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SHUKALB and SHUKOS Joint Training Program



Registration to SHUKALB's Training Courses for 2019 is Now Open!



SHUKALB's Training Calendar for 2019 is already available! The list of training courses planned to be delivered this year was based on the responses collected from the survey conducted in December 2018 – January 2019 among the water and wastewater

utilities in Albania.

The training courses cover a range of different technical as well as managerial issues of water and wastewater services. Registrations are now open for all water utilities' staff and other interested professionals in Albania and Kosova. [read more](#)

Mark Your Calendar for Training Courses to Be Delivered in February and March 2019



SHUKALB and SHUKOS have planned the delivery of three training courses during February and March 2019. The training course planned to be delivered in February is "Water Loss Management I & II", while those planned for March are "Management" and "Asset Management".

The first training course "Water Loss Management I & II" will be delivered on 21-22 February 2019, in Tirana, and will provide participants with the basic knowledge for water loss monitoring and management. Some of the key topics that will be addressed during the two days of the training course are

Upcoming Training Courses

[Water Loss Management I&II](#)

21-22 February

[Management](#)

11-12 March

[Asset Management](#)

20-21 March

Upcoming International Conferences

[1st Intermittent Water Supply Conference](#)

Kampala, Uganda
07 – 09 April, 2019

[IE expo 2019 - Asia's Leading Trade Fair for Environmental Technology Solutions: Water, Waste, Air and Soil](#)

Shanghai, China
15 – 17 April, 2019

[Water Technology Training Camp: Getting Ready for WorldSkills Kazan 2019](#)

Stuttgart, Germany
24 April – 02 May, 2019

Water Audit Methods, District Metering Area (DMA) management and Pressure Management.

This training course is useful for the directors of technical and distribution departments, senior engineers, maintenance and measurement engineers, balance technicians, as well as billing and collection managers. [read more](#)

What's New at SHUKALB!

SHUKALB Organizes Meetings with Its Water Utility Members



During January, SHUKALB held several meetings with some of its water utility members in Albania. The purpose of these meetings was to present SHUKALB's activities planned for year 2019, with a focus on training courses and capacity

development programs, as well as to get a direct feedback from utilities on their specific needs in terms of capacity development. SHUKALB was represented in these meetings by Ms. Elisabeta Poçi, Deputy Executive Director, Ms. Olta Ceca, Manager of Programs, Ms. Arbana Kola, Manager of Training and Professional Development, and Mr. Alban Kushi, Manager of Member Services.

The first meeting was held on 30 January 2019, in Shkodra, with the Director of Shkodra Water Supply and Sewerage Company (Shkodra WSSC), Mr. Mark Molla, assisted by Ms. Valbona Paja, Responsible for Planning and Reporting; Ms. Mbaresa Ferracaku, Responsible of Technical Department and Ms. Klodiana Gajtani, Responsible for Legal Office. The second meeting was held on the same day in Lezha, where the staff of SHUKALB was welcomed by Ing. Zef Maci, Director of Lezha Water Supply and Sewerage Company (Lezha WSSC) and Ms. Bora Kolbucaj, the Head of Finance Department. [read more](#)

SHUKALB and the Association of Albanian Municipalities (AAM) Organize a Joint Activity in the Framework of the Regional Capacity Development Network for Water and Sanitation Services (RCDN) Project



On 25 January 2019, in Tirana, Albania, SHUKALB and Association of Albanian Municipalities (AAM) organized the Regional Capacity Development Network for Water and Sanitation Services (RCDN) promotional event "Efficient organization and

[EWA Innovation Workshop: Design of Modern Wastewater Treatment Plants](#)

Prague, Czech Republic
25 – 26 April, 2019

[Water Technology Training Camp: Getting Ready for WorldSkills Kazan 2019](#)

Stuttgart, Germany
24 April - 02 May, 2019

[EWA Spring Conference: Advanced Technologies and Solutions for Groundwater Management and Use for Drinking Water Supply](#)

Copenhagen, Denmark
09 - 10 May, 2019

[WEF/IWA Residuals and Biosolids Conference 2019/a>](#)

[Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA
07 - 10 May, 2019](#)

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About SHUKALB

effective management of Water Supply and Sewerage (WSS) services through investment planning". This was the first activity organized in Albania by SHUKALB and the Association of Albanian Municipalities, in the framework of the RCDN Project.

RCDN's objective is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of water utilities in the Western Balkans, contributing to provision of better services for a larger numbers of population groups getting access to drinking water and sanitation services and meeting the EU standards. RCDN targets 16 Local Government and Public Utility Associations in 6 project countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia), while the final beneficiaries are the top and middle managers from municipal and water utility companies. RCDN project is financed by the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

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

News From Our Members

Tirana Water Supply and Sewerage Company Starts the Implementation of the Capacity Expansion of Bovilla Water Treatment Plant Project



Tirana Water Supply and Sewerage Company (Tirana WSSC) has started implementing one of its most important investments that will have a major impact on its customers regarding the water supply service. After 20 years

of operation of Bovilla Water Treatment Plant, the current project foresees to expand the Plant, up to doubling its production capacity. The Bovilla plant was designed for supplying up to 300,000 inhabitants, while the current population of the capital has tripled.

The first stage of this project includes the increase by 30% of the water treatment capacity, to be followed by further expansions that will offer the city twice as much water as it gets today from the plant. Overall, the project has been designed with a 25-year perspective and with a production capacity up to 3,600 liters per second. [read more](#)

News From the Sector

Albanian Water Regulatory Authority Publishes the Annual Report 2018

Since the first year of its establishment, the Water Regulatory Authority (WRA) has been presenting an Annual Report to the Assembly of Albania and the Council of Ministers.



This report summarizes the work completed over the past year and the planned activities for the subsequent year, as well as the current situation of the Albanian water supply and sewerage sector and any recommendations for necessary actions to be taken by the Government. The

Annual Report 2018 is now available at the WRA's website.

You can find the report by clicking [here](#).

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