



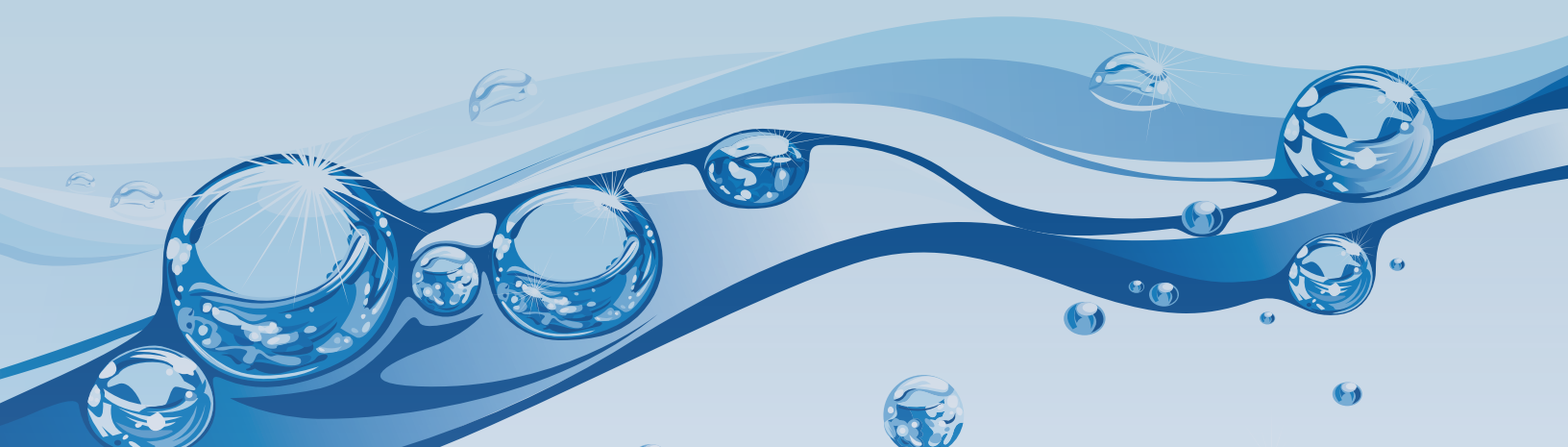
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INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR WATER



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20 YEARS OLD... ALREADY!



When an organisation such as the ISW celebrates 20 years of existence, and it is still just as dynamic and creative as at the outset, it could indeed be considered to be successful.

IT MEANS THAT :

- It has responded to a need and a demand,
- It offers added value,
- Its work is of high quality,
- It has been able to innovate, developing a network akin to a spider's web.

This constant striving for balance has been made possible thanks to the men and women who share the same ethics and subscribe to a vision of sustainable and fair development from local to global.

In 1990, three scouts set out, today with more than 300 collaborators around the world we continue to fight for the application of the right to water and sanitation for all, particularly the poorest.

2009 was an exceptional year where continuity and change were side-by-side on the agenda. It was a year for setting the foundations for a change in leadership while further increasing synergies and efficiency.

THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR WATER

The ISW is an international non-governmental organisation created in 1990 in the context of the International Decade for Drinking Water and Sanitation.

Based in Montreal, the objective of the ISW is to facilitate application of the four principles set out in the Montreal Charter on Water and Sanitation:

- Access to water and sanitation is first and foremost a policy issue,
- All action taken in the field of water must be designed with the support of the populations concerned,
- Access to water must be integrated into an overall development approach,
- All water related programmes must include the education and training of the populations.

MISSION

The mission of ISW is to take action to promote access to drinking water, hygiene and sanitation for the poorest, while contributing to meet their other basic needs; and to address the impact of climate change,

ISW supports the capacity of local populations and their partners to choose appropriate solutions (technical, human, financial, type of management etc.).

It blends «bottom up» and «top down» approaches aiming at application and innovation in the decentralisation of political choices and financing mechanisms.

KNOW-HOW

The ISW has developed know-how in the water sector that encompasses:

- Supporting capacity building among local populations,
- Finding synergies and building capacities as regards institutions,
- Awareness-raising and information campaigns that place integrated water resource management by hydrographical basin at the heart of sustainable and equitable development,
- Optimising regional alliances and supporting global networks,
- Communication and organisation of events associated with lobbying actions.

HUMAN RESOURCES

THE TEAM

IN MONTREAL (5 FULL-TIME STAFF)

Danielle Audet – Administration Manager
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IN CENTRAL ASIA

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ACTIVITIES

AT THE 5th WORLD WATER FORUM



In Istanbul in March 2009 the ISW, SWE and their partners carried out the following activities:

- At the «Feshane facility», built the Citizens' House for Water and the surrounding area entitled «Fountains of Knowledge», designed by architecture students from Istanbul's Mimar Sinan University.
- Organised workshops and debates in the Citizens' House for Water.
- Organised the International «Water and Film» Events from 16 to 22 March.
- Facilitated an intensive three-day working session for young people from Turkey and around the world.
- Organised a photo exhibition on a catamaran entitled «Water, a bridge for peace».
- Launched the Blue Book for Benin: Water, Life, People.
- Chaired a parliamentary session of 200 elected representatives.
- Participated in the sessions and various forum activities.

MORE THAN 3,000 PEOPLE VISITED THE CITIZENS' HOUSE FOR WATER.

Istanbul also provided the occasion for the ISW to hold the closing ceremony of the 2nd International "Water and Film" Events (IWFE). Under the general theme of «Water, People and Sustainable Development» the films in competition were of very good quality and very varied, both in cultural and thematic terms.

There were three categories of film:

- Clips of less than 90 seconds for young people aged between 17 and 30.
- Films of less than 60 minutes (documentaries, animated films, works of fiction)
- Scientific and educational films.

The international jury was chaired by Mrs Hülya Uçansu, former director of the Istanbul International Film Festival and had seven members: Cristian Calónico (Mexico), Gaetano Capizzi (Italy), Dr. Abibou Ciss (Burkina Faso); Pascale Ferland (Canada), Robert Kalman (Hungary), Thai Thi Ngoc Du (Vietnam) and Maggie White (France). The opening ceremony and prize giving were held in the Palais de France on 15 March in collaboration with the Institut Français of Istanbul.

As well as the usual nine official prizes, three special prizes were also awarded: Prix « Changement Climatique »

- The «Climate Change» Prize,
- The «WASH water supply, sanitation and hygiene» Prize,
- The «Personal Stories» Prize

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IN CENTRAL ASIA



Our project to help establish and build the capacities of civil society organisations, which offers rural populations a community-based approach to water resources (water supply, sanitation and hygiene), has been prolonged to the end of 2012. The challenge consists, in **Uzbekistan** and **Kyrgyzstan**, of spreading this approach widely, while developing partnerships with the local and national authorities of both countries so they can gradually take over responsibility for these services.

IN WEST AFRICA

We have stepped up our actions in this region:

In **Benin**, together with the Blue Book Steering Committee, we are preparing to implement the project called “Leaucal” (a play on words between the word “local” and “eau”, the French word for water). This is a project aiming at decentralisation and local governance of the financial, human and management resources required to provide access to water and sanitation for the populations of a whole region.

In **Niger**, following the publication in 2006 of the Blue Book, we worked with 12 communes to develop the notion of a “project portfolio” and “critical mass”. All local elected representatives were mobilised and national authorities

were also involved.

In **Senegal**, the Blue Book is completed.

In **Burkina Faso**, with our local partners, we designed the programme for the first “Water and Film Evening” a film screening for the general public.

We also prepared, with the 2IE, a convention to prepare the creation of a “Water and Society” Chair in **Ouagadougou**.

Finally, in **West Africa**, we work with the NGO, Eau Vive in the process it has undertaken to decentralise its institutional and operational structures.



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IN EUROPE

In close collaboration with Solidarity Water Europe (SWE) based in Strasbourg, we have put our expertise in building bridges, lobbying, bringing people together, and designing event-based communication activities at the disposal of various European partners.



IN LATIN AMERICA

We decided to re-launch our activities in this part of the world where we were very active from 1990 to 2003. We have given our support to the projects of “Wings of Hope” in Quebec and in **Peru**, and we carried out missions to **Bolivia**, **Ecuador** and **Costa Rica**. Through new partnerships we have rediscovered the enormous motivation of the populations and institutions which have put access to water and sanitation for all at the top of their agendas, considering it a prerequisite for a better quality of life and as indispensable for breaking the vicious circle of poverty in this region.

In the context of the International “Water and Film” Events, a VidéEau contest was launched in **Ecuador** and **Central America**. This enabled us to bring a strong message to the Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen in December 2009, by screening a DVD in the town’s cinemas.

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A CELEBRATION OF LAKES AND RIVERS

A Celebration of Lakes and Rivers is a project which began in 2006 and which, since then, has proven that water can be a source of solidarity from a local to a global scale. This message was carried throughout the pan-Canadian tour that came to a close in March 2009. This conference tour on water and sanitation passed through 24 colleges and universities in Canada, from British-Columbia to Nova-Scotia.



It is also a project that gave birth to the "Festival VidéEau", an annual contest for film clips of less than 60 seconds by young people of 17 to 30 years old.

The results of "A Celebration of Lakes and Rivers" were presented during the "International meeting on integrated water management" that was held at Sherbrooke University from 1 to 3 June 2009, as well as at the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul in 2009.

SAGES FOR WATER

The contribution of the Water Sages during 2009 was considerable, within the framework of the following activities:

- The Symposium at Cerisy on: "Water fears and pleasures, of yesteryear and for the future"
- The conference given by Raymond Jost before the Parliamentarians of the Quebec National Assembly on "Quebec, a world water capital"
- Reflection and debate on access to drinking water and sanitation for marginalised and remote populations
- The design of a training programme that will give young people aged 20 to 30 years old the status of "Water Sentinel", to act as guardians of water in their own environment.



ISW EXTERNAL EVALUATION

Over the past 20 years, several partial evaluations have been carried out. The evaluation of 2009, contracted by the SDC (Swiss development and cooperation agency), was a global one, and could not have come at a better moment, as 2009 was a year for reorganisation within the ISW and its "family".

The ISW evaluation covered its main lines of work, its outputs, its role on the international stage, its organisational structure and the perception its partners and donors hold of the organisation.

The senior evaluator, Mrs. Monika Egger, met with around thirty people and went into the field. She came to the ISW offices in Montreal and attended the summary meeting in Paris that closed an international debate on the future of the ISW/SWE/Water Sages movement.

The results of the evaluation were encouraging and positive. The strengths and weaknesses were identified, and some of the conclusions have already contributed to changes being made.

ISW FINANCIAL REPORT

Income in 2009 was \$CAN 2 100 000.

The sources of financing are varied and complementary:

- National funding (Ministries, bilateral agencies and international cooperation agencies)
- Multilateral agencies and international NGOs
- Foundations, private companies, local authorities and water users.

Expenditure is as follows:

- 75% of resources were dedicated to activities in the field;
- 16% to development, capitalisation and communication;
- 9% to administrative costs.

All expenditure was covered apart from that incurred due to fluctuations in exchange rates.

COMING SOON...



**L'EFFET
PAPILLON**
du local à l'international

In 2010, the Butterfly Effect will touch you!

In September 2010, A Celebration of Lakes and Rivers will become the Butterfly Effect! This project will mobilize the people of Quebec of all ages, particularly young people and even elected representatives!

In the context of international cooperation, the butterfly effect can also be translated as "local actions for a global impact". It will be an ambitious project of public commitment, which will take place in various regions of Quebec and which will aim to set up a chain of solidarity that can support initiatives to improve access to water and sanitation in other countries. Regions in Quebec will be twinned with a community in a developing country that needs to improve its water and sanitation services or which is facing specific water-related environmental problems.

This will also provide an opportunity to raise the awareness of the people of Quebec regarding water issues at home and will give them the perfect opportunity to get directly involved in their community!

The Butterfly Effect will "take off" in Quebec thanks to the young people and adults who take an interest in water issues at home but who are also aware of the needs in terms of access to water in other areas of the planet.

The Butterfly Effect is a project that will demonstrate how change is within reach and that the more people we can mobilize, the better the results, both locally and globally!



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