



Bulgarian Water Association



European Water Resources Association

## FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WATER LOSS REDUCTION IN WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS

**First Announcement & Call for Abstracts**

19 -20 November 2012

Sheraton Hotel (Serdika Hall), Sofia, Bulgaria

**Water loss in water supply systems** is a serious problem for almost all urban areas around the world and it can be



even worse in areas with scarcity of water. This problem deserves immediate attention and appropriate action to reduce avoidable stress on scarce and valuable water resources. Several big cities have already started programmes geared towards the step-by-step reduction of the losses and it is well known that many institutions and water and sanitation utilities have developed and implemented strategies and technologies to control leakage and water loss. These strategies have proven highly efficient and received worldwide recognition.

The conference will be held for fifth consecutive year and is considered to be the major annual water loss event in the Balkan region. This year's conference will document available know-how and best practices and will recommend new approaches for more efficient management in the field of water with a focus on water loss reduction.

The conference is supported by the European Water Resources Association (EWRA). EWRA is a leading European non-profit organisation aiming at the enhancement of cooperation and the exchanges in application and research on all aspects of water resources. EWRA's activities include organisation of conferences, symposia and training courses, publication of journals, bulletins, conference proceedings and newsletters, as well as expert knowledge networks. Further information regarding EWRA can be found at [www.ewra.net](http://www.ewra.net).



**The conference** will be held on **19<sup>th</sup> November and 20<sup>th</sup> November (morning)**. It is aimed at decision-makers, experts in the water supply sector and water supply operators as well as at companies - producers or distributors of the respective equipment.

The Editorial Board of the Water Utility Journal published by EWRA will select a certain number of papers from those which will be accepted for oral presentation at the conference to be published in the first issue of the Journal in 2013. The papers to be published will be chosen based on originality, clarity, relevance, contribution to knowledge and which will present interesting solutions to water utility problems, technological innovations, practical guidelines for enhancing

the efficiency of water systems as well as good practices and success stories.



## OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

- ✓ To encourage the exchange of experience and information on successful examples within the different national/local programmes in improving leakage control and water losses reduction in water supply systems;
- ✓ To concentrate on the most promising approaches, highlighting especially the need in institutional capacity development and the establishment of cooperation in order to apply the best available technical and managerial solutions;
- ✓ To collect facts and figures and successful case stories to increase awareness and attention to the issue of water loss reduction by decision-makers and water managers;

## CONFERENCE TOPICS

1. **Innovative solutions to physical water loss reduction**
2. **Problems with apparent water losses reduction**
3. **Tangible target setting - how to maintain results**
4. **Problems related to Economic Level of Leakage**

## INVITATION FOR ABSTRACTS

Authors wishing to submit papers should send to the email address of BWA (see below) an abstract in English, up to 1500 characters (1 page A4), **until 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012** at the latest.

Authors of accepted abstracts reviewed by the Programme Committee will be invited to submit **by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012** the full text of their papers in electronic form in English. The time for presentation is limited to 15 min. Abstracts will be published in a printed form, while the papers will be recorded on a CD.

Abstracts should be accompanied by the following information:

Title of the paper  
Author's name and affiliation  
E-mail address, postal address, telephone and fax number  
Conference topic

Abstracts should be presented as MS Word files, typesetting **Arial 10 pt** for the whole text, Normal style.

The following format should be observed for the abstracts:

- Margins – top, bottom, left, right: 2 cm;
- Title – capital letters, bold, left alignment;
- Authors – affiliation and position, email address, left alignment;
- Abstract - justified;

Instructions for papers and other practical information will be given with the Second Announcement.

## LANGUAGES

The official languages of the conference are **English and Bulgarian**. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

## TECHNICAL EXHIBITION

Suppliers and manufacturers of innovative technical solutions for detection and control of water losses, leakage control and water metering are invited to present their products and methodologies in the technical exhibition that will be held during the conference in the lobby in front of the conference hall (up to 10 tables, 150x75cm, approx. 6 m<sup>2</sup> exhibition space). Please, contact the organizers for more information.

## REGISTRATION FEES

- Participation in the conference – **100 EUR** (incl. access to all sessions, conference proceedings, coffees, lunch, cocktail on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov);
- Exhibitors – **300 EUR** (incl. access to all social events for 1 company representative);
- Company oral presentation during the plenary session (15 min) – **300 EUR** (incl. access to all social events for 1 company representative)

### Notes:

**1/ All fees and advertisements shall be paid after the start of the registration procedure on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2012, when the Second Announcement and the Preliminary Programme will be announced. The respective registration form will be available on the BWA's website.**

**2/ Members of BWA who have paid their membership fee for 2012 are entitled to 20% reduction of the above prices;**

**3/ Presenting authors pay 50% of the registration fee (company presentations excluded);**

**4/ After 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2012 fees are increased by 10% .**

## ADVERTISEMENTS

- Distribution of company leaflets – **100 EUR**
- 1 page A5 in the conference brochure – **100 EUR**
- 1 poster in the conference hall – **400 EUR**
- 1 poster at the entrance of the conference hall / registration desk – **200 EUR**

## SPONSORSHIP

Those companies interested in sponsorship may contact the Organising Committee at the address below in order to receive the sponsorship package for the conference.

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2012** - Abstract submission;

**1<sup>st</sup> July 2012** - Start of registration, Second Announcement, Advance Programme;

**1<sup>st</sup> October 2012** - Papers submission; booking stands at the exhibition area;

**1<sup>st</sup> November 2012** – Deadline for registration and payment of early-bird registration fees

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