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Dr Jean Philippe Torterotot appointed as president

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Hennef, May 2009 – At the EWA Council meeting on the 1st May 2009, the outgoing president Peter Cook (UK) handed over his honorary position to Jean Philippe Torterotot (FR).

Peter Cook received fulsome thanks from the Council members for his contribution and hard work as a President of EWA for the period of service 2007-2009. Prof. Pertti (FI) Seuna was appointed Vice President. The EWA expresses its thanks to Mr Gamaliel Martinez (ES) who retires from the Management Committee.

Jean Philippe Torterotot (France) is the EWA President for the period of office May 2009 – June 2011. He is Head of Department of Water Resources, Uses and Risks at CEMAGREF, an applied research institution, and board member of the French water association, ASTEE. He has gained an experience as a scientist, a water and environment regulator on the field and a research manager. He has also been an active contributor to the definition and development of the European Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform.

“Through its national and corporate members, the European Water Association represents a network of more than 50,000 water professionals and specialists in 26 European countries, within very diversified positions and organisations. Our common wish, and our social responsibility, is

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not only to go on increasing exchange and sharing of information and expertise, but also to ever more interact with other stakeholders for the sake of sustainable water management. We therefore want, on one hand to further develop our contributions to the definition, implementation and evaluation of European water related policies, on the other hand to broaden our collaborations and synergies with other European and international organisations.”

Jean Philippe Torterotot, EWA President

The new **Vice President – Prof. Ph.D. Pertti Seuna** (Finland) is Environmental Expert counsellor in the Supreme Administration the Court of Finland and active member of the Finnish Water Association. (Suomen Vesiyhdistys r.y.). Mr Seuna is representative of the Finnish Water Association at the EWA Council.

Changes within the EWA Management Committee

The mandate of Prof. Jiri Wanner, former past president of EWA, in the Management Committee has ended with the presidency change. He will be replaced by Peter Cook, who will be an active member of the Committee for another two years as the immediate past president.

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