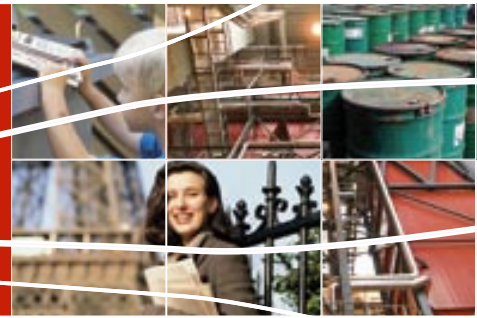


# Newsletter from the President



International Solid Waste Association



## NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT NO. 12 - OCTOBER 2007

### AMSTERDAM CONGRESS (whew!)

From my view, a good time was had by all in the City of Amsterdam. Thanks to our host NVRD (National Member of The Netherlands) and our various committees working to ensure events ran smoothly, more than 700 attendees and participants (including some 100 speakers/presenters) enjoyed the various thought-provoking, technical, and social portions of the 2007 ISWA Congress. If you were not able to be there, well, it is impossible to describe what you missed! [How does one describe a beach party with dancing Dutch ladies holding plates of cheese? Or a Gala Dinner with walking butterflies some 4 meters high?]

Beyond the many events and activities, we took up the business of the Association at our General Assembly. While the minutes will be forthcoming, allow me to share some of the highlights with you.

### New ISWA Board

Through the recent elections and appointments, we welcomed new and returning Board members. The new Board is as follows:

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>President:</b>      | Niels Jørn Hahn, Denmark    |
| <b>Vice President:</b> | Atilio Savino, Argentina    |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>      | Morten Sandbakken, Norway   |
| <b>STC Chair:</b>      | Jeff Cooper, United Kingdom |

### National Member Representatives:

Jean Paul Leglise, France  
David Newman, Italy

### Organisational Members Representatives:

Stephen Jenkinson, United Kingdom  
Jørgen Haukohl, Denmark

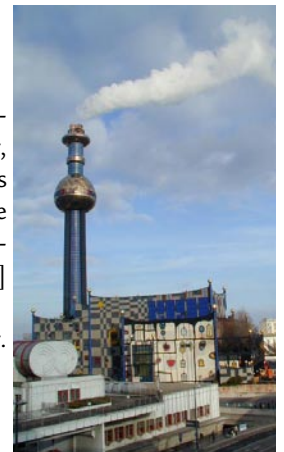
### Regional Development Representatives:

Günay Kocasouy, Turkey  
Alberto Bianchini, Brazil  
Ian Coles, Australia

### Future Location of the ISWA General Secretariat

The matter of a possible relocation of the ISWA headquarters was important to the members of the General Assembly and led to a good, lively discussion. A detailed motion was passed with the decision to negotiate an agreement with the City of Vienna (Austria). Dependent on the success of those negotiations, an Extraordinary General Assembly will be scheduled to confirm the future location.

### Approved Strategic Growth Plan, 2008-2012



Following an introductory presentation to the General Assembly by Managing Director Greg Vogt, a motion was passed to approve and implement the SGP. ISWA has now adopted five main goals as the foundation for future growth and operations:

- GOAL 1: Develop and Promote Programs, Policies, and Networking Opportunities to Advance the Mission of ISWA.
- GOAL 2: Provide Technical Expertise, Training, Professional Forums, and Information to Support Sustainable Waste Management Globally
- GOAL 3: Promote Advancements and Leadership in the Waste Management Field Through Publications, Projects, and Means of Recognition
- GOAL 4: Demonstrate Sound Management and Operations of the Association
- GOAL 5: Generate Revenue to Support the Mission and Goals of ISWA

#### Future Annual Congresses

Plans are already well underway for 2008 ISWA Annual Congress in Singapore. Some 10 winners at Amsterdam's closing session were selected by the Singapore delegation to travel to Bali as an exciting side trip to next year's event. A simple note to your diary for 3-6 November 2008 allows you to begin making plans as well.

Portugal's National Member, APESB, has also initiated planning for 2009 ISWA Annual Congress in Lisbon. With the signing of the contract at the General Assembly, you can now write down 12-15 October 2009 in your diaries.

The General Secretariat has informed me that interest in hosting future Annual Congresses appears to be strong. Exploratory discussions are being held with several National Members for future years (2010 through 2013). Meanwhile, all National Members interested in hosting a future Annual Congress will be invited to respond to a call for Expressions of Interest later this year.

#### Upcoming ISWA Beacon Conferences

We have several ISWA Beacon conferences in the planned and planning stages. Of course, you are likely already aware of the Malmo, Sweden, Beacon Conference covering Waste-to-Energy topics. The dates are 25 - 26 October 2007 and you can still register at [www.beacon-wte.org](http://www.beacon-wte.org). Moving to next year an ISWA-Beacon Conference is held in Buenos Aires, Argentina 14 - 16 May 2008 on Sanitary Land-fill and ISWA-Italia is holding "Biological Treatment of Wastes" in Perugia, Italy, 22-23 May 2008.

#### A goodbye.....

After ending her recent maternity leave, ISWA's former Communication Officer, Kristina Johansson, has chosen to take up new career challenges at Telia. Kristina has been with ISWA for many years as she actually started her career at ISWA as a trainee. As many will recall it was her happy voice greeting members on the phone when calling ISWA General Secretariat. We all wish Kristina the best of luck in the future.

#### .....and a hello again

One staff leaving - one staff joining.. I am happy to announce that Henriette Arup Veltzé has accepted to continue her services at ISWA, taking up a new position as Operations Coordinator on October 1st. Henriette is a familiar face to most members as she was hired to take over Kristina Johansson's position while she was away, and before that, Henriette was coordinator of the 2006 ISWA Congress in Copenhagen. We are delighted to welcome her on board full time.

Niels Jørn Hahn  
President of ISWA

