

EWA Awards Honorary Membership

The European Water Association gives Honorary Membership to Professor Jiří Wanner (CZ) and Bojan Zmaić (HR).

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The European Water Association (EWA) has decided to honor Professor Jiří Wanner (CZ) and Bojan Zmaić (HR) with the prestigious Honorary Membership of the association.

Johannes Lohaus, Secretary General of the European Water Association, explains the reasons behind the choice of the two distinguished persons, who both have worked many years for the EWA and the European water sector in general: *“Prof. Jiří Wanner has worked very conscientiously for the EWA: He was elected President from 2005-2007, and for many years he was a member of the EWA Council, the Management Committee (MC), the EWA European Technical and Scientific Committee (ETSC) and different workgroups. Jiri has very strong networking capacities; He is the reason the Czech Water Association is a national member of the EWA, and he has brought the European and the International Water Associations, EWA and IWA, closer together. His visionary personality shows e.g. in the great work he conducted in 2019 to organise the 1st EWA Innovation Workshop in Prague.”*

Johannes Lohaus goes on to laude also the second awardee: *“Bojan Zmaić has worked diligently for the EWA and been a member of the EWA Council, the Management Committee (MC) and especially the EWA European Technical and Scientific Committee (ETSC), where he was the Chairman 2003-2014 and the main force behind the organisation of the EWA Symposium. Bojan Zmaic was very active organising conferences, and some of his biggest merits include conferences in Croatia, e.g. in the Plitvice Lakes about Water management in the Nature Park, and the series of joint international conferences which EWA does together with the Water Environment Federation (WEF) and the Japanese Sewage Works Association (JWSA)”. The next time the joint conference will take place, will be in December 2021.*

The certificates of the Honorary Membership were supposed to be presented to the awardees at the annual EWA Council Meeting, which was scheduled to take place today, Monday 4th of May, 2020, at the IFAT in Munich, Germany. Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19, the IFAT 2020 has been cancelled and will take place next time 30 May -3 June 2022. The EWA Council meeting has been reschedule to Monday 7 September 2020, where it, for safety reasons, will take place online. In the meantime the certificates will be sent to the two distinguished experts, and the EWA will honor them both in person at the next possible occasion.

Information about the European Water Association:

The European Water Association (EWA) is an independent, non-governmental and non-profit making organisation, dealing with the management and improvement of the water environment. With member associations from many European countries, EWA is one of the major professional associations in Europe that covers the whole water sector, wastewater as well as drinking water and water related waste.

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