



## Message from Chairman



Dear Members,  
Dear Readers,

First, we would like to wish you a fulfilling and successful year 2009.

The WssTP has continued to pursue activities to improve its visibility and present its work and achievements since the launch of its pilot project.

To further illustrate our results, we would be glad to present the first edition of the Annual Report of the WssTP mid February. You would be able to download it on from our website [www.wsstp.eu](http://www.wsstp.eu), [<read more>](#)

Diane D'Arras  
Chair of WssTP Board

## A glance at last WssTP activities



During the second semester of 2008, The WssTP has participated to several activities and organized various events to present its work. First on 7-12<sup>th</sup> September 2008, the WssTP participated to the IWA World Water Congress held in Vienna... [<read more>](#)

The WssTP also presented its work in Zaragoza Exhibition for the occasion of the European Research Day, September 8<sup>th</sup>. [<read more>](#)

WssTP representatives attended national and international events to introduce our work in AmbiTech Azores in Ponta Delgada, Portugal; during AQUA 2008 in Athens, Greece; on the ETP leaders held in Brussels and during META in Tenerife, Spain.

## Pilot news

> **Urban:** The Pilot delivered 5 reports to the DG Research in December on urban flooding, infrastructure management, alternative water sources, supply/demand balance and public participation and sewage sludge and energy.

> **Costal zones:** The Coastal Zones Pilot Programme was presented during the 5<sup>th</sup> European Working Group for Estuaries and Costal Ecohydrology, a meeting held by the UNESCO in Kavala, Greece. Pilot participants also submitted a proposal for COST Action on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>.



## New Appointments

Our PCC chair Michel Gibert is retiring from his functions. To replace him, the Board nominated **Boris Lesjean** from Kompetenzzentrum Wasser Berlin. The Board would like to thank Michel Gibert for his work for the WssTP and wish him a nice retirement.

The Board appointed a new Liaison Officer starting early December 2008: **Céline Hervé-Bazin**. Don't hesitate to contact her from 9 am to 12 pm:

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## Eureka Cluster

The aim of the EUREKA Cluster ACQEAU is to strengthen the technical base of the European Water Industry to enable it to become more efficient in serving the citizens of Europe and more competitive in the global markets for water services and related technologies. The WssTP is a candidate to become a partner of ACQEAU.

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## Upcoming events

**Board Meetings** for the first trimester have been scheduled:

- January 15<sup>th</sup> in London.
- March 10<sup>th</sup> in Budapest.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> in Berlin.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Istanbul**, the WssTP will intend to participate to the Water Science and Technology session.

<http://www.worldwaterforum5.org>

**3<sup>rd</sup> Stakeholder session and the General Assembly** on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 in Berlin, Germany.