

## WssTP Membership Registration Form 2010

Hereby we apply for membership to the Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform.

We apply for

College A

College B

College C

Industry

Academics, R&D

Public utilities, Water users

Once your membership has been confirmed you will receive an invoice for € 2,500, covering the membership fees for 2010.

### CONTACT INFORMATION (\*OPTIONAL)

Organisation Name

Department Name\*

Mr./Ms - First - Last Name  
of representative

Position\*

Street

Postcode City/Town

Country

Telephone

Fax\*

Email

Website

Do we have permission to use your logo on our website? Yes/ No

To better communicate about your organisation, please send us one page summary about your activity, a recent brochure and a logo (format eps, jpeg, tiff).

Date

Signature

## APPENDIX

[Extract of the articles of association]

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At the request of the European Commission (DG Research), a European Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform “WSSTP” managed by Industry was created in May 2004 to enlarge European research perspectives and contribute to the on-going discussions on the European Union’s 7<sup>th</sup> Research Framework Programme (7. RFP 2007-2013) with the view to:

- Strengthening the overall competitiveness and potential for technological innovation in the European water sector;
- Contributing to sustainable management of water resources, water ecosystem and water uses in Europe;
- Meeting global challenges in the water sector, notably as reflected in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, and Europe’s associated responsibilities and commitments;

That, in response to these challenges, WSSTP (headed by a board and with five workings groups) has prepared the following documents:

***Water – safe, strong and sustainable*** – A European vision for water supply and sanitation by 2030, October 2005;

- ***WSSTP Strategic Research Agenda*** – Water research – A necessary investment in our common future, October 2006.
- ***WSSTP Implementation plan***

That these sector-wide documents are supported by individual visions as well as the strategic research agenda on four sector specific themes, including water management, water for people, water in industry, and water in agriculture, and one on crosscutting issues.

That as a result of these efforts, the WSSTP platform members have decided to create an international non-profit association in order to make cooperation easier among European countries and water sector stakeholders at large regarding high-priority research, technology development and real-life demonstrations.

## **ARTICLE 1 - NAME**

By virtue of this deed an international non profit association is hereby established, incorporated and formed pursuant to the Act dated 27 June 1921, as amended by the Act of 2 May 2002, the Act of 16 January 2003, the Act of 22 December 2003, the Act of 9 July 2004 and the Act dated 27 December 2004 (“the Belgian Act of 1921”), the **“European Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform”** in abbreviated form “[ WSSTP]”, hereinafter referred to as the “Association”.

All deeds, invoices, notices, articles and other documents from the Association shall, before or after the name of the Association, mention the words International Non-Profit Association or the acronym INPA together with the address of the registered office of the association.

## **ARTICLE 2 REGISTERED OFFICE**

The registered office of the Association shall be located at 1140 Brussels (Belgium), Rue Colonel Bourg 127 in the legal area of Brussels. The registered office may be transferred to any other address within the Brussels Region by a decision of the Board of Directors following article 12 of the articles of Association.

The Board of Directors may establish other offices in Belgium or abroad if deemed necessary or useful by the Board of Directors for the Association’s operations.

## **ARTICLE 3 ASSOCIATION’S PURPOSE AND AIM,**

### **3.1. The Association’s Purpose**

The Association pursues an international non-profit purpose that consists in promoting across borders a sequenced materialisation of the European vision for water supply and sanitation by 2030 and making innovative contributions to solve major European water problems aimed at boosting general European competitiveness through innovations and new technologies.

### **3.2. Aim of the Association**

The Association’s aim is:

- To develop and continuously update a Strategic Deployment Plan for the accomplishment of the WSSTP Strategic Research Agenda;
- To encourage and facilitate an comprehensive, stakeholder-driven approach aimed at detailing specific needs for generic research and the development of enabling technologies and at carrying out subsequent implementation activities to solve major European problems (“Pilots”) in accordance with the Strategic Research Agenda, the Strategic Deployment Plan and within the concept of IWRM;
- To facilitate the associated financing of these operations by advising on various financing mechanisms and opportunities related to generic research, the development of enabling technologies and real-life demonstrations;
- To publicise the Association's opinions and its members' interests, both nationally and internationally;
- To disseminate research open information and results

In order to achieve these purposes, the Association may carry out all actions that are directly or indirectly related to its aim, even legal action and may develop or facilitate the implementation of these actions. In particular, the Association may organise all types of meetings, visits, training programmes or seminars; it may publish documents, studies or periodicals; it may participate in any task-force groups.

### **3.3. Not-for-Profit**

The Association has no profit-making aim. Any income resulting from its activities or other sources shall exclusively be used to pursue its aim.

## **4. MEMBERSHIP**

### **4.1. Qualification**

#### **CORPORATE MEMBER**

Corporate Members shall be legal entities set up in accordance with the applicable laws of their place of establishment meeting the detailed admission criteria for Corporate Members. Therefore, Corporate Members shall not be individual entities.

Corporate Members may be industries, consultants, universities or research organisations, public utilities, national or European trade organisations, whose activities are related to the water sector and that are recognised as having a significant interest in water related research and development. The importance of their water related activity will be evaluated namely on the basis of their European dimension following the commitment signed by WSSTP and the European Commission on openness and transparency..

The original parties to the deed of incorporation, the founders of the Association, are automatically Corporate Members.

The Corporate Members are organised in three Colleges:

- College A: "Industry" (manufacturers, consultants, water services providers and their trade associations) . "Industry" refers to private companies which develop and sell their products or services dedicated to water catchments, production, distribution, collection and treatment.
- College B: "Research and technological developments" (Universities, research and technologies organisations or companies and their associations); "Research and technological developments" refers to organisations whose main activity is dedicated to research or all sorts of higher education organisations, following the domestic law, or which grant qualifications or diploma of higher education, whatever the name of these organisations in each member state may be.
- College C: "Public utilities, Waters users (such as agriculture and industries), other beneficiaries, and their trade associations." "Public utilities" refers to public utilities representing individual consumers. "Industrial users" refers to industrial organisations that use water in manufacturing processes and "Agricultural users" refers to organisations that represent the use of water for irrigation.

Should more than one college seem possible for membership, corporate members shall belong to the college corresponding to their main activity or governance.

### **4.2. Membership term**

The term of corporate members shall be one year minimum.