

PRESS RELEASE



William Dunbar Medal to be awarded to Professor Milenko Roš

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Hennef/ Brussels, July 2017 – Professor Milenko Roš has been selected as the next William Dunbar Medal awardee. The medal, awarded by the European Water Association (EWA) and sponsored by Messe München GmbH (Germany) will be presented on the occasion of the 13th EWA Brussels Conference, during the official Dunbar Ceremony on 6 November 2017 in Brussels.

Since 1973 the Dunbar Medal is donated by the Messe München GmbH and awarded by the European Water Association. It is given in remembrance of William Philips Dunbar, born in 1863 in Minnesota (USA), who was appointed as Director of the Government Hygienic Institute in Hamburg in September 1892 to assist in managing the disastrous cholera epidemic. Dunbar improved the detection procedure for cholera and other pathogens and his pioneering improvements in city sanitation made him an authority that is still internationally recognised in the sector.

Professor Milenko Roš was born in Celje, Slovenia. His academic background is a Ph. D. in Chemical Sciences, followed by employment at the National Institute of Chemistry at the Laboratory for Chemistry, Biology and Technology of Water in 1971. At the same institute he was the Head of Laboratory for over 25 years until retirement in 2009. He introduced the etalon for chemistry and organised interlaboratory comparisons for Slovenian laboratories that are involved in wastewater monitoring and analyses in the field of wastewater. He has written publications in Slovenian language in the field of wastewater treatment and terminology in the field of water, codes and descriptions in the field of biological wastewater treatment. Professor Roš is highly recognised for his academic merits in the water and the wastewater sector in Slovenia. He is the author of "Respirometry of Activated Sludge" (Taylor & Francis, USA 1993), as well as other publications in the field of wastewater treatment and terminology in the Slovenian language. Professor Roš co-founded and supported the Slovenian Association for Water Protection (SDZV), he was a member of the IWA Governing Board from 1995-2011 and again in 2014, and last but not least, the initiator to become a member of the EWA.

The ceremony will be held during the 13th EWA Brussels Conference, taking place in Brussels from 6 to 7 November 2017 and all participants and speakers will be invited to the ceremony and dinner on the occasion of the Dunbar Medal. Held in cooperation with the DG Environment of the European Commission, the main objective of the annual EWA Brussels Conference is to establish a dialogue between the European Commission and European water professionals and stakeholders.

This year's topic is the "Recent Development in EU Policy" Mrs. Bettina Doeser, Head of the Clear Water Unit at DG Environment, will open the Conference with a key note speech. For more information and registration visit the EWA website: www.ewa-online.eu.

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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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