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CROATIAN WATERS

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THE PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS CONFERENCE
WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

ALONG WITH AN EXHIBITION OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

CURRENT ISSUES IN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

and a call for papers

October 11th – 15th 2023

ELAPHUSA HOTEL | BOL, ISLAND OF BRAČ

Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure to invite you to the annual professional-business conference of experts in water management, which will be held this year in Bol, on the Island of Brač, from October 11th to 15th, under the title:

CURRENT ISSUES IN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE

This year again we are organizing the traditional professional and business conference on water management, the most important and influential event of this kind in Croatia and the wider region. The conference is seen by many as a must-attend event in order to be up-to-date with the news, challenges and opportunities in the field of water supply and sewage.

The meeting brings together experts from Croatia, from the surrounding countries and from all over Europe involved in the issues of water supply, sewage and wastewater treatment. Apart from Croatian authors of professional papers, we see an ever growing interest of authors from all over Europe to present their projects, achievements and experiences on this event.

The water supply and sewage sector is one of the most developed branches in the overall Croatian economy, which explains the fact that Croatian experts stand side by side with their colleagues from other parts of Europe.

In addition to expert lectures and discussions, the conference will give various accompanying events, company presentations and exhibitions of products and services relating to water supply and sewage. This allows manufacturers, agents, contractors, etc. to contact the users of such products and services directly and promote directly their new products and services.

Large sums of money have been channelled into the water industry for several years now, most of which coming EU programmes (the EU Cohesion Fund), which have met serious implementation challenges. Therefore, this expert meeting will also be an opportunity to exchange experiences and expectations how to best put into implementation the projects whose funding has been assured. Further on, the conference will deal with the overall situation in terms of the issues, initiatives and activities related to price increases of materials and equipment, all of which impacted the market and slowed down construction. The Croatian government on its part took the steps to deal with the above problem by adopting a legal framework for potential price increases for contractors. Accordingly, we assume that this will be a high-profile topic will at the conference.

The National Recovery and Resilience Plan of the Republic of Croatia, which is now in full swing is designed, among other, to

break down these huge funds into small and medium-sized chunks of investments, recognizing their value alongside the large national projects.

For more than a year, the operation of public utilities has been impacted by disruptions on the electricity market, and the ensuing price increases of electricity. This, in turn, produced changes in the financial functioning of public utility companies. Most providers have already corrected their prices significantly and this topic will certainly also be present at this year's expert meeting.

Given that a major project has been launched to prepare the public water suppliers throughout the Republic of Croatia for the introduction of charging for water use based on the amount of water consumed, through the reconstruction and modernization of the metering equipment, the discussions on this topic will also be represented at the conference. And, since the above topic is related to the problem of chronic water losses in the water supply system, we believe that it this too will be a major focus of this year's meeting.

In the legislative domain, an intensive process is under way to adjust local laws and specifications with those of the EU. Some of the regulations recently introduced have proven to be controversial, causing dissatisfaction among public providers. Some of these disputes were taken as high as the Constitutional Court of Croatia. This proves the sensitivity of the entire sector of water management and the importance of carrying out reforms.

All of the above will stamp this year's expert meeting and, hopefully, contribute to an overall progress in the entire industry. We do not forget the public at large and its needs to have an objective insight into perspectives that await us in the coming years.

The above-mentioned issues are only some of all that will be presented at the conference.

We invite all interested parties to prepare their presentations and expert contributions and in such a way participate in the work of the expert meeting.

We also invite the representatives of public water companies, university professors and lecturers, heads of ministries, various other departments, Croatian water, planners, architects, engineers, manufacturers and distributors of equipment and installations, as well as the institutes and inspection bureaus to join us with their specific professional contributions and their angle of view.

The Organizing Committee

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SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Professionals and other papers should be sent to the technical organizer, the Revelin Congress Agency at:

kongres@revelin.com.hr

Along with the application, it is necessary to submit a summary of the paper of up to 100 words, with names, titles and addresses of the author and co-authors. The title and summary should be in both Croatian and English language.

The submission of the professionals papers with summaries should be sent until:

03rd June 2023

Fully papers should be sent until:

25th August 2023

All accepted papers will be published in the Book of Proceedings and will be published in the Conference Proceedings in electronic form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WRITING AND THE SUBMISSION OF TECHNICAL PAPERS

- Format A4, written with a font not bigger than 12 points, up to 15 pages in Microsoft Office 2003 or later.
- Pictures should be submitted in JPEG or TIF format, 1:1, with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.

The professional papers must contain the following:

1. in Croatian

- name and surname of author and co-authors with title
- contact details of the author and the co-authors (company, address, telephone, e-mail address)
- introduction
- summary

2. in Croatian and English

- name and surname of author and co-authors with title
- title of the paper
- summary

If the authors wish to submit the full paper also in English, it will be published in electronic form in the Conference Proceedings.

The deadline for the submission of the professional papers in English language is 25th August 2023.

REGISTRATION AND RESERVATION OF THE ACCOMODATION

Calculating with an arrival of 500 guests, the accommodation will be organized within the Bluesun Resort in Bol on the Island of Brač. Application for participation and hotel booking is possible on the web site of Revelin and also with a clearly typed and signed application form which can be sent to Revelin by e-mail or post. **The application serves as a Contract on the purchase of the arrangement** and it is on the basis of the application form that the proforma invoice comprising accommodation costs and conference fee shall be sent to the participants.

A written cancellation of the hotel booking at no charge is possible until 25th September 2023. After this date, a cancellation of arrival will be charged in the amount of one day's arrangement.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 11. 10.

15:00 – 20:00 Arrival, accreditation and accommodation
Dinner

Thursday, 12. 10.

08:00 Accreditation
09:00 Opening of the Conference
09:30 – 11:30 Proceedings
11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break
12:00 – 14:00 Proceedings
14:30 Lunch
16:00 – 19:00 Business activities in the exhibition area with
presentations
Dinner

Friday, 13. 10.

09:00 – 11:30 Proceedings
11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break
12:00 – 14:00 Proceedings
14:30 Lunch
16:00 – 19:00 Business activities in the exhibition area with
presentations
20.00 – 23:00 Gala dinner

Saturday, 14. 10.

10:00 – 22:00 Conference trip around the island

Sunday, 15. 10.

End of the Conference

KEY DATES

- Until 3. 6. 2023. submission of professional papers containing title and summaries (in Croatian and in English)
- Until 25. 8. 2023. submission of the full text of the papers
- Until 7. 9. 2023. payment of the conference fee (270 €)
- Until 8. 9. 2023. payment of the conference fee (340 €)
- Until 25. 9. 2023. written cancellation of hotel booking at no charge
- Until 29. 9. 2023. submission of full presentations in Power Point

CONFERENCE FEE

The conference fee is **270 €** (VAT included) that is, if paid until **07th September 2023**. From **08th September 2023** the conference fee is **340 €** (VAT included).

Conference fee must be paid by all participants of the Conference.

First author of the proceeding has a reduced registration fee i.e. 100 €.

Companies from which more participants come, every 5th participant will not pay registration fee, that is, when paying the price of registration fees for 4 participants, you are entitled to a fifth free registration fee.

The Conference fee must be paid before arrival for accreditation in the hotel.

The conference fee comprises the following:

- preparation, organization and realization of the Conference
- participation in the Conference
- Conference proceedings in the form of an E-book
- coffee breaks
- gala dinner on Friday 13th October 2023*
- conference trip on Saturday 14th October 2023*

* It applies to the participants of the Conference who are staying within the Revelin arrangement.

Participants who are attending the conference on their own and want to take part in the gala dinner and the field trip can participate in both events for an additional fee.

The participation on this professional-business Conference ensures the receipt of points for professional training in civil engineering and machine engineering.

All participants of the conference must be accredited immediately upon arrival at the hotel. Without accreditation it is not possible to participate in the conference activities.

PAYMENTS

From Croatia:

IBAN: HR 4123600001101461113

(the name of the participant is mandatory, as well as the number received on the proforma invoice)

From abroad:

Zagrebačka banka d.d., Trg bana Josipa Jelačića 10, 10000 Zagreb

SWIFT: ZABA HR2X, Revelin d.o.o. Ičići

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(The banking fees for transaction shall be borne by the participant)

BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS

Do not miss the opportunity to present yourself on the biggest and most important professional-business Conference in Central and Southern Europe on the topic of drinking water supply and wastewater treatment.

Sponsors of the Conference have a status of full-fledged participants and **are obliged to pay the conference fee.**

Any type of commercial activity shall take place in accordance with the special Contract signed with the organizer and with an official accreditation.

The marketing programme and the price list can be obtained from the Revelin Agency.



Preparation, organization and realization
of the Conference

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