



Launch of the ISWA Regional Young Professionals Group in Turkey

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PROGRAMME

About ISWA and YPG

ISWA – the International Solid Waste Association – is a global, independent and non-profit making association, working in the public interest and is the only worldwide association promoting sustainable, comprehensive and professional waste management. ISWA is open to individuals and organisations from the scientific community, public institutions and public and private companies from all over the world working in the field or interested in waste management. ISWA is the only worldwide waste association, with a platform to network with professionals, companies and institutional representatives.

The ISWA Young Professionals Group (YPG) was established in 2013 with the aim to build a network of young professionals working in waste management around the world and it facilitates networking, knowledge exchange, mutual learning and career growth. Over the past 5 years, the ISWA YPG is also becoming an international think-tank for overcoming local challenges in waste management. Since 2015, the ISWA YPG has started to develop regional YP groups such as in Germany, Brazil, and India. The purpose of these regional/local ISWA Young Professionals Groups is to support local YPs in similar matters of the international group but with a focus on the regional issues and particularly on awareness-raising of these issues to non-WM related audiences. More information about the ISWA YPG can be found [here](#).

Objectives

The aim of the session is first to provide an introduction to ISWA, encouraging involvement in its global network and activities, and then introduce the ISWA Young Professionals Group (YPG) followed by the launch of the ISWA YPG Regional Network in Turkey. The YPG session is intended to also introduce the YPG flagship project for 2019 “Closing Dumpsites – We Care” and furthermore facilitate career development in waste management through its mentorship and career development program. The aim of the ISWA YPG Regional Network in Turkey would be to provide young professionals and entrepreneurs the opportunity to meet with business leaders/practitioners in the waste management industry and provide them with unparalleled networking opportunities and a platform to discuss upcoming themes in the waste management sector as a whole.

Format

The session will begin with an introduction of ISWA and the YPG, to the audience, providing an update on its ongoing initiatives and activities. The introduction will be followed by an open discussion with the attending participants on how they would like the group to be structured. The discussions will also lead to drafting an initial list of activities for the regional group during the first year.

MEETING AGENDA

Time	ISWA YPG Turkey Regional Group Launch	
14:30 – 14:35	Welcome to IFAT Eurasia 2019	Christian Rocke <i>Exhibition Group Director IFAT, MESSE MÜNCHEN GMBH</i>
14:35 – 14:50	Introductory remarks by ISWA National Member in Turkey	Prof. Dr. Günay Kocasoy <i>ISWA Honorary Member, President, Turkish National Committee on Solid Waste, Boğaziçi University</i>
14:50 – 15:10	What is the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA)? What does ISWA do? How can you join the leading international solid waste network?	Aditi Ramola <i>Technical Director, ISWA ISWA YPG Co-Chair 2019</i> Jennifer MacDonald <i>Technical Project Manager, ISWA</i>
15:10 – 15:30	What is the ISWA YPG? What are its activities? What is a YPG Regional Network? How can you get involved?	Dr. Andrea Winterstetter <i>Lead Local and Regional YP Networks and ISWA YPG Chair 2018</i>
15:30 – 15:40	ISWA YPG Regional Group in Turkey Launch	Representative from the YPG Regional Group in Turkey
15:40 – 16:15	Discussions with the audience and drafting of an Activity Plan for 2019	
16:15 – 16:30	Wrap up and closing remarks	

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