

CONCLUSIONS

BALKANS REGIONAL YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE

Belgrade, Serbia 29-30 April 2010

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Conference was organized within the framework of the IWA Young Water Professional programme. To fulfill the present and future needs of the water sector, continuous development of a workforce which is adequate in size, capable in skills and strong in leadership is required. The IWA Young Water Professionals programme engages water sector students and professionals under the age of 35, to become the leaders of the future.

Balkans Regional Young Water Professionals Conference was organized by the Institute for the Development of Water Resources “Jaroslav Cerni” and PUC Belgrade Waterworks and Sewerage, under the auspice of the Serbian Government (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management/Directorate for Water and Ministry of Science and Technological Development), Chamber of Commerce of Serbia, Public Water Management Company Srbijavode, Commercial Society “Hydro Power Plants Djerdap”.

The main aim of the conference is to create a wide and efficient international network of young water professionals, particularly from the Balkan region, because the efficient development of water sector is impossible without young water professionals.

OPENING CEREMONY

During the Opening ceremony the Conference was addresses by following:

- Prof. Dr. Nada Dragovic, on behalf of Ministry of Science and Technological Development of Republic of Serbia
- Prof. Dr. Milan Dimkic, General Manager of the Institute for the Development of Water Resources “Jaroslav Cerni” and chair of the Programme and Scientific Committee
- Prof. Dr. Marko Ivetic, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Department of Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering, chairman
- Mr Vladimir Tausanovic, president of IAWD and member of the Organizing Committee
- Ms Katerina Ruzicka, Chair of IWA Young Water Professionals Committee
- Prof. Dr. Gerasimos Lyberatos, Member of the Programme and Scientific Committee
- Mrs Tatijana Ercegovic-Petric, Member of the Organizing Committee, Chamber of Commerce of Serbia

WORKING SESSION

The Conference continued in working sessions, in accordance with the Programme. Each session was chaired by an expert of the respective subject. The 20-minute presentations of papers were followed by discussions. Altogether 60 participants from 9 countries took part in the Conference.

The total number of papers presented orally or by posters was 39, by participants from 7 countries (see Table 1).

Table 1: Distribution of papers per country

No.	Country	Number of papers
1	Albania	1 poster
2	Bulgaria	3 orally
3	Greece	1 orally
4	Hungary	3 orally, 1 poster
5	FYR Macedonia	1 orally
6	Romania	2 orally
7	Serbia	15 orally , 12 poster

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

During the registration, the participants of the Conference obtained the Proceedings with printed papers. The Proceedings were edited by Prof. Dr. Milan Dimkic, whereas the technical implementation is due to Mr. Ivan Milojkovic.

TECHNICAL TOUR

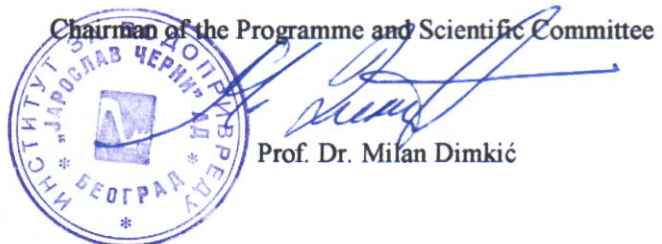
Technical tour was held on 1 May 2010. The programme of the technical tour included a visit to the Water Treatment Plant "Makis" in Belgrade as well as command-control centre of the Wastewater Pumping Station "Mostar" also in Belgrade.

MAIN CONCLUSIONS

The Programme and Scientific Committee has concluded the following:

1. Balkan Regional Young Water Professionals Conference sponsored by IWA was held in Belgrade from 29 April to 1 May 2010.
2. The Conference was held under the under the auspice of the Serbian Government (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management/Directorate for Water and Ministry of Science and Technological Development), IWA YWP Programme, Chamber of Commerce of Serbia, Public Water Management Company Srbijavode, Commercial Society "Hydro Power Plants Djerdap" , Bentley System. The Institute for the Development of Water Resources "Jaroslav Cerni" and the PUC Belgrade Waterworks and Sewerage played a leading role in the planning and organization of the Conference.
3. The Conference was very successful. More than 60 participants took part: approximately 25 were from Serbia, while the remainder came from some 9 other countries of Balkan region, 17 from Albania, 10 from Montenegro, 3 from Bulgaria, 3 from Romania, 1 from FYR Macedonia, 4 from Hungary, 2 from Greece and 2 IWA representatives, 1 from Austria and 1 from Switzerland.
4. The papers are printed in the Proceedings and distributed to Conference delegates. Electronic version of the Proceedings will be available on Conference home page after Conference
5. International Young Water Professional Conference is being held every two years since 2002. The next one will be held in Sydney, Australia from 5-7 July 2010.
6. IWA Specialist Groundwater Conference will be held in Belgrade, Serbia from 8-10 September 2011. The main issues to be addressed will be the preparation and implementation of groundwater component of water management plans for large river basins, the importance of the aerobic state of groundwater, and of the processes which are driven by the level of aerobicity, climate change and its impact on groundwater, management of urban groundwater basins: mitigation of water quality impacts from anthropogenic threats.
7. President of the Commission to declare the best platform presentation at BALKANS REGIONAL YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE held on 29-30 of April 2010 in Belgrade. Prof. Dr. Milan Dimkić informs that the best platform presentation is: **DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE TESTING OF A NON-MERCURY ULTRAVIOLET DISINFECTION REACTOR**, Zorana Naunovic * , Soojung Lim ** and Ernest R. Blatchley III ** , * University of Belgrade, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Department of Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering, Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra 73, Belgrade, Serbia (E-mail:znaunovic@hikom.grf.bg.ac.rs), ** Purdue University, School of Civil Engineering, 550 Stadium Mall Drive, West Lafayette, IN,USA. A platform presentation winner is entitled to present in Sydney.

Chairman of the Programme and Scientific Committee



Prof. Dr. Milan Dimkić

Belgrade, Serbia, May 1, 2010