1.4   OF HIMISATION OF WATER DISTRIBUTION NET WORKS	Sinha, IIT ign i, nt in e Aveiro,	Thursday 10:30-12:00 Optimisation  11:10-11:30  11:30-11:50
2.1.4-1   AEROBIC GRANULAR SLUDGE  Chairs: Hallvard Ødegaard, Norway and Thiago Bressani Ribeiro, Brazil  Could the treatment capacity of a continuous wastewater treatment plant be in with aerobic granular sludge? Laurence Strubbe, Ugent, Belgium  Assessing densification performance potential in continuous flow bioreactors—to predict new hydraulic capacities for WWTPs, Densification Index (DI) and SVITAlam, SUEZ WTS, Canada  Diffusion and enzymatic conversion of polymeric substrate in aerobic granular simerie de Kreuk, TU Delft, Netherlands  Results of the first AGS application in the nordic countries, Mark de Blois, H2OLG Sweden	- how ? Zamir ludge,	Thursday 10:30-12:00 Aerobic granular sludge  10:50-11:10
Chairs: Markus Starkl, Austria and Carmen Snowdon, United Kingdom  The SADC revised protocol: a tool for an integrated climate action in southern a Thomani Manungufala, Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, South Africa, South Africa, South Africa, Indianaese experience in modernization over the past century, Mikio Ishiwatari, University of Tokyo, Japan  Managing stormwater in South African neighbourhoods: when engineers and so need social science skills to get their jobs done, Craig Tanyanyiwa, Future Water South Africa  Exporting Danish groundwater management to South Africa, Philip Grinder Ped Danish Environmental Protection Agency, Denmark  ——POSTERS——  Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from WWTPs, Anna Katrine, Vangsgaa EnviDan, Denmark  Development of water resources potential map for proper selection of water facilities considering regional characteristics in Bangladesh, Kazuyuki Suenag System Science, Japan	es: The scientists er UCT, dersen, rd, er supply	Thursday 10:30-12:00 Integrated assessment

#### 2.4.1 | DEDICATED TREATMENT

Room B5 a Technical Thursday 10:30-12:00 Dedicated treatment

Chairs: Tom Williams, United Kingdom and Pritha Chatterjee, India

METlands: performance of a new intensified nature-based wastewater treatment system, Carlos A. Ramirez-Vargas, Aarhus University, Denmark

Factors affecting effluent quality in on-site wastewater treatment systems in cold climate regions, Juho Kinnunen, University of Oulu, Finland

Removal of perfluoroalkyl substances (PFass) in industrial runoff water, Eilen Arctander Vik, Aquateam COWI, Norway

Scaling-up the production of volatile fatty acid from dairy wastewater, Celia María Castro Barros, CETAQUA (Water Technology Center), Spain

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Pilot-scale recovery of nickel and cobalt from mine drainage water, Malgorzata Szlachta, Geological Survey of Finland, Finland

Preliminary results of an on-site pilot-scale experiment to improve tertiary agri-food effluent using customized floating treatment wetlands, Rita Abi Hannal, MT Atlantique, France

#### 1.5 | WATER IN CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND RESILIENCE: AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRANSFORM URBAN WATER SERVICES

Room B3 g **Workshop**  Thursday 10:30-12:00 Circular economy

Chairs: Anna Delgado, United States

The purpose of the workshop is to present the World Bank's Water in Circular Economy and Resilience (WICER) Framework, which aims to establish a common understanding of circular economy and resilience in the urban water sector and to showcase global experiences of different cities in different contexts applying circular economy and resilience principles. The presenters will discuss how to operationalize and mainstream these concepts in urban water, reflecting on their experiences and identifying challenges and opportunities. The purpose of the workshop is also to engage the audience and promote a collaborative discussion to identify challenges and opportunities in the sector and to foster the application of circular solutions in the water sector. The power points and a summary of the workshop will be available on the World Bank's WICER website: www.worldbank.org/wicer.

Speakers: Anna Delgado, World Bank (US), Daniel Nolasco, NOLASCO & Asoc. S.A. (AG), Jose Luis Valverde, Sociedad Minera Cerro Verde S.A.A. (PR), Frodo van Oostveen, World Waternet (NL) & Marta Colet Gonzalo, Aguas Andinas (CL)

# 6.13 | HOW TO OPERATIONALISE INTEGRATED URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT — A FIVE-STEP GUIDE

Room B3 e Workshop

Chairs: Katharine Cross, Australia and Michael Wilson, Australia

The workshop will be presented through the lens of a "water sensitive city" to draw on a decade's worth of research in this area, as well as a five-step framework to address the urgent urban water challenges.

Speakers: Katharine Cross, Australian Water Partnership (AU) & Michael Wilson, eWater (AU) & Tony Wong, Monash University (AU)

Thursday 10:30-12:00 Integrated urban water management

# REGULATORS FORUM IV — CLOSING PLENARY: REGULATING WATER SERVICES IN TIMES OF INCREASING NATURAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY

Room A3 Forum Thursday 10:30-12:00 Regulators

Chair: Carlos Diaz, Peru

The 7th International Water Regulators Forum offers a platform for water sector regulators from all over the world to exchange experiences, transfer skills and build new partnerships. It gathers high-level representatives of regulatory authorities and officials of agencies with regulatory and supervisory functions over the provision of water, sanitation, and drainage services, as well as their peers from public health and environmental regulators. The discussions will focus on how regulatory functions are being supplied in times of increasing natural, social, and economic uncertainty. During the Forum, discussions are structured around highly interactive sessions that combine short inspirational presentations and roundtable discussions led by the speakers.

Open for all participants

#### Room B5 b Workshop

Thursday 10:30-12:00 Conflict resolution

# 6.16 | HOLISTIC APPROACHES TO SOLVING CONFLICTS ABOUT WATER

Chairs: Ulrike Gayh, Germany and Andrea Gerber, Germany

The objective is to develop innovative and sustainable project ideas to solve the most common conflicts related to water issues while considering the economic, social, and environmental aspects.

Speakers: **Ulrike Gayh**, SRH University Heidelberg (DE), **Andreas Gerber**, SRH University Heidelberg (DE) & **Belen Zevallos**, SRH University Heidelberg (DE)

#### 3.4 | LEADING EDGE SAND FILTRATION

Room B4 a Workshop Thursday 10:30-12:00 Sand filtration

Chairs: Doris van Halem, Netherlands and Luis Guiliermo Romero Esquivel, Costa Rica

The objective of the workshop is to identify key opportunities for lifting the design of traditional technologies into the 21st century based on best practises as well as the state-of-the-art in science. Therefore, in this interactive workshop we want to bring together cross-continental practical knowledge and academic insights to formulate the future challenges of sand filters.

Speakers: Doris van Halem, Delft University of Technology (NL) & Luis Guiliermo Romero Esquivel, Technológica de Costa Rica (CR), Tanvir Ahmed, BUET (BD), Frank Schoonenberg Kegel, Vitens (NL), Brent Pieterse, Dunea (NL) & Inês Breda, Silhorko-Eurowater A/S (DK)

#### 5.5 | REACHING OUT FOR THE WATER WISE GENERATION

Room B4 b Workshop Thursday 10:30-12:00 Schools

Chairs: Stig Dalum, Denmark and Anna Kristiansson, Sweden

While we are focusing on how to share knowledge and to communicate with professionals in the water sector, this workshop will focus on how we can engage the youth to share commitment and enthusiasm to contribute to sustainable development in the water sector.

This workshop will draw on experienced school services in utilities in Denmark and Sweden to share our experiences in creating learning environments in close cooperation between utilities and public schools.

Speakers: Anna Kristiansson, VA SYD and Sweden Water Rechearch (SE), Stig Graeser Dalum, BIOFOS (DK), Emillia Dall'Osso, Kretsum/VA SYD, (SE), Mette Lynge Nielsen, School Coordinator BIOFOS (DE) & Carin Hernqvist, Kretsum/VA SYD, (SE)

# 1.3 | ADVANCING COASTAL RESILIENCY FOR IMPERILED BARRIER ISLAND SYSTEMS

Room B4 c **Workshop**  Thursday 10:30-12:00 Barrier islands

Chairs: Linda Åmand, Sweden and Hamred Chungani, Kenya

The intent of the Resilient Long Beach Island Project, one of four pilot regions within the Mid-Atlantic U.S., was to solidify a shared vision for a resilient barrier island. The project addresses the complexities of striking the delicate balance between protecting coastal communities and enhancing ecosystem services. Technological advancements were made during the course of this dynamic project to best translate complex analyses into user-friendly information to allow stakeholders to make informed decisions. Two specific methods we wish to highlight include the development of an integrated flood model ("Cloudburst"), storm surge and sea level rise, and the preparation of intricate scenario planning typologies illustrating nature-based solutions and community transformation. The project generated several innovative ideas regarding how best to serve a highly vulnerable community as they face present and future climate change related impacts.

Speakers: Christian Nyerup Nielsen, Ramboll (DK) & Sophia Ertel, Ramboll Americas (US)

### 1.3 | COLLABORATION OF WATER UTILITIES AND AUTHORITIES IN CRISIS

Room B3 a **Workshop**  Thursday 10:30-12:00 Collaboration in crisis

Chairs: Riku Vahala, Finland

Even in the highly developed Nordic countries with high-level water services, severe failures have challenged the safety of the drinking water services and crisis management processes. Climate change accelerates existing challenges and increases the frequency of disturbances in water production and distribution as well as in wastewater and storm water management. Typical consequences of climate change include flooding, storms, heavy rains, and droughts may lead to uncontrolled discharges of sewage and water contamination, but they also include power and data communication failures.

In this workshop, the causes of crisis and outbreak situations as well as the consequences for the reliability of the water services will be analysed and summarised by using four different case examples from the Nordic countries.

Short descriptions of new smart tools for risk and crisis management, as well as crisis management processes between authorities, water utilities, and customers, will be presented in a panel discussion by the four countries.

Speakers: Riku Vahala, Aalto University (FI), Ilkka Miettinen, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (FI), Susanne, Hyllestad, National Health Institute of Norway (NO), Birger, Wallsten, The Swedish Water and Wastewater Association (SE), Dorte, Skraem, Danish Water and Wastewater Association (DK), Heli Härkki, HSY (FI), Riina Liikanen, Vesilaitosyhdistys (FI) & Kjetil Furuberg, Norsk vann BA (NO)

### 4.4.12 | TRANSITIONING TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE AND WATER WISE CITIES

Room B3 b
Technical

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Thursday 10:30-12:00 Water wise cities

Chairs: Ioannis Alexiou, United Kingdom and Martijn Kuller, Canada

Long-term performance and geochemical transformations in biochar-amended sand stormwater filtration systems, Maria Dubovik, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Finland

Grenoble-Alpes Meetropole: a roadmap to a water-wise city, Corinne Trommsdorff, Water Cities, France

Carbon footprint of drinking water when waterworks transition from traditional to modern waterworks, Berit Godskesen, Fors AJS, Denmark

Evaluating the water treatment functionality of a retrofitted stormwater detention pond in the Cape Flats, Cape Town, South Africa, Rachelle Schneuwley, *University of Cape Town, South Africa* 

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How GIS supports digital transformation & sustainable management, Christa Campbell, Esri - CA Redlands, United States

SaNiTi — New innovative sanitation game changing strategy to meet water security and SDG goals, Jay Bhagwan, Water Research Commission, South Africa

Thursday 10:30-12:00 Microplastics

#### 2.4 | MICROPLASTICS IN WASTEWATER AND BIOSOLIDS

Chairs: Stefan Kools, Netherlands and Banu Ormeci, Canada

In this session we will gather a global overview of the state-of-technology in sampling and analysis for the aquatic environment, with a perspective from both drinking water and waste water treatment.

Speakers: Stefan Kools, KWR Water Research Institute (NL), Jan Hofman, Bath University (UK), Banu Ormeci, Carleton (CA) & Danence Lee, PUB (SG)

## 6.12 | UNFC SYSTEM FOR GROUNDWATER-RESOURCE PROJECTS

Room B3 d Workshop Thursday 10:30-12:00 Groundwater

Chairs: Kevin Parks, Canada and Klaus Hinsby, Denmark

The purpose of this session is to evaluate the application of the Draft UNFC Specifications for Groundwater through a representative use case based on the GeoERA groundwater projects.

Speakers: Kevin Parks, Deep Time Ltd. (CA), Klaus Hinsby, GEUS (DK), Peter van der Keur, GEUS (DK) & Marco Petitta, Sapienza Univ. of Rome (IT)

# 6.19 | GOVERNANCE AND TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN PUBLIC WATER SERVICES

Room B3 f **Workshop**  Thursday 10:30-12:00

Circular economy

Chairs: Jordi Morató, Spain and Nicola Tollin, Denmark

The workshop will analyse and compare various cases of small and medium-sized water utilities that have worked on their transition to a circular economy within the context of the SDGs.

Speakers: Jordi Morató, UNESCO Chair on Sustainability - UPC (ES) & Nicola Tollin, University of Southern Denmark (DK), Jose Luis Martin Bordes, Partnertship WOPs Expert, Carlos A. Arias, Univ. Aarhus (DK), Lykke Leonardsen, Copenhagen Region Municipality (DK) & Rogier van den Berg,