

# Newsletter from the President



International Solid Waste Association



## NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT NO. 11 - SEPTEMBER 2007

### AMSTERDAM: WE ARE READY!

My personal calendar seems to be gaining a bit of weight as we near the Amsterdam 2007 ISWA Annual Congress in a few weeks. Meetings, receptions, plenary and technical sessions, more meetings, facility tours, more sessions, Gala Dinner, and perhaps even a golf game are all part of the large array of activities and program elements assembled by NVRD, our National Member organization in the Netherlands. Judging from the early registrations, NVRD expects to exceed the projected participant numbers. This is good news for ISWA; NVRD deserves our early thanks for its organizational skills. This is also good news for you. Networking opportunities with your colleagues should be excellent and I look forward to you joining me at the many functions taking place. For those of you visiting Amsterdam for the first time, I guarantee you will find it an exciting and rewarding experience.

Beyond the fun and good times that take place at our Congress, we do sit down and focus on solving problems and making improvements in the waste management field. Our theme this year "Challenging the Future" is meant to be provocative in the sense that we need to recognize how, when, and where we and our ISWA membership can be better advocates for protection of human health and the environment as we conduct our day-to-day business.

### Matters of the General Assembly

National Members have received their General Assembly agenda and packages. We will be attending to several interesting matters, such as Board elections, a new 5-year Strategic Growth Plan, status on proposals to host the General Secretariat in the future, various awards and recognitions, and the opportunity for many of you to meet our new Managing Director, Greg Vogt. Please bring your good ideas and thoughts as we turn our attention to the governance of our Association.

### ISWA Work Begins With Clinton Climate Initiative

I reported to you in the last newsletter that ISWA had formed a partnership with the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI). This initiative will hit the ground running this fall with a kick-off event in late October to be held in Mumbai, India. ISWA members will be



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travelling to provide high-level technical assistance to the municipal leaders involved in waste management issues. If you have an interest in participating in other planned city efforts to take place in some 20+ countries, be looking for future notices by our General Secretariat.

### Global Recycling Debate at Early Bird Amsterdam Meeting

As I reported last month, there is a certain kind of professional who wakes up at the crack of dawn to experience lively debates the Sunday of each ISWA Annual Congress. Call us dedicated, crazy (or both!), this year's meeting – the Joint Meeting of the Working Groups – will be about “Global Recycling”. The program is mainly set up around the three presentations of the STC Chair Jeff Cooper, Mr Vincent Jugault (Secretariat of the Baselconvention) and Ms Nancy Isarin from IMPEL-TFS. The different ISWA WGs will then give their input and finally a discussion. Worth waking up for, of course. So, mark your calendars for Sunday, 24 September 2007, 0900- 1200hrs.

*Please notify your presence to Mrs Helena Bergman at [hb@iswa.dk](mailto:hb@iswa.dk)*

### And A Good-Bye...

Kim Mikkelsen, Financial Manager at the General Secretariat, has announced he is moving down the hall to work full time for DAKOFA. We will say good-bye to him at the end of the month as we wish him well on his new endeavors.

### Upcoming ISWA Beacon Conference

Our Malmö conference has been a strong conference for many years and the assembly of waste-to-energy practitioners, designers, owners/operators, and regulators will be meeting again this 25 and 26 October. Registration and program details can be found at [www.beacon-wte.org](http://www.beacon-wte.org)

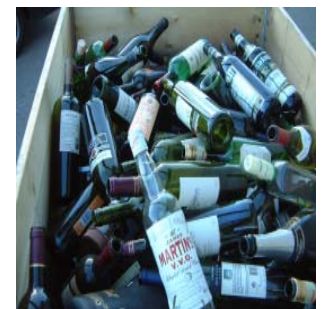
### ISWA Golf Tournament

Last reminder, 22 September 2007, Amsterdam, first thing in the morning.

Contact Henriette Veltzé if you wish to play. [hav@iswa.dk](mailto:hav@iswa.dk)

That's it for now, see you later in Amsterdam.

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