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## June 2019

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### What's New at SHUKALB!



#### SHUKALB Starts Its Education and Awareness Water Programs for 2019



SHUKALB officially launched in May the implementation of two of its most exciting education and awareness programs, “Friends of Water” and “World Water Monitoring

Challenge”, both implemented under an agreement and with cooperation of the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth of Albania.

On 6 May 2019, in Tirana, SHUKALB organized the orientation workshop of the “Friends of Water” program, with the participation of teachers and administrators of elementary schools, as well as the representatives of respective water utilities who are participating in the program.

The overall objective of “Friends of Water” program is to increase awareness on water related issues among 3rd grade students of elementary schools. There are 18 water supply and sewerage companies and 44 elementary schools of different cities, involved in the “Friends of Water” Program this year.

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#### SHUKALB Participates at the 2019 Danube Water Conference

The 2019 Danube Water Conference was held on 20-21 May, 2019, in Vienna, Austria, organized by the Danube Water Program (International Association of Water Supply Companies in the Danube River Catchment Area (IAWD) and the World Bank) with funding from the Austrian Government.

The theme of the Conference for this year was “Achieving resilience in water and wastewater utilities in the Danube Region”. The conference brought together more than 150 senior water sector representatives from more than 15 countries who discussed on the progress, challenges and the required future actions to achieve resilient water and sanitation

#### Upcoming Training Courses

[Business Planning for Performance Improvement](#)  
6-13-20-27 September 2019

[Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Collection System I & II](#)  
10-11 October 2019

#### Upcoming International Conferences

[IWA Conference on Algal Technologies and Stabilisation Ponds for Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery](#)

Valladolid, Spain  
01 – 02 July 2019

[9th International Conference on Sewer Processes and Networks](#)

Aalborg, Denmark  
27 - 30 August 2019

[20th International Symposium on Health Related Water Microbiology](#)

Vienna, Austria  
15 - 20 September 2019



services for all in the Danube region.

SHUKALB was represented at the Conference program by Elisabeta Poci, Deputy Executive Director, who was featured as a panelist at the panel discussion “Why do we need a resilient water sector?” and as a moderator at the session titled “Cooperation as important tool to achieve resilient water and wastewater services”. [read more](#)

### [Regional Water Loss Conference](#)

Bucharest, Romania  
22 - 24 September 2019

### [92nd Annual Technical Exhibition & Conference](#)

McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois USA  
21 - 25 September 2019

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## News From Our Members

### Faculty of Civil Engineering of Tirana Organizes the Lecture “Towards Safe, Quality, Pressure and 24×7 Water Supply – Prishtina Challenge Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”



On 13 May 2019, at the premises of the Faculty of Civil Engineering (FIN), Tirana, it was held the open scientific lecture titled “Towards Safe, Quality, Pressure and 24×7 Water Supply – Prishtina Challenge Yesterday, Today

and Tomorrow”, presented by Eng. Ilir Abdullahu, Chief Executive Officer, Prishtina Regional Water Company.

The lecture was held by invitation of the Dean of FIN, Prof. Neritan Shkodrani, the Department of Hydrotechnics and Hydraulics, and the Department of Environmental Engineering, and was co-moderated by Professor Enkelejda Gjinali and Professor Alket Kumaraku. [read more](#)

### Durres Water Supply and Sewerage Company: Investments for the Construction of the New Sewerage Network

The investment works for the construction of the sewerage network in the area covering neighborhoods no. 7 and 10 in the city of Durres is heading towards its finalization. The project was designed by the technical department of Durres Water

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



Supply and Sewerage Company (Durres WSSC) and stretches along the streets of “Punetoret e Rilindjes”, “Isuf Molla” and “Aferdita” in the neighborhood no.7 as well as at streets of “Luftetaret e Lirise”, “Horizonti i Kalter”, “Akropolis” and “Pompeu”, that are part of neighborhood no. 10.

The project was planned upon the request made by the residents, as the area did not have a proper sewerage network. The area is located on the northwestern part of the city which has a hilly relief. [read more](#)

## Vlora Water Supply and Sewerage Company Plans the Project for Flood Prevention



Vlora Water Supply and Sewerage Company (Vlora WSSC) aims to provide a final solution to the flood related situations in the city of Vlora. Therefore, the Director of Vlora WSSC, Dorian Xhelili, organized a meeting with various specialists for sharing

their thoughts and proposals with regards to interventions needed to preventing the flood situations in Vlora. The meeting was attended by the representatives of the studio design that has already implemented the investments in the sewerage network of the city, as well as senior specialists and engineers who know the network very well.

At the meeting it was discussed regarding the floods occurred in Vlora, the problems encountered and the solutions that can be offered. It was also discussed about water flows from the city’s hilly areas, where the surface water canals have been damaged for years and consequently high flows affect the city.

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## Other

### The Water Regulator Authority of Albania Participates at the 18th General Assembly of the Association of European Water Regulators

On 21-22 May 2019, in Vilnius, Lithuania, the Association of European Water Regulators (WAREG) organized its 18th General Assembly. The event was hosted by the National Commission for Energy Control and Prices of Lithuania.

The Water Regulator Authority of Albania (ERRU), a full member of WAREG since its founding, was represented at the General Assembly by its Chair Mr. Ndririm Shani, who participated among 20 other Regulatory Authorities for water and wastewater services.



During the General Assembly it was represented a report on the role of economic regulators in addressing the capital investment challenges faced by water and wastewater services utilities, that identified a number of key drivers of investment in water infrastructures in Europe, such as: security, sustainability and resilience of water supply, effective wastewater treatment and compliance with environmental standards, appropriate water quality with respect to EU environmental standards, ageing and/or inadequate infrastructure. [read more](#)

## Upcoming Webinars of the International Water Association (IWA)

### [Digitalisation of water utilities – drivers for transformation](#)

05 June 2019, Time: 10:00 (Amsterdam time)

### [Managing climate risks: The tale of two water utilities](#)

20 June 2019; Time: 08:00 (Amsterdam time)

### [The Digital Journey for Water & Wastewater Utilities](#)

25 June 2019; Time: 16:00 (Amsterdam time)

### [Using satellite data for water management](#)

23 Jul 2019; Time: 10:00 (Amsterdam time)

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