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What to Expect at the 5th Balkans Joint Conference and Exhibition



WASTEWATER CHALLENGE

BALKANS JOINT CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

1-3 November 2017
Pristina, Kosovo



The 5th Balkans Joint Conference and Exhibition 2017, with its main theme being, “**Wastewater Challenge**”, and which will take place on 1-3 November 2017, at the [Emerald Hotel](#), Prishtina, is less than a month away. The Organizing Committee and the [Technical Program Committee](#) have worked to shape the Conference Program and the other related events in such a way that they promise to be diverse and engaging.

Here are some of the highlights of the Conference and Exhibition. [read more](#)

Hot Topics

Reliable Operational Performance Indicators Are Critical to Address Water Losses



Upcoming Training Courses

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01 November

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17 November

[Financial Management for Non-Financial Managers](#)

20-21 November

[Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Collection System I](#)

06 December

[Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Collection System II](#)

07-08 December

5th Balkans Joint Conference and Exhibition! - 1-2-3



High levels of water losses in distribution systems (both real and apparent losses) continue to burden water companies and customers around the world: water losses vary from very low to unsustainably high. Pressure management, and finding and fixing leaks to reduce real (physical) losses are part of a straight forward way of addressing water quality issues, as well as addressing water conservation. Despite much progress being made towards addressing water losses in distribution systems, losses continue to exceed economic levels.

At the recent IWA Specialist Conference on Benchmarking and Performance Assessment in Vienna, Austria, it was stated that, “Everyone knows the percentage of System Input Volume must not be used for target-setting and/or making technical comparisons”. Nevertheless, the percentage of System Input Volume (SIV) and percentage of Water Supplied (equal to SIV minus the water exported) continue to be used for these purposes, predominantly because they are traditional and easy to calculate.[read more](#)

Two Reports Available: Water Efficiency and Affordability of Water and Sewerage Services

SHUKALB is pleased to share information on two reports that were recently prepared by the Association of European Water Regulators (WAREG). The first report titled, “**An Analysis of Water Efficiency Key Performance Indicators (KPI’s) in WAREG Member Countries**” analyses the application of KPI’s to describe the efficiency of water services in WAREG member countries, with the aim to draw out commonalities as well as differences in monitoring of water efficiency measures and performance. It seeks to outline how different European regulators promote water efficiency within their regulated industries. It is noted that although various KPI’s and benchmarking platforms exist in the water industry, there appears to be a lack of consistency in the definitions, descriptions, application and consistency of KPI’s used to measure water efficiency across Europe. [read more](#)

SHUKALB and SHUKOS Joint Training Program 2017

SHUKALB and SHUKOS Successfully Delivered Three Training Courses

November 2017,
Pristina, Kosovo

SHUKALB - SHUKOS Joint Training Calendar 2017

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About SHUKALB

The Water Supply and Sewerage Association of Albania (SHUKALB), which was established in 2000, is a professional, not-for-profit Association of water supply and sewerage professionals, who wish to improve the management of the Water Supply and Sewerage



During September 2017, SHUKALB and SHUKOS delivered three training courses, as part of their Joint Training Program. The first training course “**Water Loss Management**” was delivered on 6 and 7 September at the premises of Prishtina Regional Water Company.

Sector in Albania, making it efficient, sustainable and effective in accordance with the current laws and regulations in Albania.

The training course was attended by engineers and technical staff of the regional water companies of Prishtina, Hidrodrini, Radoniqi, Bifurkacioni, and Hidromorava, who were greeted by the General Director of Prishtina RWC, Mr. Ilir Abdullahu.

The training course was delivered by trainers Ervin Bucpapaj, Freelance Consultant from Albania, Sokol Xhafa, Technical Director of Prishtina Regional Water Company, and Mumin Morina, Technical Director of Hidromorava-Gjilan Regional Water Company.[read more](#)

What's New at SHUKALB!

SHUKALB Participates at General Assembly of IWA



On 23 September, in Prague, Czech Republic, the International Water Association (IWA) organized its General Assembly, where SHUKALB, as a continuous Governing Member of IWA, was represented by Mr. Philip Giantris, Executive Director; Mr. Petrit Tare, President of SHUKALB and Director of Korca Water Supply and Sewerage Company; and Ms. Arlinda Ibrahimllari, Chair of the Young Water Professionals of Albania and Chair of the IWA Emerging Water Leaders Steering Committee.

At the beginning of the General Assembly, the newly named Executive Director of IWA, Mr. Kalanithy Vairavamoorthy, was introduced and welcomed. The meeting continued with a review of the major accomplishments over the past 12 months; a financial report and auditor's report, and a discussion with Board Members and General Assembly on Future Direction of IWA.[read more](#)

SHUKALB Participates at the Roundtable of Danube Region Water Utility Associations



In the framework of the Danube Learning Partnership (D-LeaP), on 14 September, in Vienna, the IWAD organized a Roundtable with the participation of Danube Region Water Utility Associations. SHUKALB was represented at the meeting by its Executive Director, Mr. Philip Giantris and Ms. Elisabeta Poci, the Deputy Executive Director of SHUKALB, and Vice/Chair of the D-LeaP Committee Council.

The meeting started with presentation of an overview of D-LeaP: introduction of the current HUBs, the status of Program implementation and delivery by HUBs, challenges encountered by the D-LeaP Secretariat and by the Hubs in implementing D-LeaP programs, financial aspects, etc. Participants discussed D-LeaP Governance, management issues, and topics such as: how to address challenges encountered by Hubs; the support needed by Hubs in providing sound program delivery; changes needed to improve implementation, etc.[read more](#)

Project “Market Testing of Four Products Aimed at Improving the Services in the Water Sector in South East Europe”



In the framework of the “Market Testing of Four Products Aimed at Improving the Services in the Water Sector in South East Europe”, the Third Workshop: Business Plan Progress it was organized on 20-21 September in Tivat, Montenegro. Representatives from Local Government Associations and Associations of Water Utilities from Western Balkans were part of this event. SHUKALB was represented by Arbana Kola, a Course Development Specialist in Water Supply and Treatment at SHUKALB.[read more](#)

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