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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

14 December 2023

Agenda – OoB (Order of Business)

1. Opening of the meeting and appointment of the Chair
2. Approval of the Record of last General Assembly (June 2023)
3. Presentation of and welcome to new WAMU-NET Members (2nd semester 2023)
4. 5th Youth Contest and Award ‘The Water We Want’ (deadline: April 2024)
5. Announcement of the 5th WAMU-NET conference in Porto, Portugal (October 2024)
6. Nomination of the new Management Board (term 2024-25)
7. Nomination of the new President (term 2024-25)

Agenda – OoB (Order of Business)

8. Status of 2023 annual Membership contributions (received until Nov. 30th)
9. Approval of Bylaws no.1 and no.2 (art. 17)
10. Approval of 2024 annual Memberships
11. Approval of the Forecast Budget for the year 2024 (art.16)
12. Fundraising aimed to rebuild the water mill destroyed by the earthquake in the Atlas, Morocco
13. Discussion on next activities 2024 (22 March 2024: World Water Day “Water and Peace” with exhibition “The WOW” in Paris at UNESCO; May 18th: World Water Forum in Bali, Indonesia; October 1st week: 5th WAMU-NET Conference)
14. AOB - Proposals and suggestions from the members
15. Closing of the meeting

OoB n. 1 - Opening of the Plenary and appointment of the Chair

Eddy
Moors
Netherlands



Chen
Yongming,
China



Sara
Ahmed,
India



Abdenbi
El Mandour,
Morocco



OoB n.2

Approval of the Record of the last General Assembly

30 June 2023

11th GA – General Assembly

- Double check the list of present / not present members and please do notify any discrepancy to Stefania Schiavon:
mail@watermuseums.net

OoB n.3

Presentation of and welcome to
new Members (2nd semester)

6 new members from: Australia, China,
Czech Republic, Iraq, Italy (x2)

+19 new members in 2023 (13 + 6)

**WAMU-NET Members at 31.12.2023:
89 Institutions from 38 countries
+ 15 Individuals (104 members in total)**

Presentation of new Members

**Prepared and curated by Lucrezia Gigante
and Marie-Pierre Charlery**

OoB n.4

5th Youth Contest and Award 'The Water We Want'

Main Partner year 2024:



PROVINCIA AUTONOMA
DI TRENTO

ADEP – Water & Sewage
Public Company of Trentino
(Trento, Italy)
Director: Giovanni Gatti



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**INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH CONTEST AND AWARD
5TH EDITION 2024**

**the
water
we
want!**



Deadline for submissions: 26 April 2024

The participants and the categories

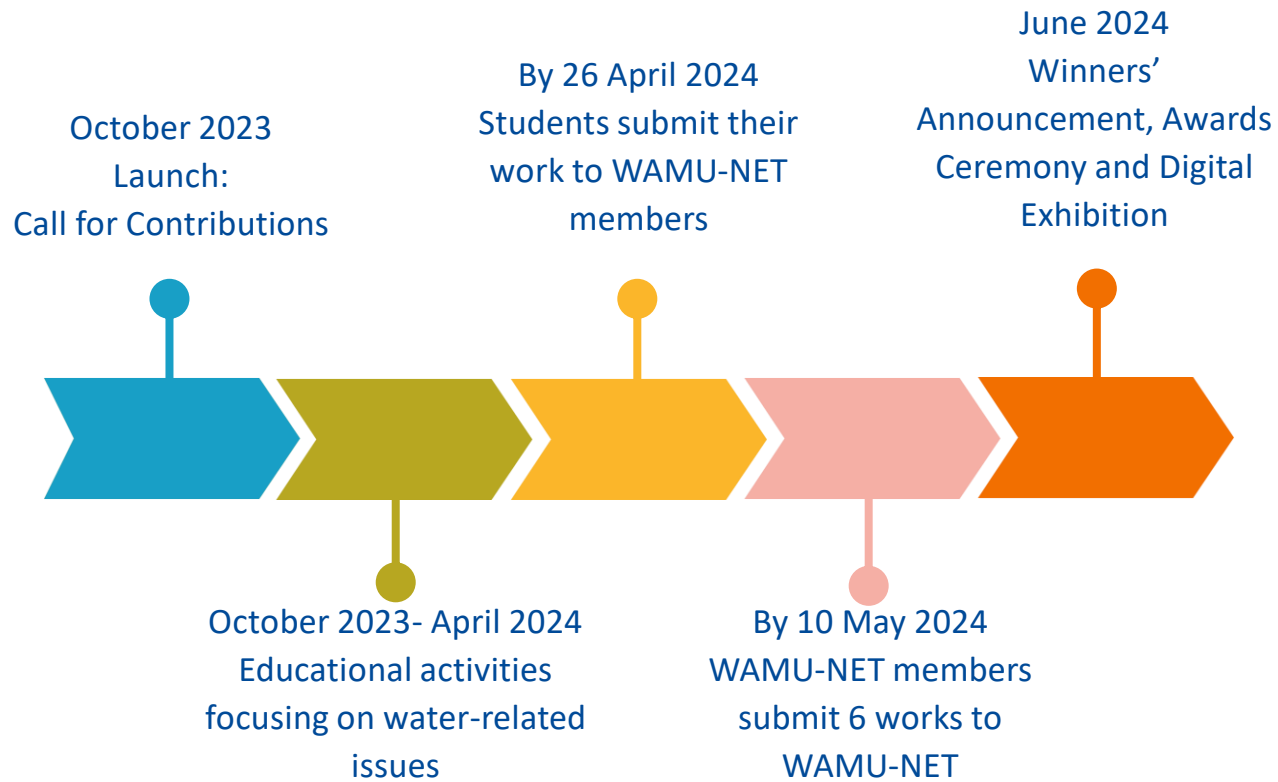
	Category Drawings	Category Videos and other media
Students aged 6 to 9	✓	✗
Students aged 10 to 12	✓	✓
Students aged 13 to 18	✓	✓
Students aged 19 to 25	✗	✓

- Drawings (individual or classwork compositions)
- Videos and other media (including videos, pictures, posters, poems, soundscapes, and songs – even reinterpretations of traditional music related to water)

> NEWS

New Category of participants: 19-25 years old

The stages



OoB n.5

Announcement of the 5th WAMU-NET International Conference in Porto, Portugal

SAVE THE DATE

1st week of October 2024



President: Ruben Fernandes

OoB n.6

Nomination of the new Management Board (term 2024-25)

Art.8 > the MB is made by max. 11 members

The present Management Board is made by 9 members:

<https://www.watermuseums.net/about/team/>

The present MB terminates its functions in December 2023.

All members are eligible for re-election



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO JOIN THE NEW BOARD

- 1) Parque Patrimonial das Aguas: **Ruben Fernandes** (President of Aguas do Porto), Portugal
- 2) Freshwater Aquarium of Karlovac: **Margarita Maruskic Kulasc** (Director of AQUATIKA), Croatia
- 3) Hydra Marmore Waterfalls Museum: **Francesco Fioretti** (Director of Hydra), Terni, Italy
- 4) Water Museum of Lake Ohrid: **Nikola Kiselinov** (Director), Ohrid, Macedonia
- 5) Water Museum of Lake Ohrid: **Natalija Bozdoganova** (Assistant to the Director), Ohrid, Macedonia

CRITERIA TO SELECT MEMBERS (MAX 11 members)

Art. 8 of the WAMU-NET Charter sets 2 principles:

- 1. Gender balance**
- 2. Nationality balance**

Additional criteria to be considered:

Dedication and time devoted by all present members in
the period 2022-23

HOW TO PROCEED

The MB proposes to vote not for single members, but for a “team” of 11 pre-selected members in order to guarantee both continuity with past management and also include new people

HOW TO PROCEED IN 2 STEPS

1st step: Do you agree to confirm the present 9 members and include +2 new members to reach the maximum number (11)?

2nd step: Selection of 2 out of 4 expressions of interest in line with the principles of (2.1) Gender and (2.2) Nationality

- a) Margarita Maruskic Kulas (Croatia)
- b) Ruben Fernandes (Portugal)
- c) Nikola Kiselinov (Macedonia)
- d) Francesco Fioretti (Italy)

OoB n.7

Nomination of the new President (term 2024-25)

Art. 5: the General Assembly can simultaneously appoint the new President during the same assembly that nominates the new MB members

Art. 10: Nominations of all other positions (Vice-presidents and Executive Director) are a prerogative of the new MB

PRESIDENT



Eddy Moors, Rector of IHE Delft, Netherlands

EXTERNAL OBSERVER



Abou Amani, Director of the Division of Water Sciences.
Secretary of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme
(UNESCO-IHP)

OoB n.8

Status of 2023 annual Membership contributions (received until Dec. 5th)

Ordinary membership contributions at 05.12.2023:

€ 30.378

+ €7.800: Special contributions (Silver Memberships)

from: ANBI (Italy), Civiltà dell'Acqua (Italy), HWRP (Netherlands), Marmore Waterfalls Museum (Italy)

Total contributions at 05.12.2023:

€ 38.178

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2023 (as of 5th December)
FEES REGISTERED MEMBERSHIPS

Museums	Director / Referent	Country	City	Payment details		Receipt n.
				amount	date	
Martuwarra Fitzroy River	Lachie Carracher	Australia	Fitzroy Crossing	€ 100	18/07/2023	
Danube Water-Adventure, Marktgemeinde Engelhartzell	Karin Wundsam	Austria	Engelhartzell	€ 300	03/02/2023	16
One Body of Water Association	Regina Hügli	Austria	Vienna	€ 200	27/02/2023	30
Water Museum, Bangladesh	Farah Kabir, Shubhomoy Haque, Avaya Dutta, Ali Shamsher	Bangladesh	Kalapara	-		
Hidrodoe	Hilde De Laet	Belgium	Herentals	€ 500	09/03/2023	35
Musee de l'Eau et de la Fontaine	Julie Marbaix, Cloe Laurent	Belgium	Ottignies	€ 300	26/01/2023	8
Musée des Egouts /Brussels Sewer Museum	Laurent Denis	Belgium	Brussels	€ 500	20/01/2023	5
Brazilian Water Museum of the Federal University of Tocantins	Luis Eduardo Bovolato	Brazil	Palmas	€ 440	26/06/2023	66
Musee de l'Eau	Alassane Samoura	Burkina Phaso	Ouagadougou	€ 100	10/10/2023	92
Canadian Museum of Water - Musee canadien de l'eau	Dan Travers	Canada	PortMcNicol	€ 198	24/05/2023	52
National Water Museum of China	Chen Yongming, Yumei Li (Emily)	China	Hangzhou	€ 800	13/07/2023	73
The Changjiang Civilization Museum	Zhang Xiaowen (Tina), Zhixin Yu	China	Wuhan	-		
Chongqing Baiheliang Underwater Museum	Bangde Yang, Yan Li (Sharry)	China	Chongqing	€ 800	08/11/2023	101
Yellow River Museum	Jianping Wang, director - Jiajia (traduttrice.)	China	Zhengzhou	€ 800	22/02/2023	25
Hohai University	Helin Shen	China	Nanjing	€ 635	27/10/2023	99
AQUATIKA-Freshwater Aquarium	Margarita Maruškić Kulaš - Ivana Kaleb Vuletić	Croatia	Karlovac	€ 500	22/02/2023	26
National Institute of Hydraulic Resources (INRH)	Oswaldo Martinez Torres, Fermin Sardui	Cuba	Havana	€ 448	31/03/2023	40
Historical Wastewater Treatment Plant	Šárka Jiroušková	Czech Republic	Prague	€ 650	07/07/2023	71

€ 3.400 : still pending contributions

Expected (due) contributions at 31.12.2023:

Changjiang Civilization Museum Wuhan (China)

Natural Reserve 'Pian di Spagna' (Italy)

Our Humanity Matters (US)

OSE (Uruguay)

Regional Park Delta Po (Italy)

Water Museum of Ireland (Ireland)

Water Museum of Kalapara (Bangladesh)

World Water Museum (Greece)

OoB n.9

Approval of Bylaws no.1 and no.2

Bylaw no. 1 “Excluded members”

It is the right of any member to withdraw from WAMU-NET at any time by simply notifying it, as provided for in Art. 7 of the Charter.

How to deal with non-payments of dues for 2 consecutive years?

The Executive Director shall contact **members who are in arrears with their annual fees for two consecutive years** and obtain justification of the reasons for the delay.

If such members do not answer or do not provide adequate justification, **the Board shall propose exclusion of the member to the General Assembly.**

Excluded members lose all benefits of being a WAMU-NET member

Bylaw no. 2 “Duration of annual contributions”

Payment of dues provides voting rights and guarantees the benefits and opportunities of active membership.

All contributions are to be referred to the calendar year, that is, from January 1st to December 31st, regardless of the month of the calendar year in which they are paid.

OoB n.10

Approval of 2024 annual Memberships

The proposal of the Management Board is to keep the same contributions for Ordinary Memberships as in the previous years

Minor adjustments are made as regards “volunteering contributions” (Silver, Ivory and Gold memberships)

	Museums 0-10 k visitors	Museums 10-20 k visitors	Museums 20-100 k visitors	Museums 100-... k Visitors	Associated Members (Institutions, Muni-ci-palities, Universities, companies)	Affiliated Members (non- registered associations, Digital Museums)	Individual Members
Ordinary Member	300 €	400 €	500 €	800 €	650 €	200 €	50 €
DIS Member (1)	100 €	200 €	300 €	500 €	450 €	100 €	25 €
Silver Membership (2)	1.200 € (600 € for DIS)	1.600 € (800 € for DIS)	2.000 € (1.000 € for DIS)	3.200 € (1.600 € for DIS)	2.600 € (1.300 € for DIS)	2.000 € (1.000 € for DIS)	2.000 €
Ivory Membership (2)	2.800 € (1.400 € for DIS)	3.800 € (1.900 € for DIS)	4.800 € (2.400 € for DIS)	7.800 € (3.900 € for DIS)	7.400 € (3.700 € for DIS)	4.000 € (2.000 € for DIS)	6.000 €
Gold Membership (2)	12.000 € (6.000 € for DIS)	16.000 € (8.000 € for DIS)	18.000 € (9.000 € for DIS)	19.900 € (9.900 € for DIS)	19.900 € (9.900 € for DIS)	9.000 € (4.500 € for DIS)	18.000 €

Report on 2023 activities

February:

Co-organisation of the International Conference on Ancestral Hydrotechnologies in cooperation with the UNESCO Chair at UPB Barcelona (Prof. Jordi Morato)

March:

Exhibition «The Walk of Water» at the UN Water Conference in NY

June:

Awarding Ceremony of the 4th Youth Contest and Award TWWW

October:

New series of webinars «When Waters Speak» launched

November:

Contribution to the 2023 Yangtze Culture Forum (Nanjing, China) and to the 4th Conference of the Chinese Network of Water Museums

WAMU-NET'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

- 1. NEWS FROM WAMU-NET**
- 2. CALLS and OPPORTUNITIES FOR NETWORKING**
- 3. EXHIBITIONS AND PUBLIC PROGRAMMES**
- 4. LONG-TERM PROJECTS**
- 5. CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS**
- 6. BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS**
- 7. NEWS FROM THE MUSEUM SECTOR**
- 8. WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Interested to further promote international visibility
to your museum/institution?

Send your news and updates to Lucrezia and Marie-Pierre:

communications@watermuseums.net

OoB n.11

Approval of the Forecast Budget for the year 2024 (art.16)

For the first time, the cost of the Executive Director's service is not borne by WAMU-NET, but by the Autonomous Province of Trento (new WAMU-NET member) for tasks and duties performed by Eulisse Eriberto 2-3 days a week. This frees up resources (approx. 20-25k €) to remunerate a Director assistant. Any suggestions?

Forecast Budget 2024 (in €)

REVENUES

Memberships 2024 (based on 2023 Annual Contributions - excluding Silver & Gold members)	+34.200
Project n.1 - European Grant (CREDIT project)	+16.000
Silver Membership x 2 (ANBI, Civiltà dell'Acqua)	+5.200
5th Conference	+5.000
TOTAL REVENUES	+60.400

COSTS

CEO - stipend to be reimbursed to Autonomous Province of Trento (3 days / week : 27k/year)	
Communications & management of website / graphics, news & updates (MP Charlery)	-10.000
Web site technical assistance (incl: .NET and .TWWW) by M. Giacometti	-2.800
Communication Activities: 2 Newsletters (1,2k) + Social M. (1,2k) + Mailchimp (0,9k)	-3.300
TWWW Coordination Youth Contest - Management of data entry + website updates (L.Gigante)	-2.500
Secretariat - S.Schiavon (**)	-7.000
Project Manager (to be recruited from January-February)	-16.210
CREDIT EU-funded project - costs of the staff recruited: A. Cotrona	-5.000
Art Direction (Giuseppe La Spada)	-1.500
WWF Bali and other missions	-3.000
Cash Prizes (6 winners The Water We Want)	-1.800
Fiscal external Services (Lenarda Studio / Carlo Scotton)	-1.720
External Accountancy Management (LINDEN € 152,5 x 12 months incl. VAT)	-2.330
Annual membership to Civiltà dell'Acqua	-1.000
Other expenses (postage, yearly Fiscal costs)	-300
Overheads and other expenses	-500
Bank expenses (incl. Passive costs for transfers of membership fees)	-200
Annual Licenses : Google WorkSpace, Vimeo, Hostinger (web site), Pcloud	-740
Donations to support other memberships (Yazd water museum 2024-25)	-200
IT assistance	-300
TOTAL COSTS	-60.400
DIFFERENCE REVENUES/COSTS (FORECAST OF EXPECTED BUDGET AT 31.12.2024)	+0

OoB n.12

Fundraising aimed to rebuild the water mill destroyed by the earthquake in Morocco

Professional detailed estimation for reconstruction:
54.800 Dirhams (€ 4.998)

Funds collected so far: € 2.420 (50%)

Donations made by: Eriberto Eulisse (Civiltà dell'Acqua, Italy) €1.000; Chris Baker (Krefeld Historical Plant, Germany): €500; Francesco Fioretti (Marmore Waterfalls Museum, Italy): €500; Amy Sharrocks (Museum of Water, UK): €250; Ian Kerr Wilson (Canada): €150; Gisela Herrerias (Mexico): €20

Missing amount: 2.580 €

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EXPERTS ART D'ETUDES

BUREAU D'ETUDES TECHNIQUES

Marrakech, le 20/11/2023

DEVIS N° 154/2023

Client : *Global Network of Water Museums - WAMU-NET* – Représenté par Mr. *Eriberto EULISSE*

Objet : Reconstruction du moulin à eau traditionnel du village Azaden à la commune Ouirgane province d'Al Haouz - Suite à sa démolition due au séisme d'Al Haouz

N	Désignation	Unité	Quantité	P.U	Total H.T
1	Etude Géotechnique : <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rapport Géotechnique du sol de la bâtisse	Forfait	1	2 300.00	2 300.00
2	Etude topographique : <ul style="list-style-type: none">Réalisations des plan coté et plan parcellaire de la parcelle	Forfait	1	2 300.00	2 300.00
3	Etude technique et suivi des travaux : <ul style="list-style-type: none">Réalisations des plans d'exécutionDetails techniquesSuivi techniques des travaux d'exécution	Ensemble	1	4 000.00	4 000.00

OoB n.13

Discussion on next activities 2024

1. March: exhibition “The WOW” at the World Water Day in Paris
 2. May: World Water Forum in Bali, Indonesia
 3. October: 5th WAMU-NET Conference in Porto
- CREDIT project (Creative Digital Waters):
Interactive educational tools for kids will be made available for a (limited) number of members

Please send your expression of interest to participate in any of these activities to Stefania: mail@watermuseums.net

An Intergenerational Journey

Past, Present, and Future of Water

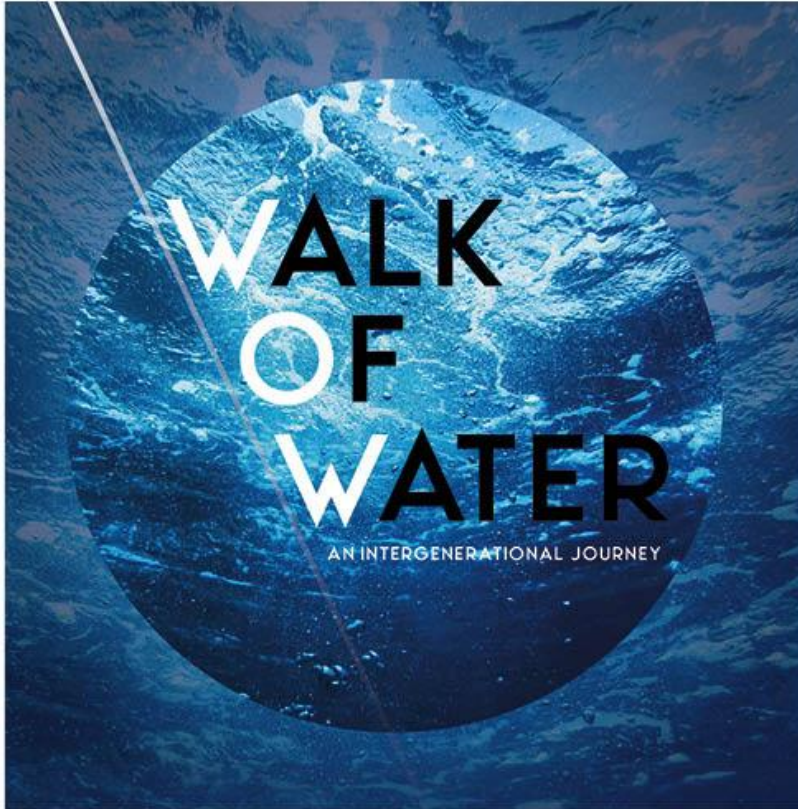
A ready-made package (incl. images from TWWW and IRW) was exhibited in 2023 at Piediluco (Italy), Timisoara (Romania), Nanjing (China).

Are you interested to do the same in your museum?

Contact:

communication@watermuseums.net

>Special requests (beyond our 'standard package') can only be fulfilled with additional funds



<https://walkofwater.com>



OoB n.14

AOB - Proposals and suggestions
from the members

Next webinar “When Waters Speak”

Towards an Open Museum of Water Culture (Basra, Iraq)

20 December 3pm CET



OoB n.15

Closing of the Meeting