

Invitations

IWA 5th Eastern European Young Water Professionals Conference

Dear young and senior water professionals,

The conference in Kiev (Ukraine) will be the 5th event organized by IWA for young water professionals from countries of CIS and Eastern Europe. More than 500 young water professionals from more than 40 countries participated in our four previous conferences: Minsk-Belarus in 2009, Moscow-Russia in 2010, Almaty-Kazakhstan in 2011 and Saint Petersburg-Russia in 2012.

In 2013 we are going to meet again in one of the oldest cities of Eastern Europe - Kiev, Ukraine!

It is not only a beautiful historic city but also easy to get to from other CIS countries and Eastern European countries. Moreover, neither citizens of CIS countries nor citizens of European Union will need a visa (no need for a visa). For young water professionals coming from CIS countries we have reduced participation fee; additional reduction is foreseen for IWA members. Our local partner (Reisebuero Welt) will help you to arrange transportation and accommodation, this helps you easily arrange travel. The Publications will be published in the Conference Proceedings, water journals of CIS countries, the best papers will be published in the IWA journals.

Many of you who participated in the four previous IWA conferences already know that conference topics have high levels of scientific interest. Coffee-breaks and lunch-breaks are long in order to give young water professionals an opportunity to exchange ideas and build a network. The conference will include several scientific sessions, organized technical and cultural excursions.

The last day of the conference coincides with a National Holiday - Constitution Day, on 28th of June after a city excursion we will celebrate together and enjoy the city concerts and fireworks!

Use the chance to join our network of young water professionals!

Dr. Maryna Tserashchuk
Waterleau, Brussels, Belgium
Chairman, Organizing Committee
IWA Young Water Professional



Dear young and senior water professionals,

It is much to my delight to invite you to the 5th Eastern European YWP Conference in Kiev which, following its inaugural experimental edition in 2009, is gradually reaching the status of a steady part of the IWA's portfolio of yearly events. Similar to the previous four events, this year's programme committee put together an exciting collection of topics, in particular focusing on innovations to the urban water management. Over the past years, the knowledge and understanding of urban water mechanisms at the level of both sub-systems and a city as a complex organism has advanced extensively and moved away from empirically-based approaches to a fundamentally-based approach embracing various scientific and technical disciplines, often involving innovative experimental and analytical laboratory work, mathematical modelling, novel engineering designs, and new water, sewage and residuals treatment processes, technologies and techniques. Many of these approaches, methods and techniques have matured to the degree that they have been accepted as reliable tools in urban water management research and practice. For sector professionals, especially a new generation of young Eastern European scientists and engineers entering the urban water management profession, the quantity, complexity and diversity of these new developments can be very exciting. In addition, information on innovative approaches to urban water infrastructure management to most Eastern European cities is not extensively published so far and this conference seeks to address this deficiency. It aims at assembling and integrating the results of innovative work that you, young water professionals, researchers and practitioners, supported by your senior fellows, developed and applied around the Eastern Europe, but also other parts of the world.

Therefore, I take this unique opportunity to invite you to submit your finest results of the most recent work to this conference demonstrating in particular its innovativeness and relevance to the Eastern European region. Please do not forget that this conference is an excellent opportunity to meet other fellow colleagues, exchange ideas in a pleasant setting of one of the oldest cities in Europe, and create new possibilities for networking and cooperation in the future, and of course to meet wonderful people and city of Kiev, see its cultural heritage and taste its traditional cuisine.

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Prof. Damir Brdjanovic
UNESCO-IHE, Delft, The Netherlands
Chairman, Programme Committee
IWA Senior Water Professional



Dear young water professionals,

Environmental well-being is the key to prosperity for future generations, so taking care of clean water and our environment should be an integral part of modern society. Environment has neither borders nor nationalities and we must overcome difficulties, follow the path of humanity, together. Activities undertaken by the International Water Association (IWA) allow us to do this. Collecting and combining ideas from around the world, representatives of IWA direct them to solve the problems of the water sector.

IWA 5th Eastern European “Young and Senior Water Professionals” Conference this year will be held in Kiev.

Should you come here? It's your decision, but I would mention three reasons to do so:

- First, the IWA's events - it's always a great opportunity for young scientists, just starting their way to science. Here you will be able to present the results of your research and to meet young scientists from around the world, to establish useful contacts, and receive ideas and suggestions for further research from experienced professionals.

- Second, the IWA events are always known for their professionalism, organization and originality - they are not like the others. Everything from the first announcement and inviting participants through to the program of the event, are imbued with love to work. Conferences are organized by a large team of like-minded people from all around the world. Here you will meet German punctuality, English primness, and the breadth of Russian soul. Perhaps that is why they are always unique and take place at a high level.



- And third. That is what gives added flavor event, makes it special ... It is Kiev! The mighty Dnieper flows here; there are many cultural and historical monuments, and spirit ancestors hover in the air. The beauty and majesty of this bewitching city is impressive. Having visited here for just one day, you dream to return again.

Should you come here? Absolutely!

Artem Kulakov
Vologda State Technical University, Russia
IWA Young Water Professional

Dear Young Water Professional,

The 4th Conference held last year in St. Petersburg was a great experience for me and I would like to share it with everyone. The thing that I liked most during the conference session was well integrated of technical presentations and high scientific level brought up. Some session that I participated showed the up-to-date methods applied. In addition, the YWPs Conferences provide the opportunity to be part of a forum for Young researchers and Professionals working in the water industry and profit from their work experiences.

This year, the 5th Eastern European Young and Senior Water Professional Conference will be held in Kiev, will cover a broad spectrum of topics emphasizing the importance of environmental issues in general and particularly water sector from different countries of the EE Region. Albania, as the other countries in the region, is facing the challenges of harmonising legislation and practices with EU regulations, such as the EU Water Framework Directive. The aim IWAs YWP Conference is to facilitate the exchange of information and to provide base evidence in order to develop and exchange solutions to improve vital problems in the field of water utilization, wastewater treatment, water policies etc. By establishing an early network for the exchange of this information and experiences between YWPs, the Conference will ensure considerable benefits to set the objectives for water protection for the future.

Being a Chair of the YWPs Programme in Albania, I would like to encourage all the YWP as the future of the water sector participating in the conference which will be held in Kiev in order to collaborate, exchange understandings and establish new contacts. Furthermore, you will have the chance to visit some of attractive, historical and cultural important sites of Kiev, one of the oldest cities in Eastern Europe.

I am looking forward to meeting you all there!!!

Arlinda Ibrahimllari
Water Supply and Sewerage Enterprise of Korca, Albania
IWA Young Water Professional



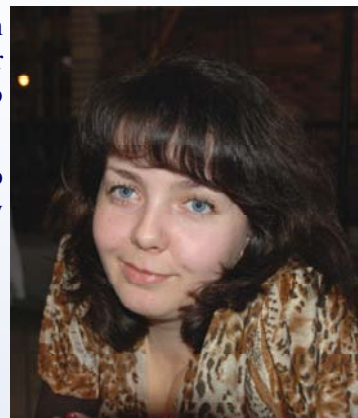
Dear Colleagues, IWA Eastern European Young Water Professionals Conference has gained a well-deserved reputation of extremely lively meeting place for young and senior professionals working in water and waste water research. Last conference in St Petersburg was attended by participants from over 40 countries and was a great place for international networking and sharing experience and ideas between all generations of water professionals.

IWA Eastern European YWP Conference will give a unique opportunity for young water researchers to publish their results in peer-reviewed and high-rated journals of IWA and journals of water sector in CIS countries. Regarding this, Organizing committees encourage participants to submit their conference papers in English.

The 5th Conference will be held in Kyiv - one of the most ancient cities in Eastern Europe, situated on the beautiful banks of the Dnieper river, the second largest river in Europe. The city has a lot of beauty to show, hospitality to enjoy and experience to share.

On behalf of Conference Organizing Committee, I would like to heartily invite you to attend the 5th Eastern European Young Water Professionals Conference. Do not stay aside, come and share your ideas and benefit from experience of your colleagues!

Dr. Polina Vakuliuk
National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy", Ukraine
IWA Young Water Professional



I participated in couple of IWA YWP conferences and I have marvellous memories and experience. At 4th Eastern European IWA YWP conference in St. Petersburg I met a lot of smart, young and hardworking professionals. I had an opportunity to see what are they working on, how they make investigations and research, how they solve current problems in water sector and the most important thing is that we could exchange our opinions and experience. Additionally, it was a great opportunity to meet leading senior scientists and researchers. There are multiple benefits of taking part in such event: meeting people, travelling, expanding knowledge, presenting your research and work, exchange of opinions, expanding your personal professional network, etc.



Nature does not recognize borders, neither does water. It happens that the origin and consequences of nature and water pollution are in different countries. Also in some countries a research concerning a particular problem is on a higher level than in other countries or regions. Institute "Jaroslav Cerni", where I work, participated and still participate in few international projects that deal with climate change consequences, environmental impacts, water quality and water supply, etc. There I learned how international cooperation can be important and that different experiences and opinions may open new horizons and facilitate solving problems. Accordingly, collaboration between East European countries and teamwork between scientists and professionals is essential: to efficiently recognize and solve environmental and water problems.

See you in Kiev!

Zeljka Rudic
Institute for the Development of Water Resources "Jaroslav Cerni", Serbia
IWA Young Water Professional

I would like to strongly encourage you to attend the Young Water Professional Conference organized by International Water Association in June 2013, in the charming city of Kiev. Following the success of fourth previous editions of Eastern European conferences based upon great contribution of young and senior water professionals, the fifth meeting aims to continue this international forum on water science and related areas.

Nowadays, new challenges in water sector require new solutions whereas reviewing the old problems in a new perspective with a fresh and innovative approach is a necessity. Therefore exchanging views and sharing experiences with water engineering specialists as well as discussing the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted is a very important issue in the professional development of young scientists.

I think that this YWP conference is a great opportunity for career building, since it gives you an excellent occasion to present ongoing research activities, discuss recent ideas with other peers, scientists, engineers and expand your own professional network. I'm convinced that the participation in the event will benefit you all by gaining new knowledge and inspiration for further work.

I look forward to seeing you in Kiev!

Dr. Małgorzata Szlachta
Wrocław University of Technology, Poland
IWA Young Water Professional



Dear young water professionals,

I am really happy to invite you to the next conference specially organized by IWA for Young Water Professionals from Eastern European and CIS countries. The next conference will take place in Kiev. I think this is very good place for a conference like this, as this is still in Eastern Europe, but easily accessible for Western European YWPs as well, so the platform is open to all YWPs from that region too.

I really encourage all of you to take part at the conference – I specially already attended the last one in Saint Petersburg and the one before, in Almaty. My experience was, that these conferences provide a really good platform for YWPs for networking, to meet other young researchers, engineers from other countries, and on the other hand to meet experienced, senior professionals – it is a really good opportunity to have short brainstormings, discuss new ideas, to develop further cooperations with researchers, professionals from other areas. In my opinion, and I'm sure I'm not alone with this, most of the environmental problems can be solved only in a way when we are working together, try to find out the best solutions in an international team, with taking into consideration all aspects coming from different points of view – this conference can help building the networks and relationships for further cooperation.

Additional to the above mentioned positive aspects, this conference can serve as a good place for researchers from all water sectors and to build/move their carrier into the international area.

So, just to make it short, I truly believe that these conferences organized specially for YWPs have a high impact on our future life, so I hope to meet you in Kiev!

Nikolett Szilagyi
Organicawater, Hungary
IWA Young Water Professional



Dear friends,

Today, it is impossible to succeed in your professional life without constant sharing of knowledge between your colleagues. Doing so between experienced and young professionals from different countries is a truly excellent opportunity to raise your level of expertise. These two statements are fully applicable for water professionals to overcome water related issues in Eastern Europe and former Soviet Union.



The experience of past conferences that took place in Minsk, Moscow, Almaty, and in St. Petersburg revealed that it already has become a significant event in international life. I am sure the IWA 5th Eastern European Young and Senior Water Professionals Conference that will be held in a historic and beautiful city of Kiev, Ukraine on June 26 -28, 2013 will also be held in a constructive and businesslike atmosphere that will lead to important decisions made aimed at preserving priceless wealth of the planet - water.

Damir Yegizbayev
Director General, Kazakhstan Housing and Utilities Science and Technology Center, Kazakhstan
IWA Young Water Professional

It is my great pleasure to invite you to the 5th IWA Eastern European Young Water Professionals Conference!

The global water industry faces many challenges such as climate change, attaining ever more stringent wastewater discharge limits and the provision of adequate sanitation and safe drinking water. The YWP conference will focus on one of the most crucial issues in the contemporary water management – new technologies in the water sector. This topic is essential for many countries and regions of the CIS and Eastern Europe.

This conference will follow the tradition of a series of successful international YWP conferences. With so many regional and national events, the YWP program has providing proof that young professionals can and do play a critically important role in the international world of water. The conference will provide an international forum for you as a young researcher or professional working in water and wastewater research, technology and management to present your work and meet your peers from all over the world. Adequate time will be provided for delegates for discussions and to develop networking connections. Personal relationships like this, made early in your career are of lasting and increasing importance.

Furthermore you will have the opportunity to discover the beautiful city of Kiev and the surrounding area.

Looking forward to meeting you in Kiev!

Dr. Silvana Velten
Hamburg, Germany
IWA Young Water Professional

