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### **EWA announces José Saldanha Matos as New President**

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**Lisbon, 11 May 2017: At the annual EWA Council Meeting held in Lisbon during the 2<sup>nd</sup> EWA Spring Conference, the aspiring EWA President, José Manuel Gonçalves de Saldanha Matos received the baton of the EWA Presidency for the period 2017-2019 from his predecessor Károly Kovács from the Hungarian Water Association (2015-2017).**

José Saldanha Matos has been a member of the EWA Council since 2006, when he took over the tasks of Professor José M. Pereira Vieira, his predecessor at APBESB, (Portuguese Association on Sanitary and Environmental Engineering). José Matos is currently Professor IST-UL, University of Lisbon, the largest school of engineering, architecture, science and technology in Portugal, in the Department of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Georesources, where his current research topics are sewer systems and processes, urban hydrology and sustainable wastewater treatment, chairing courses on water supply and wastewater drainage and treatment, as well as on integrated management of wastewater systems, at master and PhD level. Professor Matos is a founding member and partner of HIDRA, Hydraulics and Environment Ltd and has been a member of the EWA Management Committee since 2010, being actively involved in the activities of the European Water Association, reaching from the annual Brussels Conference to workshops, seminars and conferences on water and wastewater around Europe.

Professor Matos honoured the Past President, Károly Kovács from Hungary at the annual EWA Council Meeting in Lisbon on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kovács was thanked for his relentless efforts for the sake of EWA for his conscientious guidance of its affairs and the promotion of international liaison in the advancement of the science and practice of water management in Europe and worldwide.

The new EWA Vice President is Bjørn Kaare Jensen from Denmark. Mr. Jensen is the Chairman of the Danish Water Forum and associated with the Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS).

The EWA welcomes the new EWA President and EWA Vice President and thanks the Past President for his tremendous accomplishments for the Association during the years.

#### **EWA**

The European Water Association (EWA) is an independent non-governmental and non-profit making organisation promoting the sustainable and improved management of the total water cycle and hence the environment as a whole.

It is one of the major professional associations in Europe that covers the whole water cycle, as well as wastewater and drinking water, water and wastewater treatment related wastes. With member associations from many European countries, EWA includes most of the current European Union Member States as well as Norway and Switzerland. Today, EWA consists of 25 European leading professional organisations in their respective countries, each representing professionals and technicians for wastewater and water utilities, academics, technology providers, consultants and contractors, local authorities and regulators. The Association also has a growing number of corporate members: firms and enterprises, institutes or associations. EWA thus represents about 50,000 professional individuals and specialists working in the broad field of water and environmental management.

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