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B-IWA WAVES

A WORD OF MOTIVATION FROM PROF. ILSE SMETS - B-IWA PRESIDENT

Dear B-IWA member,

Most of us want to just forget 2020. What a year it was ... and we are not there yet ... but let's keep positive and let's keep strong! Given that staying connected is so important in this current 'world-at-a-distance', our B-IWA PR managers took the initiative to summarize all the water highlights of the last months in this very first B-IWA Waves... "Waves" because we waive back at some past events, "Waves" because we want to showcase the dynamics of our organization. "Waves" to welcome the future ... We aim at two issues a year to keep you updated. Do not hesitate to contact us if you want to share some interesting "waves" with us!

Stay safe, stay healthy and stay happy!

BIDDING ADIEU TO DR. CHRISTIAN LEGROS

With a heavy heart, we bid farewell to the 'Father of B-IWA' Dr. Christian Legros, at the Academia meets Industry event in December 2020.

He was presented with the Career Achievement award for his invaluable contribution to the Belgian water sector.

Click here to get a sneak peek into his career highlights and some of his thoughts on B-IWA.

"HELDER" PODCAST BY DR. MARJOLEIN VANOPPEN

Are you concerned about your drinking water source, production and its health effects?

7 episodes of 20-min each providing answers to all your drinking water woes!

Do listen to it, if you still haven't!

Click on the link to find out the inspiration behind "HELDER", a podcast co-sponsored by B-IWA.

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KUDOS TO DR. MICHEL CALUWÉ!

Dr. Michel Caluwé has been appointed as the new "Events and Communications Manager" of the IWA YWP steering committee!

Here's what he has to say on his new role.

SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN B-IWA AND WATERCIRCLE.BE

Matthias Mertens and Valérie Verjans, from watercircle.be in collaboration with B-IWA, hosted the first ever online Academia Meets Industry event. The successful event was attended by members of the industry (water and non-water related), as well as researchers from academia.

A 'speed dating' session, where all students looking to transition into an industrial role, interacted with interested industrial partners.

Have a look at the experiences shared by them in coordinating this event here.

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Renew your B-IWA/IWA membership for 2021
Need more details? Click here

PROF. LUIS DOMINGUEZ

DR. MARIE ANNE EURIE FORIO

Best Research Development Collaboration Award

"VLIR-IUC Biodiversity Network Ecuador project"

DR. LONG TUAN HO

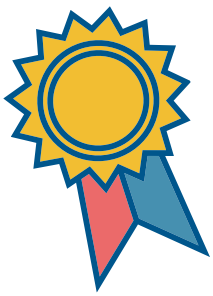
Best Research Award

"An integrated mechanistic modeling of a facultative pond: Parameter estimation and uncertainty analysis"

FIEN WAEGENAAR

Best Thesis Award

"Biostable water, a sustainable solution for the drinking water sector to prevent invasion of pathogens during distribution?"



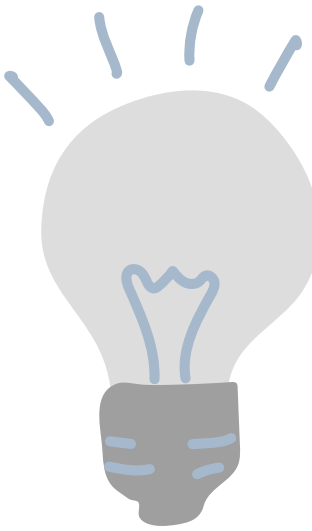
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!

MORE INFORMATION FROM ACADEMIA MEETS INDUSTRY

1. Are you as an industry looking to collaborate with a research organisation? Click here for more details!

2. Our "idea wall" is back for you to put up your water innovation challenges, as well as set up "co-working" projects. Check it out!

3. If you want to advertise internship positions for bachelor and master students, don't hesitate to post your vacancies here.



THE 7TH YWP CONFERENCE IS IN THE NETHERLANDS!
INTERESTED TO BE A VOLUNTEER?
THEN, JUST SEND US AN EMAIL TO HOP ON BOARD!

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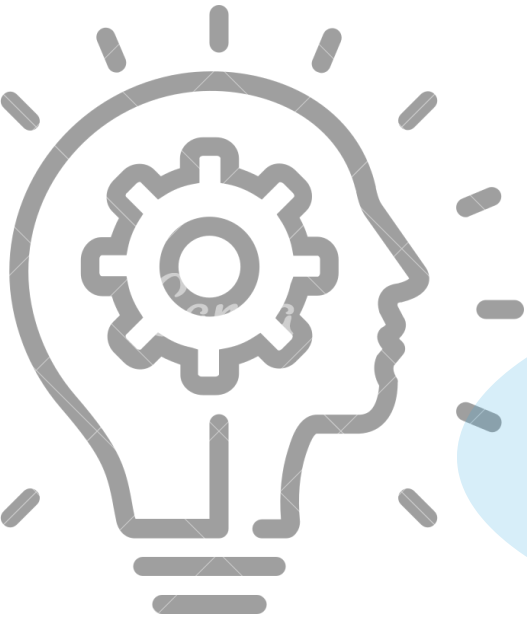

WANT TO SHARE YOUR STORIES AT B-IWA WAVES?
WE ARE JUST ONE E-MAIL AWAY!