

The Hague, 4th January 2017

To: IWA Governing Members, IWA Strategic Council, Chairs of SG
Copy: IWA Board of Directors

Dear colleagues,

I think useful that I provide you regularly information about your association. It is complementary to the one given by our rich web site (<http://www.iwa-network.org>) which I recommend you to consult as much as possible. You can also connect to "IWA connect" to share with other members (<https://iwa-connect.org>) global and local information.

Besides the numerous events managed by IWA or supported by IWA, and after the very interesting congress hold in Brisbane, the association was represented in Quito in Habitat III by Corinne Trommsdorff who presented the Water Wise Principles. Ger Bergkamp, Tom Williams and I participated in the COP 22 in Marrakech, where a water day was organized for the first time. The necessity for Climate change adaptation, in particular in the water sector, has been raised high. It was considered important to be present in those events to remind stakeholders that we, as water professionals, are mobilized, bringing solutions for adaptation, resilience and SDG's.

As it was anticipated at the General Assembly, the financial results are not in line with the initial 2016 budget although the net financial results of the Brisbane Congress are better than the initial budget. This is due to lower revenues of IWA publishing and of lower membership. On recommendation of the FIC, the board decided in his phone call meeting of 1st December to have a rather conservative budget for 2017 and to discuss in January with the IWA management the precise objectives.

The board validated Buenos Aires as the hosting city for the next development congress, from 12th to 16th November 2017. It will be an opportunity to better connect IWA with South America.

The next General Assembly should be in Europe, second part of September, after the last one in Australia and anticipating the 2018 General Assembly in Japan.

We have just contracted WritereSearch, a UK head-hunter company, to help us on the recruitment for a new Executive Director. The process is an open one and the head-hunter Paul Ryder (paul.ryder@writereSearchcompany.com) is welcoming candidates from IWA network. So you can spread the information around you. The candidates will be treated with the confidentiality they wish. To select the right candidate, after a preselection by WritereSearch, we have set a dedicated sub-group of 6 board members. We expect to have signed for a new executive director, based in The Hague, for April. In case of necessity, an interim organisation will be set for.

The Strategic council will meet on 17th January in The Hague under the Chairmanship of its new Chair Daniel Nolasco (danielnolasco1@gmail.com). Replacing Gerard Payen is challenging but I am confident that the transition is well organised. Beside usual topics, SDG's action plan and the IWA strategy in developing partnerships will be discussed.

The two following days the new Board will have its first physical meeting. Beside the traditional Finance and Investment Committee, chaired by our Treasurer Marie-Pierre Whaley (e-mail: marie-pierre.whaley@nwl.co.uk), the board has set two formal subcommittees, the "Governance and Nomination Committee" chaired by Tom Mollenkopf, senior Vice President (e-mail: mollenkopf@bigpond.com), and the "Members, Engagement and Communication Committee", chaired by Silver Mugisha, vice president (e-mail: smugisha@hotmail.com). The objectives of those committees are to get more in depth into board topics sharing with the management of IWA the strategies, action plans and difficulties. You are welcome to exchange views with the chairs of those committees, giving your feedback.

I would like on behalf of the board of directors to take the opportunity to wish you a happy 2017 new year. First to you personally and then to the whole water family you deal with.

With kind regards,



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President
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