

## **GETTING STARTED**

We are happy to present you with the first issue of the Water JPI Newsletter. The goals of this monthly publication are to 1) reinforce our visibility; 2) keep the internal energy level high; and 3) show where we are progressing and where we are not. The newsletter will let us know what we are doing in the scope of related initiatives and will remind us where we want to be. This publication is open to contributions from all of us... do not hesitate!

## **ECHOES OF THE KICK OFF MEETING**

The kick off meeting was everything but boring. Due to an air control strike, reaching Brussels was not an easy task, and not everybody could make it. Our colleague **Wolfram** took a few pictures of the meeting. In one of them we can see three members of the Spanish team (**Aida, Estrella** and **José María**). They could not make it to Brussels and contributed by videoconferencing. A number of other colleagues could not make it at all.



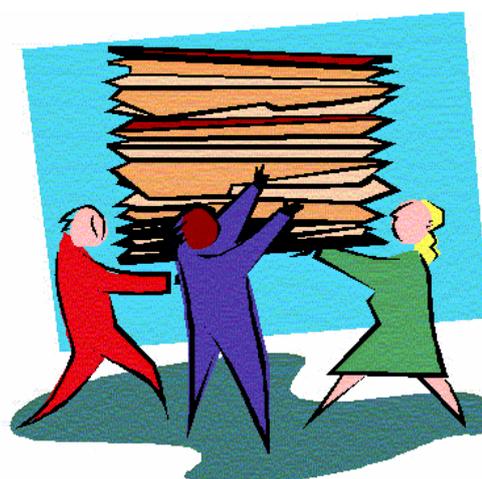
Despite the strike, some 35 of us got together and worked in a long, very productive session. We hope we can gather even a larger crowd next time.

## **JPI TASK FORCES IN ACTION**

Four [task forces](#) have been set up to reinforce the co-operative nature of our operation:

- Review of the Vision Document (VD) and preparation of a Terms of Reference document, led by **Hans**;
- Mapping water research in Europe.

- Taking steps to constitute the Advisory Board.
- Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) thematic analysis, led by **Manfred**.



Task forces will perform their activities during 3 to 6 months. In addition to these four task forces, we will use the period till the end of the year to define the tasks and profiles of national delegates to the Governing and Executive Boards, and communicate to the Organization the name of the National Delegates.

## **CIS-SPI EVENT. BRUSSELS, BE**

We were invited by the Environment Directorate of DG RTD of the EC to participate in the “Water Science Meets Policy” event, making part of the Common Implementation Strategy (CIS) of the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The meeting was held in September 30<sup>th</sup>, and was organized by the EC and by ONEMA, the French National Agency for Water and Aquatic Environments.

The Water JPI – represented by **Enrique** – acted as *rapporteur* of the working group on water and agriculture. The event covered a wide perspective of water issues and their policy implications. A [research agenda](#) has been published, which will be very useful to those taking part in our VD and SRA task forces.

