

## **News from the IWA-specialist group 'Ecological Sanitation' February 2007**

### **IWA conference on "advanced sanitation", 12 - 13 March 2007, Aachen, Germany**

The EcoSan SG is involved in the organisation of the IWA conference on "advanced sanitation". A large part of the presentations are on Ecosan systems, high-tech but also several on low-cost solutions. For detailed information on the conference program please visit the website ([www.advancedsanitation.de](http://www.advancedsanitation.de)).

### **Next Specialist Group meeting:**

Monday 12 March at 17.00 at the conference "Advanced Sanitation" 12-13 March 2007 in Aachen, Germany. The location will be indicated at the conference desk. Those who wish to participate in the SG meeting and do not attend the conference should send an e-mail to Ralf Otterpohl until end of the week before the conference. A new management committee will be elected in order to have a more balanced participation from around the world. Suggestions and volunteers from Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Australia and the Americas are welcome.

### **EcoSan Session at the 16th Annual NOWRA and 1st International Conference, 10-15 March 2007, Baltimore, Maryland, USA**

The EcoSan SG organises an EcoSan session at the 16th Annual NOWRA (National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association) Conference. For detailed information on the conference program please visit the website ([www.nowra.org](http://www.nowra.org)).

### **International Conference on Sustainable Cities and Villages with a focus on Urban and Rural Ecological Sanitation, Organic Waste Management and Agricultural Reuse, 27-31 August, 2007, Erdos, Inner Mongolia, PR China**

The EcoSan SG supports in organising this conference.

Abstracts should be sent to [dongsheng2007@sei.se](mailto:dongsheng2007@sei.se) by April 1, 2007.

For more information, please visit [www.ecosanres.org](http://www.ecosanres.org).

### **Other issues**

- A conference on Ecological Sanitation is planned for South America, planned for Brasil in 2007 or 2008 with support of the specialist group. Those who are interested to give presentations or who can make links to Ecosan professionals in the region should mail to Hakan Jönsson.
- There is a dramatic lack of thorough research on low-tech Ecosan systems. The group is very interested to co-ordinate more research, despite being low-tech research is very difficult, has a low status and it is very difficult to attract funding. On the other hand Ecosan is a growing field with a lack of specialists.
- New book on sanitation strategies for Nigeria, including Ecosan options: 'Pre-Feasibility Assessment of Onsite and Decentralised Sanitation Systems for New Satellite Settlements in Abuja, Nigeria' Dissertation at Hamburg University of Technology (TUHH) Ibiyemi J. Ilesanmi (Nigeria) Hamburg 2006 (order at [g.becker@tuhh.de](mailto:g.becker@tuhh.de)) Contact to the author: [yilesanmi@yahoo.com](mailto:yilesanmi@yahoo.com)
- The group is also distributing sample lectures on Ecosan and an introduction video lecture by Ralf Otterpohl can be viewed on [http://stream.mmkh.de/presentations/ecosan\\_files/fdeflt.htm](http://stream.mmkh.de/presentations/ecosan_files/fdeflt.htm) (sorry, video works only with fast internet and windows explorer). There is also plenty of material in the group's website [www.ecosan.org](http://www.ecosan.org) and we welcome more material for posting.

All the best, the group team

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