

# **HEALTH-RELATED WATER MICROBIOLOGY**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **PARIS SYMPOSIUM – JULY 2000**

As you will remember, the meeting of the Group at the Paris Biennial Symposium decided to set up a formal Editorial Board to referee papers for the Proceedings publication. This unfortunately took longer than expected and, together with the largest number of manuscripts we have ever received, resulted in the refereeing process taking many months longer than anticipated. This was further exacerbated by some referees being slow in returning their reports (or not responding at all) and the need to refer some manuscripts to a third referee. In addition, many authors failed to follow the simple guidelines on manuscript preparation that necessitated substantial editing to bring them into the correct format.

However, the Proceedings have now been finalised, approved by the IWA moderator and should be published in June.

### **BERLIN CONGRESS – OCTOBER 2001**

The Group does not have a full input into this Congress although we have two sessions and into the presentation of an International Report on Cryptosporidiosis. Potential delegates should contact IWA direct for further details of this meeting and not the Group.

Details at [www.iwa-berlin.de/](http://www.iwa-berlin.de/)

### **MELBOURNE SYMPOSIUM – 7-12 APRIL 2002**

The Group is to hold its 11th Symposium in Melbourne, Australia at the same time as the IWA Biennial of 2002 ([www.iwa-2002.com](http://www.iwa-2002.com)). Our Australian organisers have been examining the possibility of arranging our Symposium more along the lines of our successful Tübingen and Majorca events in an attempt to recover some of the intimacy of those meetings which was somewhat lost at Paris. Further details as and when available. In the meantime.....!

## **Call for papers**

The IWA Melbourne organisers have asked the Group to produce an outline programme and a list of titles that may be presented in time for inclusion in the "Invitation to Register" documentation to be sent out during September 2001. In order to meet this request, the deadlines for submission of extended abstracts have been set as follows:

### **ORAL ABSTRACTS – 28TH JULY 2001**

### **POSTER ABSTRACTS – 1ST NOVEMBER 2001**

These dates are absolute! Abstracts for oral papers postmarked later than 28th July may only be considered for poster presentation and no abstracts will be considered if marked later than 1st November.

Extended abstracts must not exceed 700 words (2 pages) and should describe the objectives, present summary findings and give the conclusions of the report. Tables and figures should be included in support of the abstract. It is essential that reports are relevant to the theme of Health-Related Water Microbiology. Any not meeting this requirement will be returned to the author.

Abstracts should be emailed only to [hrwm.melbourne@ntlworld.com](mailto:hrwm.melbourne@ntlworld.com) and not to any other address! All abstracts received will be acknowledged.

A Programme Committee will determine the final oral programme based on abstracts received by 28th July 2001 and no correspondence about the Committee's decision will be allowed.

## **Proceedings**

The authors of all papers selected as part of the oral and poster programmes will be invited to submit a manuscript of their report. Manuscripts will not exceed 8 pages in length and **will have to be produced strictly** according to the guidelines that will be sent to each author. The last postmarked date for receipt of manuscripts will be 21st January 2002.

Manuscripts received after this date or that do not conform to the manuscript preparation guidelines will be returned to the authors.

[These apparently harsh conditions are to enable the Proceedings to be more rapidly produced than was the case with the Paris publication. In the first instance, the onus is on authors to minimise such delays by producing correctly presented manuscripts.]

It is hoped that the Proceedings will be published within a few months of the holding of the Symposium as a special issue of Water Science & Technology.

## **ELECTION**

At the Group meeting at Paris, it was decided that the posts of Chairman and Secretary should become vacant in rotation. Each post is for a period of two biennials (four years) and at the Melbourne Group meeting the post of Secretary will become vacant.

The rules for election of Group Officers was agreed at Vancouver and, after taking in to account the modifications suggested at Paris, are repeated below.

### **PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF CHAIR, SECRETARY AND EDITOR**

1. Officers (Chair, Secretary, Editor) will be elected for a period of two biennial meetings (approximately four years). After this time Officers will stand down pending the outcome of an election. Such Officers may, provided they are elected according to the following procedure, serve further terms of office.
2. The posts of Chair and Secretary will become vacant in rotation in order to maintain continuity of Group leadership.
3. Nominations for the above posts will be invited at least six months before the end of the term of office has been served.
4. Requests for nominations will be through the Group's electronic Newsletter and web page.
5. Nominations will be considered valid if the candidate expresses their willingness to stand and is supported by the names of two other members.
6. **THE CANDIDATE AND SECONDEES MUST BE MEMBERS OF IWA.**
7. The closing date for nominations will be four months before the relevant biennial conference.
8. Nominations should normally be sent to the Group's Secretary.
9. A list of eligible candidates (together with the names of their seconders) will be posted in the electronic Newsletter and web page three months before the biennial meeting.
10. Only IWA members may vote for the candidates.
11. Voting will be by emailed ballot paper with the voter confirming their IWA membership.

12. Each voter will have one vote for each vacant position.
13. The ballot papers will be returned to the Secretary of the Group no later than one month before the biennial meeting (late returns will be logged but not counted).
14. The results of the ballot will be announced at the relevant biennial meeting of the Group and published in the Group's Newsletter and web page.
15. All emailed ballot papers will be printed off and held for scrutiny (if required) at the biennial meeting.
16. The newly elected officers will assume their roles at the biennial at which they were elected.

Accordingly for the forthcoming election of Group Secretary the deadlines are:

1st October 2001 – nominations to be received

1st November 2001 – ballot issued

1st January 2002 – ballot closes

April 2002 – announcement of result at Melbourne Symposium

All nominations with seconders (as laid out above) should be sent to the Secretary at [microbe@ntlworld.com](mailto:microbe@ntlworld.com)

Receipt of all nominations will be acknowledged.

## **JOINT IWA-AWWA CONFERENCE**

Preliminary plans are now being discussed for a meeting in Lisbon, Portugal in September 2002 to address the problems of "Waterborne Pathogens". No other details as yet – watch this space!

## **GROUP WEB PAGE**

Gertjan Medema volunteered to establish a Group web site at the Paris Symposium. This he has done and the content is both excellent and extensive! Well done Gertjan!

Unfortunately there seems to be a problem with entering the site from the main IWA home page because of the need of users to register, have a user name and also a password. This access problem is being sorted out by IWA

but if any Group members have worked out how to get into the site please let us know!

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