

## Progress Report of the Task Force Science

In ISWA's bid to recognize the importance of and strengthen academic participation in ISWA, a Task Force (TF) on Science was created by the ISWA Board in autumn 2010.

ISWA already connects with the scientific community through its journal of Waste Management & Research which belongs to the oldest and most renowned international journals (existing since 1983) on waste management. ISWA also recognises that there are famous and well placed academics that are already working with ISWA, providing substantial scientific value and support to ISWA's activities.

The Task Force will work on an action plan that will allow ISWA to further utilize its strengths and opportunities within the scientific community.

TF Members are:

Johann Fellner, Technical University of Vienna (Chair)

Jens Aage Hansen, WM&R Editor-in-Chief

Dimitris Dermatas, National Technical University of Athens

Dr. P. Agamuthu, University of Malaysia

Goran Vujic, University of Novi Sad

Antonis Mavropoulos, STC Chair

### Objectives:

- to create a new and more attractive framework for academics participation to ISWA
- to exploit further the academic resources already involved to ISWA, and
- to create better conditions for the required innovative symbiosis between market and science developments

### Deliverables:

Activity	Status
To prepare a detailed action plan	Action plan has been drafted and comments have been received by STC and Board
To prepare ToR for the Chief Editor of WM&R	Has been drafted
To prepare standard procedures for getting ISSN numbers to all annual conferences and support ISWA to obtain for 2012 conference in cooperation with the Italian Organizers	In progress
To prepare draft terms and conditions for ISWA's cooperation with academic institutes regarding IWM procedures and	In progress

summer schools	
To prepare draft terms and conditions for ISWA research activities and scholarships	In progress
To organize a reviewers or hearing group to gain feedback on Action Plan	Feedback has been obtained from Publisher on action 1 ToR for EIC and action 2 WM&R and its links with ISWA. Otherwise the option of establishing a review group has been put on hold.

## Results:

Two meetings in connection with the TF have been held, the first on the 16 December 2010, the second on the 23 May 2011. Both meetings were held in Vienna. The outcome of the meetings is an elaborated draft Action Plan based on the conceptual plan devised by the STC Chair in October 2010. The TF has allocated responsible persons to the 5 actions outlined in the Action Plan, on which they are currently respectively working.

## Budget Issues:

A budget was provided to cover the travel costs of TF members to attend the first meeting in December 2010. The second meeting was cost free to ISWA as it was held in connection to the Waste Prevention Conference in Vienna.

A Budget has not been allocated to follow through on the detailed action plan being developed by the TF.

## Next Steps

The TF will hold an online conference meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> September (preceding the STC and Board Meetings 7-9 September). Following the meeting the TF will present the majority of the deliverables identified above for approval by the STC and Board.

It is planned that the activities of the TF- Science will be completed in 2011.