

## **EDITORIAL**

The WatEUr project is bringing changes to our Newsletter. This is the last issue produced directly by the Coordination Team. From now on, the ISPRA team will be leading dissemination activities. This new era of the Newsletter will bring new ideas and concepts. After 22 issues, it is time to move on. All the best to our colleagues in this new responsibility!

## **PROGRESS IN WATEUR**

The WatEUr project is now ready to start on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. All partners have completed accession to the Grant Agreement. The consortium agreement will be finalized and signed before the end of the year. It is now time to prepare the partners' teams for an energetic start-up.



## **THE EIP ON WATER**

The Task Force of the European Innovation Partnership on Water met for the second time on November 30<sup>th</sup>. This meeting served the purpose of further discussing the Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP). The draft document will be discussed for approval at the second meeting of the High Level Steering Group. This meeting will be held in Brussels on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The approval of

the SIP is required in order to start innovation activities early in 2013.



## **InfoDay on "Inno Demo" calls**

The European Commission (Research & Innovation DG - Directorate Environment) is organising an InfoDay on FP7 Environment Research in the specific field of "water innovation demonstration projects" on 15 January 2013 in Brussels.



The event will focus on the Call FP7-ENV-2013-WATER-INNO-DEMO of the 2013 Environment Work Programme. It aims to provide guidance on the preparation of proposals, to update proposers on recent progress by the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) on Water and to allow for brokerage amongst the participants. The Event will also count on presentations by the EIP and by D.G. CONNECT on objective ICT-2013.6.3 ICT for water resources management.

Get further [Information](#) on this event. [Registration](#) will remain open till January 10, 2013. Webstreaming will also be available. The link will be announced at the information page.

## **UPCOMING JPI MEETINGS**

### **Meetings in February 2013**

A two-day meeting will be held in Madrid on February 2013:

- Feb. 5: WatEUr kick-off and launching. Addresses from High-level Ministerial representatives, the European Commission and keynote scientists, technologists, technology platforms and stakeholders.
- Feb 6: Fifth meeting of the Executive Board; Second meeting of the Scientific and Technological Board and the Stakeholders Advisory Group.



### **BLUEPRINT RELEASED**

DG Environment has released a major [Communication](#) on Water: “A Blueprint to Safeguard Europe’s Water Resources”. The document outlines actions that concentrate on better implementation of current water legislation, integration of water policy objectives into other policies, and filling the gaps in particular as regards water quantity and efficiency. The objective is to ensure that a sufficient quantity of good quality water is available for people's needs, the economy and the environment throughout the EU. The Communication and reports adopted by the Commission, alongside a variety of supporting background documents can be found [here](#).

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHTS**

#### **Mixed reviews for US Clean Water Act**

After forty years and billions of dollars invested, this major piece of regulation is reviewed in this Nature [news](#). Old problems, new challenges and plenty of additional science to take stock on!

### **Little change in global drought**

This interesting Nature [letter](#) reviews world drought trends in the last 60 years to conclude that little changes can be appreciated.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **AquaConSoil Conference**

This [conference](#) is expecting a thousand delegates from research institutes, universities, governments, consultants and industry. 16–19 April 2013, Barcelona, Spain

### **JPIs to Co-work Workshop**

The second Workshop of the “JPIs to Co-work” CSA will



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be held on December 18-19<sup>th</sup> in Warsaw. The title of this workshop is “Governance and Evaluation”. Registration is open till December 3<sup>rd</sup>. In order to participate, please register using the following [link](#).

### **Land and Water Challenges**

[CIGR](#) (International Commission of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering) and [CIHEAM](#) (Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari) are organising the 1<sup>st</sup> CIGR Inter-Regional Conference on Land and Water Challenges in Bari (Italy) on 10-14 September, 2013. The objective is to present and discuss the latest achievements in the field of sustainable use of natural resources at different scales and to promote a better development of agriculture in the future.

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

You will find all our previous Newsletters at our [Webpage](#).

### **SEASONS’ GREETINGS**

