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DEADLINE FOR ORAL ABSTRACTS HAS PASSED!

The Programme Committee has reviewed all the abstracts received and a draft programme is in preparation. As soon as this is agreed, it will be posted in this Newsletter and also on the Group's web site.

ABSTRACTS FOR POSTERS DEADLINE IS 1ST MAY!

Abstract submission

1. The work to be presented must be ORIGINAL and not previously accepted or submitted elsewhere for presentation or publication.
2. Abstracts must be sent by email to hrwm.capetown@ntlworld.com
3. Receipt of all abstracts will be acknowledged.

4. The text of the abstract should not exceed one thousand words.
5. Up to 2 figures or 2 tables may be included with the abstract *only if they give information that will influence the selection process*
6. Abstracts of investigations *that will not have been substantially completed* by the receipt of abstract deadline for ORAL presentations will only be considered as POSTER presentations.
7. Deadline for receipt of abstracts to be considered for POSTER presentation is **1 May 2003**
8. Abstracts received after the POSTER deadline may not be considered.
9. The decision of the Programme Committee in selecting papers for inclusion in either the ORAL or POSTER sessions is final and no discussion will be entered into.
10. Successful applicants will be invited to submit manuscripts of their papers. Details on manuscript preparation will be made available. Manuscript receipt deadline is **31 July 2003** – late manuscripts will not be returned to authors.

GET YOUR ABSTRACTS SUBMITTED NOW!

For full details of what is planned for Cape Town, visit www.iwaconferences.co.za/water/Health_1.html which will take you direct to the HRWM details.

If you have any difficulties with the site please contact Willie Grabow at grabow@med.up.ac.za.

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MELBOURNE PROCEEDINGS

Now available as Water Science & Technology (2003) volume 47 part 3. If you do not subscribe to the journal you can buy this special issue by contacting IWA Publishing direct.

Please note that the Melbourne Symposium email address (hrwm.Melbourne@ntlworld.com) is now terminated.

Any mail concerning this meeting should be sent only to microbe@ntlworld.com

GROUP CHAIR – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The rules of the Group are being slightly amended to take into account the move towards holding Group Symposia in odd years away from the parent IWA biennial and other changes within IWA. Accordingly the posts of Chair and Secretary, which were due to become vacant in 2004 and 2006 respectively, will now become vacant in 2003 and 2005 i.e. at the Cape Town (Chair) and Swansea (Secretary) Symposia, respectively.

The present Chair, Joan Jofre, will stand down at Cape Town and you are invited to nominate individuals to take on the post of **Chair** of the Group at the Cape Town symposium. Retiring officers can be re-elected if the membership so wishes and the individual is willing to stand for election.

The nominee should agree to have their name put forward and should be supported by two seconders. Naturally, only IWA members will be entitled to be nominated or to second any nomination.

Please send your nomination with two seconders to the Group Secretary at microbe@ntlworld by **April 15th 2003** so that a ballot, should it be necessary, can be organised. Any ballot will be carried out via email and the procedure for the ballot will be given in the Newsletter at the time.

[The revised rules for the Group are currently being prepared and will be published in a future issue of the Newsletter]

2007 SYMPOSIUM – CALL FOR BIDS

It may seem a little early but at Cape Town there will be a call for ideas on where to hold the 2007 Symposium! Those interested in sponsoring the Symposium should (a) notify the Secretary by **July 31st 2003** and (b) be prepared to make a 5-10 minute presentation at Cape Town in support of their bid. The presentation will also be hosted on the Group's web site and selection of the 2007 venue will be decided by email ballot of all HRWM Group members (who should hold IWA membership) registered with the Secretary as of October 1st 2003.

IWA PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL OF WATER AND HEALTH

The first issue is now available – members should have received notification direct from IWA Publishing. This a journal that evolved out of discussions over the last few years with the HRWM Group who had identified a need for this theme oriented publication. Its success will depend very much on your support!

NEW BOOKS

Assessing Microbial Safety of Drinking Water
Improving Approaches And Methods

Authors: OECD, WHO

Publication Date: June 2003 · ISBN: 1843390361

IWA Members Price: £48.75 / US\$78.00 / €78.00

Non Members Price: £65.00 / US\$104.00 / €104.00

Drinking Water and Infectious Disease: Establishing the Links

Editors: PR Hunter, M Waite, E Ronchi

Publication Date: August 2002 · ISBN: 1843390272

IWA Members Price: £66.75 / US\$107.00 / €107.00

Non Members Price: £89.00 / US\$142.00 / €142.00

Health-related Water Microbiology 2002

Selected Proceedings of the 11th International Symposium on Health-related Water Microbiology, held at the IWA 3rd World Water Congress in Melbourne, Australia, 7-11 April 2002

Editor: R Morris

Publication Date: 2003 · ISBN: 1843394359

IWA Members Price: £100.50 / US\$161.00 / €161.00

Non Members Price: £134.00 / US\$214.00 / €214.00

HPC and Drinking-water Safety

The Significance of Heterotrophic Plate Counts for Water Quality and Human Health

Authors: WHO/NSF

Publication Date: June 2003 · ISBN: 1843390256

IWA Members Price: £37.50 / \$60.00 / €60.00

Non Members Price: £50.00 / \$80.00 / €80.00

Microbiological Water Quality in Piped Distribution Systems

A Review of Knowledge and Practices

Editor: RG Ainsworth

Publication Date: July 2003 · ISBN: 1843390396

IWA Members Price: £45.00 / US\$72.00 / €72.00

Non Members Price: £60.00 / US\$96.00 / €96.00

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CONFERENCE NEWS

Water Safety: Risk Management Strategies for Drinking Water *International Conference in Berlin, Germany, 28-30 April 2003*

Programme, further information and registration:

www.umweltbundesamt.de/water-safety

What is it about?

The *WHO Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality* are following a new approach: their central element is to improve “process control” through introducing risk assessment and quality management. This is termed “*Water Safety Plan*” and uses key elements of *HACCP*. This stands for Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points, and is familiar from food industry, where it has proven very successful. - Experience with application of this approach in drinking-water is available from Switzerland, France, Australia and Uganda.

Why is an opinion on HACCP important for the drinking-water sector?

The international discussion of the benefits of applying the HACCP approach to drinking-water systems is rapidly gaining momentum. The systematic approach to assessment, control and monitoring is increasingly perceived as advantageous, as this allows flexible systems tailored to the specific setting. Past experience indicates that an impact of the WHO Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality on the next revision of the EU Drinking-water directive is likely.

- How does this new approach relate to existing regulations?
- How is it different from quality management systems currently applied to drinking-water supplies?
- What would its introduction change for suppliers and for public surveillance?
- What does the drinking-water sector think about this development?
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Who will talk about what?

- Speakers were invited for their leading position and expertise in the following fields:
- Development of the WHO Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality
- Development of the EU Drinking-water directive

- Introduction and implementation of HACCP-elements in drinking-water supplies
- Experience in public surveillance with this quality management tool
- Experience with current regulations and quality management systems

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**Next issue deadline
15th May 2003**

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