

# NEWSLETTER

“*Sapere aude*”

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## **EDITORIAL**

*Sapere aude*, dare to know, is a lemma deeply linked to European philosophical tradition of self-liberation through reason. Today we are bringing it to the Newsletter as a reminder of the possibilities for water knowledge deriving from European efforts. It is time to dare to commit to increased coordination of research and innovation efforts. This Newsletter issue will explore progress in two such efforts: the Water JPI and the European Innovation Partnership on water. We have chosen a motivating lemma for a Newsletter issue marking the beginning of the third season.

## **NEW WATER JPI LOGO AND WEBPAGE**

The month of July saw intense developments in corporate image and external communications. Our Italian partner ISPRA led this process, which resulted in the following Water JPI logo being approved by our partnership:



By the end of July, the first version of our webpage was published at: [www.waterjpi.eu](http://www.waterjpi.eu). This is a major achievement, signalling our will to reach out to the European Research and Innovation Community. The webpage contains all Water JPI public documents and a news section which will reflect major water events. You are welcome to contact the webmaster to provide relevant information.

## **PROGRESS IN WATEUR**

There has been not much rest this summer at the Water JPI. Negotiations for [WatEUR](http://www.wateur.eu) (the FP7 Coordination and Support action for



the Water JPI) were successfully completed, and the Grant Agreement is now finalising the signature process. We are now getting ready for an energetic start on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

## **WATER JPI AT ESOF 2012**

The European Science Open Forum was held in Dublin last July 11-15. On July 11 the water JPI organized the [session](#) “Water Challenges for a Changing World”. This 90 minute event presented a broad view of water challenges, with presentations from key speakers from industry, the European Commission, Academia and Governmental Agencies. In the picture below, from left to right, Durk Krol (WssTP), Luisa Prista (European Commission), Michael Depledge (European Centre for Environment and Human Health), Damià Barceló (ICRA) and Laura Burke (Environmental Protection Agency, Ireland). Four of these speakers make part of the Water JPI governance.



## **THE EIP ON WATER**

The European Commission nominated Ms. Carmen Vela, Secretary of State of Research, Development and Innovation, Government of Spain, as member of the High Level Steering Group. Enrique Playán, Water JPI coordinator, was appointed to the Task Force. These bodies met on September 4 and 25, respectively. As a conclusion of both meetings, eight priorities




have been identified for the [EIP](#), covering a variety of aspects. The titles for these priorities are currently being finalised. Each priority addresses the urban, rural and industrial environments and explores the connections between these.

Selected priorities will be the basis for EIP activities in 2013. One of such activities is the FP7 call on “Water innovation demonstration projects”.

The task Force will elaborate a Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) for the EIP on Water, containing a characterization of these priorities. The SIP will be approved by the High Level Steering Group before the end of 2012. The Water JPI will interact with the drafting of the SIP.

### **JPIs TO CO-WORK WORKSHOPS**

This FP7 Coordination and Support Action  **JPIs TO CO WORK** aims at providing support to the development of all ten JPIs. On September 20 and 21 a workshop was organized in Vienna to discuss Forward Looking activities and Ex-ante evaluation. Representatives from all JPIs attended the meeting, including four partners of the Water JPI. Stay tuned to the project [webpage](#) for more workshops.



### **UPCOMING JPI MEETINGS**

#### **Meetings in October 2012**

A two-day Water JPI meeting will be held on October 16 and 17 in Rome. The meeting will focus on warming-up **WatEUr** in anticipation of its kick off early in 2013. Work package and Task leaders will present detailed plans. The fourth meeting of the Water JPI Executive Board will be held in the afternoon of October 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Meetings in February 2013**

Another two-day meeting will be held on February 5 and 6, 2013. This mega meeting will contain the second meeting of the Scientific and Technological Board and the Stakeholders Advisory Group, the fifth meeting of the Executive Board, and the WatEUr kick-off, counting on the presence of the whole Water JPI community.

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHTS**

#### **Water Cycle Science**

This recent [paper](#) by Levizzani and Provenzale concludes that observations (both ground and satellites) are a must to understand physical and chemical processes and to initialise and validate models.

#### **Research, WFD and Climate Change**

Quevauviller et al. just presented this [paper](#) on the integration of research advances in modelling and monitoring in support of WFD river basin management planning in the context of climate change.



#### **Water Wikipedia Released**

European cultural heritage project [Watershapes](#) has started to build a [Water Wikipedia](#), presenting detailed, geo-referenced information on water artefacts in Mediterranean Europe.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Wetsus Congress**

This [Wetsus congress](#), titled “Societal challenges: Call for innovative water technology” will be held in Leeuwarden (The Netherlands) on October 1 and 2.

#### **Hydrology and Society**

This [EGU Leonardo Conference](#) will explore Hydrology and Society: Connections between Hydrology and population dynamics, policy making and power generation. It will be held in Torino (Italy), 14-16 November 2012.

### **LINKS TO THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS**

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