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One year ago, Raymond Jost, the founder of the International Secretariat for Water (1990) and Solidarity Water Europe (1998) passed away, leaving his family, friends, colleagues and all his ‘brothers in water’ sorely missing his enthusiasm, his charisma, his generosity, his energy and his vision.

His passing left a huge void, and the challenge of honoring his vast legacy and continuing his work has been immense... The task could have appeared insurmountable, but the desire to continue in his footsteps, sustain the momentum and preserve the spirit that had accompanied us for so many years has encouraged us, given us the energy to carry on and kept us on the right path.

The International Secretariat for Water – Solidarity Water Europe team, Board of Directors and close partners have thus pledged to remain committed to the cause of water and to honor the quotation by Paul Valery of which Raymond Jost was so fond:

“In all great undertakings, tradition, in the true sense of the word, does not consist of doing again what others have done before, but of recapturing the spirit that went into what they did – and would have done very differently in a different age”.

A colorful, combative and highly endearing character, Raymond Jost has left his indelible mark on the history of water and international solidarity.

His imagination and creativity have taken us further than we would ever have dared to go.

From the Drop of Hope to the Butterfly Effect, through to the Blue Passport or the Great Lakes Symphony and, of course, the Blue Books, Raymond loved to surprise, question assumptions and change people’s outlooks... By challenging accepted beliefs, he – often poetically – developed new ways of thinking about the future.

And... thanks to the friendship of his associates and fellow adventurers, Raymond Jost is continuing his adventures alongside Professor Hippopotamus in a comic book entitled “La Source de la Sagesse de l’Eau”. The aim of this comic is to pay tribute to Raymond Jost and also to continue his work raising awareness of water, the key to development and ‘shared prosperity’ for all.

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The International Secretariat for Water (ISW) and Solidarity Water Europe (SWE) bring together citizens and organizations that are actively committed to the cause of water.

Their commitment is to ensure the founding texts of the movement, Montreal Charter and Declaration of Strasbourg, are applied to ensure universal access to drinking water and sanitation. The ISW is based in Montreal, Canada, and SWE is based in Strasbourg, France.

By building knowledge, forging innovative partnerships and encouraging creativity, the ISW-SWE develops initiatives that guarantee the right to water, and thus universal access to water and sanitation, while preserving the resource for the common good.

About Us

The ISW-SWE’s activities focus on three main areas:

- Field work
- Advocacy and awareness-raising
- Youth

The ISW-SWE movement’s activities particularly target rural areas, small communities and peri-urban areas. They contribute to the implementation of Integrated Water Resource Management using river catchment basins as a frame of reference.

Our Vision

The ISW-SWE movement’s vision is of a world where all men and women have access to a sustainable supply of safe water and sanitation, while preserving water resources. The ISW-SWE movement considers that, regardless of what it is used for, water is a source of both development and shared prosperity.

Our Mission

Based on the development of knowledge, of innovative partnerships and on creativity, the ISW-SWE movement develops initiatives that mobilize both the proponents of universal access to water and sanitation and those who are working to preserve water resources. The ISW-SWE and our partners create bridges and discussion platforms for all stakeholders (civil society, academics, the private sector and governments).
Our Values
The ISW-SWE movement is based on the following five shared values and principles:

Openness
The ISW-SWE ensures all stakeholders, regardless of their social, economic or material circumstances, are involved in the actions that affect them.

Commitment
The movement’s members place themselves at the disposal of the ISW-SWE, thus contributing to the achievement of the movement’s objectives.

Sharing
The ISW-SWE movement shares good practice and experience to enable all parties to enhance their knowledge and their practices.

Loyalty
The members of the movement are loyal to the intentions, values and mission of the ISW-SWE.

Emotional Intelligence
The ISW-SWE was built on the principle of emotional intelligence, key to involving all stakeholders, initiating dialogue and giving depth to our actions.

Our Know-How
The defining features of the ISW-SWE movement are:

- The strength of our network;
- Our capacity to understand the needs of civil society within the water sector;
- Through key messages and images, and through innovative multi-stakeholder initiatives that drive and foster the involvement of the most vulnerable population groups (young people, the poor, and women) in decision-making processes at all levels, the ISW-SWE movement works to respond to water-related challenges and ensure good water management.

Our objectives are to:

- Monitor the effective implementation of the human rights to water and sanitation to ensure they remain a priority for sustainable and equitable development;
- Strengthen grassroots involvement, including the involvement of young people, in multi-stakeholder dialogue on water and promote the sharing of expertise from the local to global levels;
- Continue to raise public awareness of water and sanitation-related issues;
- Create decentralized funding mechanisms for use by marginalized population groups;
- Campaign for universal access to water as the source of life, democracy, peace, creativity, spirituality and traditions.

More specifically, our know-how is based on:

- Promoting local knowledge and building institutional capacities;
- Facilitating networks and coalitions to foster the development of joint messages;
- Promoting local, national and continental stakeholder alliances;
- Involving young people in the creation of innovative solutions;
- Using an events-based communication strategy for advocacy and awareness-raising.
Our Board of Directors

Antonella Cagnolati
President
An economist who has spent over 30 years working as a European civil servant, Antonella Cagnolati is today an Expert consultant in governance, local democracy and citizenship. She is co-founder of Solidarity Water Europe and has been working with the ISW-SWE since 1998. She currently holds the position of ISW-SWE president.

Jean Bosco Bazié
Vice-President
Jean Bosco Bazié holds a degree in engineering and is currently Managing Director of the internationale solidarity organization, Eau Vive Internationale, based in Burkina Faso. He has been a partner of the ISW-SWE movement for more than 15 years and is currently ISW-SWE Vice-President.

Dominique Mostert
Treasurer
Dominique Mostert holds a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration. He is currently the Managing Director of Project Morse, which drives growth among social economy and community action companies in Montreal. Dominique Mostert has been the ISW-SWE treasurer since 2011.

Asma Bachikh
Board Member
Asma Bachikh holds a Master's degree in international commerce and a diploma from the Global Business Institute. She was elected president of the World Youth Parliament for Water in 2015 and has led a large number of projects and initiatives in France, Malaysia and Morocco, spurred on by her passion for entrepreneurship and the environment.

Christophe Brachet
Board Member
Christophe Brachet is a graduate of the École Centrale de Paris and currently holds the position of Assistant Managing Director with the International Office for Water. Having been involved in the ISW-SWE for a number of years, he joined the Board of Directors in June 2018.

François Münger
Board Member
François Münger holds a Master’s degree in Geophysics and Mineralogy, an MSc in Hydrogeology and a European MSc in Environmental Engineering and Biotechnology. In 2015, he developed the Geneva Water Hub to improve understanding of and prevent water-related tensions. He is currently the Swiss Special Envoy for Water.

Georgy Simeonov
Board Member
Georgy Simeonov has played a key role in ensuring the success of the European Youth Parliaments for Water in Central and Eastern Europe. He is the Director of the Sustainable Development and European Integration Department within Stara Zagora council.

Galina Cazimir
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Elizabeth Wild
Board Member
After having taught in France, the United States and Montreal and provided home care for CLSC Lachine, Elisabeth Wild is now retired. She has been volunteering with the ISW-SWE since 2000 and has participated in numerous events. Elisabeth Wild has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2016.

Olivier Thibault
Observer
Olivier Thibault is a chief bridges, water and forestry engineer. Having previously held the post of Chief Executive of the Artois-Picardie Water Agency, he was appointed Chief Executive of the French hunting and wildlife office, Office National de la Chasse et de la Faune Sauvage (ONCFS), in 2017. Olivier Thibault was closely involved in organizing the second World Youth Parliament for Water and is an observer on the ISW-SWE Board of Directors.
Our Team

Danielle Audet
Administrative Manager

With a degree in Administration, Danielle Audet held administrative positions in a number of organizations and companies before becoming ISW-SWE Administrative Manager in 2007.

Laurie Fourneaux
Youth Program Coordinator

Laurie Fourneaux holds degrees in Political and Environmental sciences. She has been working as the ISW-SWE Youth Program Coordinator since 2009 and is committed to encouraging young people to get involved in building a more sustainable world.

Manon Dewitte
Project Officer

After obtaining her water and sanitation engineering degree, Manon Dewitte joined the ISW-SWE as Project Officer in September 2016. She is currently working on designing, implementing and monitoring water and sanitation projects in Eastern Europe, specifically in Moldova.

Sarah Dousse
Executive Director

Sarah Dousse holds a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology, Political and Administrative Sciences and a Master’s in Socio-Economy. She joined the ISW-SWE in February 2016 as a development, partnership and communication advisor. She has held the position of Acting Executive Director since July 2018.

Olivier Normand
Program Coordinator for Central Asia

Olivier Normand holds a law degree and a degree in political and economic sciences and sociology. He has been working as the ISW-SWE Program Coordinator for Central Asia since 1996, focusing particularly on Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

Thomas Bertrand Owono Bissono
Project Manager

Thomas Owono Bissono holds a Master’s degree in water and environmental engineering, as well as a Master’s in surface geology. He was in charge of developing and implementing ISW-SWE projects with Eastern European countries until December 2016.

Vladimir Arana
Program Coordinator for the Americas

Vladimir Arana holds a Master’s degree in sciences, environmental engineering and sustainable infrastructure and a PhD in urban studies. He has been working as ISW-SWE Program Coordinator for the Americas since 2013.

Hannane Sellali
Program Manager

Hannane Sellali has a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science and International Relations and a Master’s in Integrated Water Resources Management. She joined the ISW-SWE team in June 2016 as a Communication and Project Assistant and was appointed to the position of Program Manager in December 2016.

There is also the ISW-SWE Central Asia team, which consists of 16 people from Uzbekistan and 8 people from Tajikistan working as community mobilizers, hygiene specialists, engineers and administrative staff.

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Through our activities, we at ISW-SWE do not seek to take the place of local partners, but instead work to strengthen these partners by developing collaboration between the public sector, civil society and entrepreneurs, etc.
The rural water supply and sanitation program in Tajikistan was launched in 2007 with funding from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. As in Uzbekistan, the program focuses on developing pilot projects to construct and rehabilitate water supply schemes in rural areas and build the villages’ capacity to independently manage their own water systems. These standardized pilot projects are progressively made available for replication and scale-up. The initial phase of the program has helped to provide 39,000 people with sustainable access to water. The sustainability of the water supply systems is ensured by the introduction of a tariff that enables the full cost recovery of all operating, depreciation and investment costs.

The objectives of the current phase of the program that began in 2014 are as follows:

1. Contribute to establishing an improved national-level political and legal environment for the hygienically safe and sustainable provision of water and sanitation services in rural areas;

2. Develop transparent and streamlined processes for selecting villages and managing water users’ associations and incorporate these processes at all levels;

3. Improve the health of the people (including children) living in the villages selected and provide them with practical and reliable access to water and safe sanitation;

4. Build the capacities of local water operators to effectively manage and maintain the water supply and sanitation systems;

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Uzbekistan

During this specific current phase, the program objective is to implement the decentralized (community-based) management model in ten new villages. These include four villages in Namangan province (Ferghana Valley), thereby expanding the scope of the program to three provinces in the valley, and six villages in Syrdarya province. In Syrdarya province, the proposed model can be scaled up to cover neighboring villages in order to provide around 70% of the people living in the province with access to water supply and sanitation services. Furthermore, this model could subsequently be replicated in the other regions of Uzbekistan. The program includes a large hygiene awareness-raising component, as well as a pilot project to construct toilets in public institutions (schools). The decentralized water supply service management systems are ensuring the communities’ water needs are met. In addition, the extensive hygiene awareness-raising campaigns, coupled with the construction of improved toilets in schools, have helped improve the health of the rural population, and especially the health of the local children. The sustainable management and development of the system is ensured through the tariff, which enables full cost recovery to be achieved.

2016 Results:
Work to install water supply schemes in two villages in Namangan province has been completed, providing 11,000 people with easy access to drinking water. Work to construct a third water supply system for 15,000 people is now underway, which will ultimately provide a total of 26,000 people in Namangan province, and 190,000 people in the Ferghana Valley as a whole, with access to water supply services.

To support this construction phase, an intensive social mobilization campaign has been carried out, which has notably involved raising funds from the villagers for the construction of their new water supply system.

The contracts to install water supply schemes in Syrdarya province have now been signed. The construction work is scheduled to start at the beginning of 2017 and is due for completion at the end of the year.

We have been conducting hygiene and sanitation behavior change awareness-raising campaigns with headteachers and teaching staff since 2015 and we have now covered 10,000 of the country’s schools. In addition, 260 doctors from across the country have been trained on behavior change awareness-raising techniques and we have issued 1,500 training kits.

A specific hygiene and sanitation awareness-raising campaign is systematically implemented in all the new villages covered by the program and over 230 people (predominantly nursery and school teachers, doctors and nurses) in the three villages of Namangan province have been trained to use the PHAST (Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation) methodology.

Implementation period
Started for more than 15 years,
Phase 4 (started in 2013)

Region
Ferghana Valley and Syrdarya province of Uzbekistan

Number of beneficiaries
A total of 130,000 people
Peru

The overall objective of this project is to improve access to drinking water and sanitation for a remote community living at the head of the Cachi River basin, between 4,500m and 5,500m above sea level. The project involves constructing rural water supply and sanitation infrastructure for the Cuchoquesera Community in Ayacucho Region and implementing a sustainable river basin management approach.

The community inaugurated the water supply system in 2015. The construction of rural washbasins was also completed in 2015. The sanitation phase came to an end in 2016 and included the construction of 121 ecological toilets. These are dry toilets in which urine and excreta are collected separately for reuse. In each toilet, there is also a cold water shower. The greywater is treated through a bio-filter, the system for which was verified on-site prior to being fully installed.

The next phase, with the same partners, will focus on developing a new water and sanitation project in the Cachi River basin within the Waripercca Community.

Date of Implementation
2014-2016

Target Population
The Cuchoquesera Community, Ayacucho Region

Number of beneficiaries
635 people from 118 families (direct beneficiaries)
1,900 inhabitants (indirect beneficiaries)

Main Partners
Wings of Hope, Seine-Normandie Water Agency, the Dieppe Nord Water and Sanitation Authority, SER, AGUA-C

‘Sustainable water and sanitation infrastructure at the head of the Cachi River basin in the Cuchoquesera Community’

Excerpt from an interview with Juan Ochoa, teacher at the community school
We have been involved in this project since its launch in 2014, when the agreements were signed with the ISW, Wings of Hope and our local partners. I worked with the community authorities and am familiar with all stages of the project. Together with the various stakeholders, we assessed the water resources and determined where the water storage tanks should be built.

We also attended workshops and training sessions, notably on how to use and maintain the washbasins and showers. We were involved in the zoning exercise to define land use at the head of the basin, which included identifying areas for pasture, ditches and marshland... We drew up sustainable development plans for the head of the basin. We realized that, by following these plans, we would have more water in Cuchoquesera.

Water is what we need. We recognize that. Some families had been using their showers as an extra bedroom instead of a bathroom. But now, more people are using them for their original purpose. We are learning more and more each day.
Moldova

Main Partners


Our organization has been providing assistance to Moldova since 2006, initially through a project to improve access to water and sanitation for people living in the rural area of Vorniceni in the Straseni Region. As of 2011, we have been focusing our efforts on Nisporeni Region, where we have been carrying out public awareness-raising campaigns, targeting young people in particular. Thus, we have organized summer schools for young people from the region’s villages, and held meetings with both the mayors and local water stakeholders to raise awareness and initiate discussions on the current situation in the area, the improvements required and the technical solutions to be implemented. These discussions have culminated in the development of an initial sanitation master plan for the 16 villages in Nisporeni district, which is located in the Nirnova River basin.

Continuing our work in this same region, our organization constructed ecological toilet blocks in three schools in three villages in the Nirnova River basin (Marinici, Calimanesti and Vinatori). As part of this project, awareness-raising activities were organized for the villages’ inhabitants. In the schools themselves, we held information and training sessions for the pupils, teachers and support staff on how to use and maintain the facilities provided. The project came to an end in September 2016 when a ceremony was held to inaugurate the facilities, which was attended by the authorities, donors and local residents.

Following these years spent working in Moldova, during which we developed our expertise, our knowledge of the country and our relationship with international partners also working in the area, our organization was eager to continue providing support in this same river basin through a larger anchor project covering all the villages within the Nirnova River basin (around 30 in total). In October 2016, we thus launched a new project that not only features an integrated and participatory approach, but is also based on a river basin approach, in line with the European Union standards to which Moldova has adhered.

Therefore, in addition to a comprehensive technical assessment that, in the short-term, should lead to the construction of facilities to meet people’s immediate needs, a large part of the project will focus on establishing democratic, united and inclusive governance. To this end, regular discussions will be held between Moldovan and French elected officials to help effectively implement the tools required to set up a governance system that can ensure the long-term sustainability and replicability of the project. However, this governance component also needs to include capacity-building for the mayors, training for local technical staff, information and awareness-raising campaigns for households and young people, as well as local NGO involvement.

This project is due to be completed in 2018, having successfully laid the foundations required to develop an extensive project to create a program that covers the entire region and which will take over from our initial project for a further five years.

Gheorghica Larisa,
Headmistress of Gimnaziul Vînători, Nisporeni Region

On behalf of our school, IP Gymnase Vînători, I would like to thank you for the innovative changes you have provided for our children. You have truly improved their living conditions at school, enabling them to learn in comfort. Today, they speak emotionally and have happy memories of the day when the red inauguration ribbon was cut. It’s a dream come true! Thank you so much.
Advocacy is the deliberate process of influencing policy-makers. The ISW-SWE carries out a wide range of advocacy activities to influence decision-makers and raise public awareness.

The strategy revolves around sharing information, facilitating coalitions and networks, mobilizing constituencies and using media and communication tools.
The Butterfly Effect is a coalition of local and international organizations and civil society networks. The Butterfly Effect advocates and promotes effective local solutions that have a sustainable impact on improving access to water and sanitation, as well as on water resource management.

The Butterfly Effect is made up of over 100 civil society organizations, NGOs, women’s and youth networks and organizations from four regions of the world (Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe).

"A simple flap of a butterfly's wings can have a tremendous impact on the sustainable management of water resources on the other side of the world."

**Butterfly Effect Coalition members:**

**Main Partners**
- Action Against Hunger, Coalition Eau, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the 103 NGO/CSO members, the World Water Council, the World Water Forums

There are several governance bodies in place:
- A Steering Committee comprising representatives elected from member organizations around the world to ensure regional representation;
- A Secretariat that plays a coordination, facilitation and communication role;
- Specific working groups responsible for developing the coalition’s messages and implementing the Butterfly Effect strategy.

The mandate of the Butterfly Effect Secretariat was renewed in 2016. Facilitated by the International Secretariat for Water and Action Against Hunger (ACF), with the support of Coalition Eau, the Secretariat works to facilitate the network in a proactive and coordinated manner.

Steps have been taken to consolidate the Butterfly Effect over the past year. There has been more regular contact with members, elections were initiated to select new members to sit on the Steering Committee, operating rules have been developed to build a more solid management structure and there are now greater opportunities to consult with members on network-related issues.

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**Communication methods updated and improved in 2016:**
- Introduction of a quarterly newsletter available in French, English and Spanish, the first issue of which was published in October 2016;
- Development of a website, which is due to go online in the first quarter of 2017;
- Increased presence on social networks.

The Butterfl Effect attended World Water Week in Stockholm at the end of August 2016, where the network’s members came together for a strategic workshop.

The Butterfly Effect was actively involved in promoting the Water and Climate Agenda in 2016, both through its participation in the Climate Chance Summit, aimed at non-governmental stakeholders, and its attendance at COP22 in Marrakech.

During the Climate Chance Summit held in Nantes in September 2016, the Butterfly Effect was able to highlight the action being taken by its members to address water-related issues and tackle climate change.

In November 2016, at the Budapest Water Summit, the Butterfly Effect successfully influenced the wording of the final political statement, which consequently now contains clear references to the human right to water and sanitation.

Lastly, the Butterfly Effect network attended the preparatory meeting to launch the 8th World Water Forum that is to be held in March 2018 in Brasilia (Brazil). The network will notably be coordinating the ‘People – water, sanitation and health’ theme within the thematic process and will be campaigning hard to ensure that civil society representatives are included in all the Forum processes.

The Butterfly Effect has developed its strategy, which is based on three key priorities:
- The Water and Climate Change Agenda;
- The 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, specifically SDG 6 on water;
- The 8th World Water Forum.
Blue Book

The Blue Book is a document which, at the scale of a region or country, provides an independent analysis of the water sector, focusing specifically on access to water and sanitation and on water resource management. It is an analysis tool drawn up by committed citizens and civil society, initially to assess the water sector with regard to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and now with regard to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

A total of 8 Blue Books have been produced for 6 countries: Niger (2005, 2011), Burkina Faso (2005, 2012), Mali (2005), Benin (2009), Senegal (2010), and Peru (2016).

Blue Books currently being developed: Mali, Moldova

Main Partners


Blue Passport

The Blue Passport was created to provide a tool for recognizing people’s involvement in protecting, using, preserving and managing water.

The Blue Passport acknowledges individual and/or collective local grassroots action taken to enhance a river basin’s water resources. This river basin can be local, regional, national or even transboundary. The Blue Passport can be issued to:

- A river basin resident;
- An individual actively campaigning for water;
- A person with knowledge to share.

A river basin-centered identity can provide people with greater legitimacy for influencing administrative and political decisions on environmental quality and water management.

In 2016, as part of the water and sanitation program being implemented in Peru, the Blue Passport was used for the first time in a public consultation. The tool helped to increase people’s involvement in decision-making within their river basin and also influenced the decision to promote more sustainable river basin management.

As part of the work to develop the 2nd Blue Book for Mali, meetings and content validation workshops were held throughout 2016, which were attended by numerous water and sanitation sector stakeholders. The Blue Book Mali is due to be published in the spring of 2017; however, the Country Report is already available.

For the Blue Books that have been published to date, the main challenges lie in conducting post-production monitoring in order to ensure ongoing coordination of the international steering committee and the network of stakeholders involved in the initiative in each country. To address this challenge, facilitate the development of new Blue Books and ensure the long-term sustainability of the process that was first initiated over 14 years ago, the international steering committee’s activities were stepped up in 2016.

Vote on the public consultation issues

Participants at the public consultation meeting

Awarding Blue Passports

This public consultation meeting was attended by around 1,500 people. Although used as part of a public consultation in Peru, the Blue Passport can serve different purposes in different settings. However, its overall objective always remains the same, namely to strengthen people’s sense of belonging to their river basin, with all the rights and duties this entails.

Date

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The process was initiated in 2003 after the 3rd World Water Forum in Kyoto

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The Blue Passport concept was introduced in March 2012 at the 6th World Water Forum in Marseille

Number of Blue Passports issued
Over 4,000 in total

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The international steering committee provides the overall impetus and ensures that the vision, principles and content of the Blue Books are clearly articulated. A total of 8 Blue Book committees are currently active.

There was a high level of local involvement in the process to develop the Blue Book in Peru. It was published in October 2016, and the Blue Book Peru official presentation ceremony was attended by over 200 people, including the Deputy Minister of Construction and Sanitation, the Ministry of the Environment’s Chief of Staff, the Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Director of the Latin American Development Bank, as well as representatives from many other international development agencies and, especially, from civil society. This underlines the multi-sector synergy that the Blue Book has managed to create within the country. As an immediate outcome of this, a meeting was set up to define how to implement the objectives set out in the Blue Book and develop a monitoring process.

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Visibility of the Blue Passport in 2016

At the 13th European Youth Parliament for Water (Switzerland)

A Blue Passport was awarded to the Swiss Minister for Foreign Affairs, Didier Burkhalter, at the opening ceremony of the 13th European Youth Parliament for Water. Mr. Burkhalter, a citizen of the Rhine River Basin, received his Blue Passport in recognition of his commitment to protecting water resources and promoting water worldwide as a vehicle for peace.

The Swiss artist and singer, Bastian Baker, a citizen of the Rhone River Basin, was also awarded a Blue Passport at the opening ceremony. His commitment to youth work, to promoting citizen participation and the cause of water is an example to us all. He is notably involved in The Nile Project initiative, which seeks to raise awareness of sustainable water management by holding concerts in towns along the River Nile.

At the ‘Enhancing the Use of Irrigation Water for Better Adaptation to Climate Change: “Green Morocco Plan” Achievements and Outlook’ Conference (Morocco)

This event was jointly organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Maritime Fisheries, which is the delegated ministry for water, and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The conference was held at the headquarters of the Souss-Massa Region Chamber of Agriculture in Agadir.

Blue Passports were awarded to three political figures in recognition of their work on water resource protection, use, conservation and management: Charafat Afailal, the Minister of Water; Aziz Akhannouch, the Minister of Agriculture and Maritime Fisheries; and Brahim Hafidi, President of the Souss-Massa Regional Council and Head of the National Oasis and Argan Forest Development Agency.

At COP22 (Morocco)

The French Minister of the Environment, Energy and Marine Affairs, Ségolène Royal, was awarded a Blue Passport at COP22 to acknowledge her recognition of the importance of water in the fight against climate change.

At the same ceremony, a Blue Passport was also issued to Judith Enaw, Secretary General of the International Commission of the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha Basin (CICOS), in recognition of her work within the water sector.

Great Cities, Great Lakes, Great Basin Exhibition

The Great Cities, Great Lakes, Great Basin exhibition presents a vision for adapting to climate change shared by all the people living in the basin of the Great Lakes, Saint Lawrence River and its gulf. This traveling exhibition was first produced in 2014, following extensive public consultations held across this large basin. People’s feedback and input for developing a shared vision were sought by focusing on 5 questions: What unites us? What worries us? What do we want to promote? What is our shared vision for the future? What action do we need to take to realize this vision?

In 2016, the exhibition visited the AquaHacking Summit in Montreal in October and the Ordre des Urbanistes du Québec Congress in Quebec in July. The exhibition was also shown at COP21 in Paris in 2015.

Made up of easy-to-assemble panels, you can use and display the exhibition at your own events, such as conferences, general assemblies, forums, etc. Please contact us should you require any further information on this exhibition.
The ISW-SWE encourages young people around the world to get involved in improving integrated water resources management and promoting the implementation of the human right to water and sanitation.

By helping young people to connect with each other, as well as to other water stakeholders, the ISW-SWE encourages young people to commit themselves to water, take local and international action and come up with new responses, practices and policies for addressing water and sanitation issues.

Youth

The Youth for Water and the Climate Initiative
Youth Parliaments for Water
World Parliament
European Parliament
Regional Parliaments
National Parliaments
The aim of the Youth for Water and Climate Initiative is to highlight the tangible implementation of the recommendations set out in the ‘A Paris for Water’ White Paper that was presented at COP21 in Paris in December 2015. It supports the development of initiatives led by young people, with a particular focus on youth entrepreneurship.

In practical terms, the Initiative provides support to young people to help them develop high quality concepts and proposals in conjunction with global, regional and national program partners. In addition, it facilitates fundraising by introducing young project developers to potential donors and promotes young people’s contributions to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and to the climate agenda. The Initiative notably fosters peer learning through an approach led by and for young people, and also makes use of new technology to facilitate cohesion.

In 2016, the Youth for Water and Climate Initiative notably attended the Climate Chance Summit in Nantes in September 2016, and was also present at COP22 in Marrakech in November 2016.

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  - To coordinate youth action and advocacy on water at the local, river basin and international levels;
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  - Promote young people’s capacity to take action for water.

- **Local Action**
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- **Advocacy**
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**World Youth Parliament for Water**

- **Date Established**
  - 2002
- **3 General Assemblies**
- **Parliaments created**
  - 5 regional parliaments
  - 30 national parliaments
- **Global mobilization**
  - 1,000 young people involved over the long-term
  - 60,000 young people and partners indirectly impacted

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**2016 Activities**

New regional and national parliaments were created in 2016, for example in Sudan and in Central Asia. These parliaments are offshoots of the World Youth Parliament for Water but are independently managed by local young people.

The members of the World Youth Parliament for Water attended a variety of events in 2016 at which they promoted their activities and shared their key messages. These events included World Water Week in Stockholm, Singapore International Water Week, the Budapest Water Summit and the Francophonie Summit in Antananarivo.

Since COP21, members of the youth parliaments for water have become increasingly involved in climate change. In 2016, they successfully championed the voices of young people at two major events, the Climate Chance Summit (Nantes) and COP22 (Marrakech).
Forthcoming Activities

Continue to coordinate the World Youth Parliament for Water global network by fostering young people’s involvement in international events and by implementing youth-led local action;

Develop new partnerships around water and climate change;

Prepare for the 8th World Water Forum, notably by organizing regional youth preparatory meetings;

Prepare for the 4th General Assembly of the World Youth Parliament for Water, which is to take place at the 8th World Water Forum in 2018.

The European Youth Parliament for Water (EYPW) meets over the course of a week, during which young people (between 17 and 22 years old) and adults (experts and elected officials) come together to discuss water-related issues.

Objectives

To raise young people’s awareness of the importance of water;

To support young people’s involvement in water management;

To promote cooperation and solidarity around water between young people in Europe.

The ISW-SWE and our partners further encourage young people to participate in international conferences, develop local or European-wide awareness-raising activities, forge partnerships and become part of a network that is based on solidarity and mutual understanding.

Date Established

1998

13 sessions

Overall Mobilization

2,000 young participants from 32 countries

12,000 young people and partners indirectly involved

Main Partners

Artois-Picardie Water Agency, Erasmus+, GoodPlanet Belgium, Protos, Gymnase Burier, Canton of Vaud, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

13th Session of the EYPW - Burier High School - La Tour-de-Peilz, Switzerland

Theme: Water and Risk Management

Organized in conjunction with Burier High School and with the support of the Canton of Vaud, the 13th session of the European Youth Parliament for Water was held from the 13th to 20th March 2016. The main theme of the session was managing the risk of water-related disasters. The session was attended by 51 young people from 17 European countries. They discussed the water-related risks affecting their countries and examined the types of solution and cooperation that have been put in place.

The program for the 13th session of the European Youth Parliament for Water included:

- Workshops on risk prevention, cooperation, communication and project management;
- Field visits;
- Discussions with water experts and elected officials and preparations for Saturday’s closing ceremony;
- Election of the 13th European Youth Parliament for Water’s representatives;
- Closing ceremony attended by figures from the world of politics, from institutions, and from scientific and cultural circles.

Together, the young parliamentarians drafted a declaration outlining their commitments for addressing common water-related risks.
Final Declaration of the 13th European Youth Parliament for Water

This declaration was shared with two Swiss politicians: Anne-Catherine Lyon, State Councilor and Head of the Department of Education, Youth Development and Culture; and Isabelle Chevalley, National Councilor.

Activities Carried Out by the Presidents

Claire Pace, President (Malta)
In November, Claire Pace attended the “World Youth Conference” in New Delhi. This conference brought together international leaders to define the role of young people in implementing the SDGs. During the conference, Claire Pace was awarded the Sangai Young Leader Award 2016 in recognition of her involvement in the development sector.

During the official presentation of the United Nations ‘Water and Jobs’ report organized by the World Water Assessment Programme, UNESCO and UN-Water at the European Parliament, Claire Pace also gave a speech on water and jobs and on the importance of ensuring young people are involved in achieving the SDGs.

Forthcoming Activities
Continue to facilitate the European Youth Parliament for Water and encourage its members to participate in other European events (Stockholm World Water Week, etc.).

Organize the 14th session of the European Youth Parliament for Water on ‘Water and Peace’, which is to be held in Italy;

Organize local information and awareness-raising activities on water (campaigns in schools, conferences or workshops).

Grants for European Youth Parliament for Water Field Projects
During the European Youth Parliament for Water session held in Burier, the Swiss Federal Councillor, Didier Burkhalter, announced a project grant scheme had been set up to help young parliamentarians to implement their activities.

This is great news for all young people campaigning on water-related issues!

Following this announcement, in September, the ISW-SWE issued a call for projects to all the delegations that attended the 13th European Youth Parliament for Water. The young parliamentarians were encouraged to submit field-based, advocacy, awareness-raising and information projects that promoted cooperation between delegations in order to improve knowledge-sharing and synergies around certain issues. Although the main theme remained ‘Water and Risk Management’, projects that addressed Goal 6 of the UN’s 2030 sustainable development agenda were also considered. A total of 8 projects were ultimately selected.

Feedback from Former Parliamentarians
Galina Cazimir
Alumni from 7th EYPW and Board member of ISW-SWE
The European Youth Parliament for Water is more than a youth event, it is a space and a process where young people from all over Europe have the unique possibility to meet face to face and share their water problems. Each Parliament has its own story based on cultural values and respect for the host country, but at the same time it is an open door for other water cultures to join the movement. A European Youth Parliament for Water brings solidarity, awareness, information, trainings, field activities, intercultural events, concrete projects and probably one of the most important things, it allows discovering amazing Youth Water Leaders!

Dimka Delcheva
Alumni from 11th EYPW
I became part of the EYPW in 2013 while the 11th EYPW in Armenia. I met great people, all the facilitators and the youth were inspiring and supportive. I felt equal to all participants, we were discussing freely and my word and my opinion mattered to all of them. For a week, I felt that the EYPW participants were part of my family. I wanted to keep in contact with everyone and to work with them because they were inspiring me to continue working on our ecological projects in Bulgaria.

All the people I met became close friends, they support me in my projects and help me develop them. Now I see that some of my work has borne fruit (in Bulgaria and Bulgarian-French cooperation), that my language skills and my presentation and animation skills have improved. Communicating with water-related actors has changed too, now I understand them better and I am more credible when I talk to them.
The ISW-SWE also Promoted Civil Society at these Events

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Brasilia, Brazil
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World Water Week in Stockholm
28th August - 2nd September
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AquaHacking Summit
6-7th October _________
Montreal, Canada
The ISW-SWE took part in the 2016 AquaHacking Summit: United for the St. Lawrence. Attendees could notably visit the Great Cities, Great Lakes, Great Basin exhibition during the two-day summit.

COP22
7-18th November _________
Marrakech, Morocco
The ISW-SWE both organized and jointly organized a number of events at COP22. After having presented their White Paper at COP21 in 2015, the Youth for Water and Climate Initiative was officially launched during COP22. The conference included two Water Action Days, during which the ISW-SWE co-hosted workshops. The first workshop, on ‘Water Shortages and the Privatization of Water’, was held with members of the European Youth Parliament for Water. This was followed by a workshop on ‘Youth and Water Governance’ for young people from the World Youth Parliament for Water, during which the Youth for Water and Climate Initiative was discussed and defined. Lastly, the ISW-SWE presented our expertise in youth work at the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie pavilion, where the Prime Minister of Quebec, Philippe Couillard, and the Minister of the Environment, David Heurtel, announced the launch of a Green Fund.

4th International Forum on Integrated Water Resources Management
1st-3rd November _________
Quebec, Canada
The ISW-SWE was one of the Forum partners. Vladimir Arana held a conference on ‘Community-Based Conservation of the Heads of River Basins in the Andean Region of Peru’.

10th General Assembly of the International Network of Basin Organizations
1st-4th June _________
Yucatán, Mexico
Vladimir Arana presented an overview of the ISW-SWE’s activities, notably outlining the Blue Passport concept and its potential uses. He also participated in the General Assembly of the Latin-American Network of Basin Organizations (LANBO).

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Agence de l'eau Seine-Normandie [AESN]
Agence de l'eau Moldave
Agence française de développement [AFD]
Agua-C
Les Ailes de l'Espérance
Alliance Maghreb Machrek pour l'eau [ALMAE]
Association Bartolomé Aripaya [ABA]
Association de développement de l'agriculture durable [Tadepa]
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