

YWPKD General Assembly Minutes

GA held: 23/5/14

1. Welcome by Trine Stausgaard Munk (Rambøll)

2. IWA in Denmark by Helle Katrine Andersen (DANVA)

3. Election of spokesman and referent

Trine Stausgaard Munk elected as spokesman and Karolina Tatari as referent

4. Presentation and adoption of YWPKD constitution by Karolina Tatari (DTU)

- Short discussion about prioritization of members that have pre-applied to run for the Country Chapter Steering Committee and questions regarding the IWA membership for Steering Committee members
- Discussion on the terminology used in the objectives section (§ 2) of the YWPKD constitution → Florian suggested to change the term "industry" with "water sector" not to exclude utilities. Discussion continued by Chiara in regard to the term "sector" which in her opinion might imply excluding municipalities, public administrations related to water and social movements. However, it was decided by majority that the term "sector" better suited the scope of this association.
- With this change the constitution is adopted!

5. Presentation and election of Country Chapter Steering Committee members

- One spot was left open besides the applications received
- Elected members: Trine Stausgaard Munk, Gudny Bredtoft, Florian Wagner, Mariann Sæbø, Karolina Tatari, Nerea Uri, Chiara Fratini, Niels Askjær, Krzysztof Kowalski, Vaibhav Diwan

6. Presentation of the budget for the coming year by Gudny Bredtoft (Rambøll)

- We should ask the IWA national committee for more money next year
- Budget is adopted. Next year we will adopt accounts that will be more important than the budget

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7. Discussion of YWPKD purpose and mission → Groupwork

Discussion topics and overall conclusions as summarized below:

Network

- Expectations from the network: become a platform for knowledge sharing, create opportunities for career development, promote water awareness, connect different sectors and areas of focus within water, ultimately become a recognized network and influence (political) agendas
- Focus areas: be as broad as possible to include several disciplines within water, suggest general “good practice lines” as a direction for young professionals, maintain both a social & an academic approach of the network. Members should use each other within the network when facing challenges in their affiliate organizations, and/or to show interesting facts. We should promote user-driven activities to keep the network alive and use LinkedIn as a forum for discussions. The LinkedIn group will be semi-closed to function as an incentive for people to sign-up as members in order to follow the discussions

Discussion of contributions to IWA Strategic Plan 2014-2018

- Facilitate learning: by giving the word to young people at conferences, mtgs etc. even for non-breaking news, using LinkedIn for discussions
- Promote innovation: by promoting career opportunities for newcomers and more experienced water professionals, facilitating presentation and information flow about ongoing innovation and current challenges in the sector
- Growing the IWA membership: by informing people within YWPKD and at our events about what IWA is and does

Others

Minutes taken by: Karolina Tatari

20/6/2014