize; to award innovation within sustainable waste management.

Potential for innovation rather than already implemented projects will be key qualifications for proposals to be considered for the prize.

The first awarding will take place in Amsterdam in September at the Annual Congress. Afterwards the prize will be given each year at the opening of the Annual Congress.

The innovation prize is a sponsored prize and the sponsor this year is Waste and Energy Company Amsterdam (AEB). The prize is 3000 EURO and the winner will shortly present the innovation that the ISWA selection committee selects among the nomination proposals.

Information regarding nomination procedures and deadlines will be released soon on the ISWA website (www.iswa.org) and by direct mailing to the ISWA Members.

The ISWA Communication Award.

In order to emphasise the importance of good and carefully prepared communication, the ISWA Working Group for Communication and Social Issues introduces a new communication award.

The Award will be announced for the first time at the Annual Congress in Amsterdam in September and information will afterwards be sent to all ISWA members once it is time to submit the campaigns. A nomination panel will find the winner who will be handed the award at the Annual Congress. The first award will be given at the Congress in Singapore 2008. The winner gets:



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- a) A symbolic award and a certificate.
- b) An article about the awarded campaign at the ISWA magazine and at the ISWA website;
- c) The right to use a special ISWA commemorative logo on all its documents for a year;
- d) The possibility to present the awarded campaign at the Annual Congress.



I welcome the initiative and hope - together with the Working Group on Communication - that this will make even more people aware of the importance of communication. After all, if we did not have communicative campaigns the public would not know how to deal with their waste.

ISWA Board at IASWM Workshop

The Indian Association for Solid Waste Management (IASWM) conducted a technical workshop on “Best Practices in Solid Waste Management”, April 26-28, 2007 in Jaipur. Most of India’s major metropolitan regions were represented, along with private sector attendees and governmental representatives.



Mr. Ravi Dass, President of IASWM, summarized some of the needs and challenges facing solid waste managers in India: “Members of our Association see the immediate need for ‘know-how’ on how to manage private contracts, particularly for collection and disposal services. In addition to such professional training, we are looking to our partnership with ISWA as a means to identify the capital equipment, maintenance procedures, and environmental monitoring programs appropriate to India as the level of waste services rises in the coming years.”

Mr. P.U. Asnani, ISWA Patron for the IASWM, also noted, “We thank the ISWA Board members for sharing some specific experiences from various countries. Examples of common and uncommon approaches are helpful to us as we attempt to supply engineer skills and human resources to the challenges of moving waste and recoverables from the point of generation to proper re-use and/or disposal streams. “



Besides me as ISWA President the following members of the ISWA Board made presentations at the workshop: Vice President Atilio Savino (Argentina), Jean Paul Leglise (France), Ian Coles (Australia), Morten Sandbakken (Norway), and Alberto Bianchini (Brazil) and also our new Managing Director Greg Vogt (USA)

ISWA EU Seminar a great success

The seminar on Revision of the Waste Framework Directive in Brussels was held in Brussels on 7 May 2007. With 78 participants and 14 presentations most aspects of the revision were covered through the discussions. The presentations covered the points of view of

- The EU Commission,
- The first plenary vote of the European Parliament (presented by environmental and waste management specialist)
- The German presidency
- Interest organisations (ISWA, CEWEP, ECN, EEB and FEAD)
- The waste industry (Suez Environnement and Veolia)
- Effects of the revision on new member states and overseas states (Estonia, Bulgaria, Turkey and USA)



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Judging from the interest of the Seminar similar seminars will be arranged in the future.

Read more about the seminar in my next newsletter where I give a more thoroughly presentation.

Recycling in Hungary

Report from a Working Group meeting

The ISWA National Member – FKF Zrt – hosted a well organised and well attended Working Group meeting and two technical tours for the Working Group on Recycling and Waste Minimisation on April 26-27. Important issues for the Working Group are the climate change debate and the role of and consequences for the waste industry as well as the globalisation of recycling. Discussions also took place on the role of the waste industry in relation to resource management, sustainable production and waste prevention.

Following the Working Group meeting two study trips were organised. A visit took place at a recycling centre in Budapest for the handling of packaging waste and WEEE. On the second day the group was invited by the Dr György Hajdu, director FKF Zrt who explained about waste management in Hungary and especially in Budapest. Following the meeting a visit took place at the newly renovated municipal waste incineration plant.

Many thanks go to Dr Hajdu and his colleagues for the warm hospitality and the organisation of the Working Group meeting.

Nordic National Meeting in Svalbard

In the beginning of May I went to Svalbard as the Nordic Waste Association (NAF) – an association of the 5 Nordic National Members of ISWA – held its annual meeting. Svalbard is a Norwegian group of islands situated between Norway and the North Pole. Svalbard has an arctic climate with permafrost which makes it impossible for organic waste to be biologically decomposed.

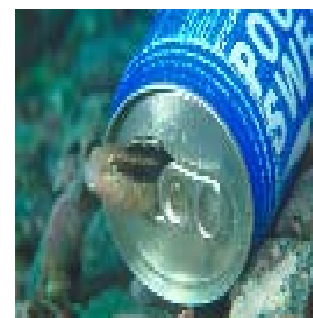
Waste management is therefore totally based on recycling. The non recyclable materials are by ship transported to Tromsø, a Norwegian city a bit more south from Svalbard, for treatment.

Besides the special climatic conditions Svalbard has a fantastic landscape; in May it is totally covered with snow and the midnight sun shining.

ISWA Beacon Conference on Waste-to-Energy

Almost two years have passed since the last ISWA Beacon Waste-to-Energy conference, which means it is time for an update on matters concerning Waste-to-Energy. The 5th Beacon Waste-to-Energy conference will be held 25-26th October 2007 in Malmö, Sweden and will bring forth political questions as well as technological ones. The latest programme can always be found here at the website: www.beacon-wte.org

This website will hopefully provide you with the information you need both concerning the subjects of the conference and the practical matters like accommodation



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and transportation. A new feature this year is the possibility to register on-line. For those of you that want updated info when major updates are made to the programme or the website you can subscribe to our electronic newsletter.

I and the ISWA Working Group of Thermal Treatment together with Avfall Sverige - Swedish Waste Management hope to see you in Malmö this autumn.

ISWA World Congress 2007 in Amsterdam

Deadline for early registration fee is coming up.

Once summer has ended many people from the international waste management sector will be going to Amsterdam to attend this year ISWA Congress.

The organisation of the congress is in full swing now and delegates from all over the world already registered.

The Congress takes place 24 - 27 September 2007 in the RAI Convention Centre in Amsterdam.

The main theme of the congress is "Challenging the future", a theme that reflects the aim of the congress, which takes up challenging topics with regard to solid waste management. This theme covers the most crucial issues for the coming decades: City Management and Global Climate Control. "Challenging the future" with its main topics will be developed by more than 150 poster presenters and more than 100 national and international speakers in both plenary and parallel sessions.

Visit the congress website: www.iswa2007.org and find more 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 not that registration before 1 June 2007 is at a discounted rate.



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