



WATER
MUSEUMS
GLOBAL NETWORK



19th GA

- GENERAL ASSEMBLY -

10 June 2026

Checking the names of all members
present for the record of the GA

KIND REMINDER

If you use «acronyms» in your Zoom profile,
please send a message in the chatbox
to confirm your name/institution/affiliation

Agenda – Order of Business (OoB)

1. Opening of the meeting and appointment of the Chair
2. Approval of the Record of the last General Assembly
3. Opening of the Award Ceremony ‘The Water We Want’
4. Winners of the 7th edition TWWW: the floor to our young ambassadors
5. Webinar “Toward the Extended Museum of the Acheron River”
6. WAMU+NET 2024-2025 Report to the 27th Intergovernmental Council of IHP
7. Presentation of new WAMU+NET Members (1st semester 2026)
8. Status of 2024 and 2025 Annual Membership Contributions
9. Approval of the Budget 2025
10. AOB - Proposals and suggestions from the members
11. Closing of the meeting

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Opening of the Assembly and
appointment of the Chair

OoB n.2

Approval of the Record
of the last General Assembly

18th GA – General Assembly

December 2025

Key points of the meeting:

- Nomination of the new members of the Board (10)
- Ceremony to thank the outgoing ‘founding’ board members – with musical interlude by the guitarist and composer Andrea Vettoretti («The Breath of Water»)
- Approval of the forecast budget 2026
- Discussion on projects and welcome to new members
- If you have any comments or suggestions on the Record, please write to mail@watermuseums.net

New Management Board (2026-2027)

- Philippe Pypaert (President)
 - Apolinario Antonio Figueiredo (ADASA, Brasilia, Brazil)
 - Chen Yongming (National Water Museum of China)
 - El Mandour Abdenbi (Musée 'Mohammed VI', Morocco)
 - Fernandez Ruben (Aguas do Porto, Portugal)
 - Parolin Pia (biologist and photographer)
 - Pica Fabiana (TE.AM Centre, Naples, IT)
 - Rae Elham (ICQHS Cat.2 Centre UNESCO, Iran)
 - Schultz Ellen (Fairmount Water Works, Philadelphia, US)
 - Singha Sushmita (JAL Water Museum, Udaipur, India)
- External Director (a.i.): Eriberto Eulisse (Province of Trento, Italy)
- External Observer: Abou Amani (Secretary of UNESCO-IHP)

<https://www.watermuseums.net/about/team/>

Validation of Records (Minutes) of the last GA

Double check the Record of previous GAs: **if you are not in the correct list of «present/non-present» members**, please notify any discrepancy to Monica Benetazzo:

mail@watermuseums.net

**PRESENT (AND NON-PRESENT) MEMBERS MUST BE
REPORTED IN ALL WAMU+NET'S RECORDS**

Video-recordings and documents of previous GAs:
<https://www.watermuseums.net/activities/general-assemblies/>

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Opening of the Award Ceremony
'The Water We Want'

Eng. Gabriele Rampanelli

General Director of APPA

(Environmental Protection Agency
of the Autonomous Province of Trento)

and

member of Civiltà dell'Acqua

International Centre (WAMU+NET founder)

OoB n.4

Winners of the 7th edition TWWW

Presented by:

Prof. Joana Lessa

Associate Professor

University of Algarve

The floor to our young ambassadors

OoB n.5
Online Webinar

as part of the project

AQUATIK-EU

Organised by:

Global Network of Water Museums



Funded by
the European Union



AQUATIK•EU

Toward the Extended Museum of the Acheron River, Greece

Valorising water heritage, engaging
communities and developing innovative
practices for extended water museums





Please register NOW
your participation
through this QR code:
THANK YOU!



14:35 – 15:20 - Three perspectives on water heritage, digitization, and community engagement

- **Gabriela Costea**, Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries (IGB), Berlin, Germany – *Reviving River Heritage through Education, Storytelling and Community Engagement along the Danube*
- **Alvise Cecchetti**, Former research fellow at the Netherlands Institute in Turkey (NIT), Istanbul – *Turning Istanbul's Water Heritage into Action: From Research to the Water Heritage Tour*
- **Nahom Teklu Bekele e Emanuele Fantini**, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, Delft, the Netherlands – *Blue Nile Stories: A Digital Water Gallery toward an Extended Museum*

15:20 – 15:30 | Discussion on the pilot action for the planned Extended Museum of the Acheron River ((16-17 June)

Open discussion with **Athanasios Ntanis** (Mayor of the Municipality of Souli, Greece) and **Alberto Cotrona** (MYTH euromed)

15:30 – 15:45 | Discussion with all participants and Q&A

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WAMU+NET 2024-2025 Report to the
27th Intergovernmental Council of IHP



IHP-IX Strategic Plan

of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme

Science for a Water Secure World
in a Changing Environment

Ninth Phase 2022-2029

Strategic Plan 2022-2029

- Phase 9 of IHP -

WAMU+NET is included among the key institutions to promote «water sustainability education» 2.1.(119):

“The Global Network of Water Museums will be mobilized in raising awareness and improving water culture of citizenS”



ALIGNEMENT WITH IHP FLAGSHIP INITIATIVES

WAMU+NET is undergoing a significant evolution to fully align itself with the official guidelines for IHP Flagship Initiatives.

Transitional phase to relocate the Secretariat under the UNESCO Chair “Engineering for Sustainable Living” at the University of Trento.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2024-2025



“The Voices of Water”: WAMU+NET contribution to the VSM

UNESCO
Virtual Science
Museum



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

6th International Conference of water museums
Brasilia, Brazil, 3-7 November 2025

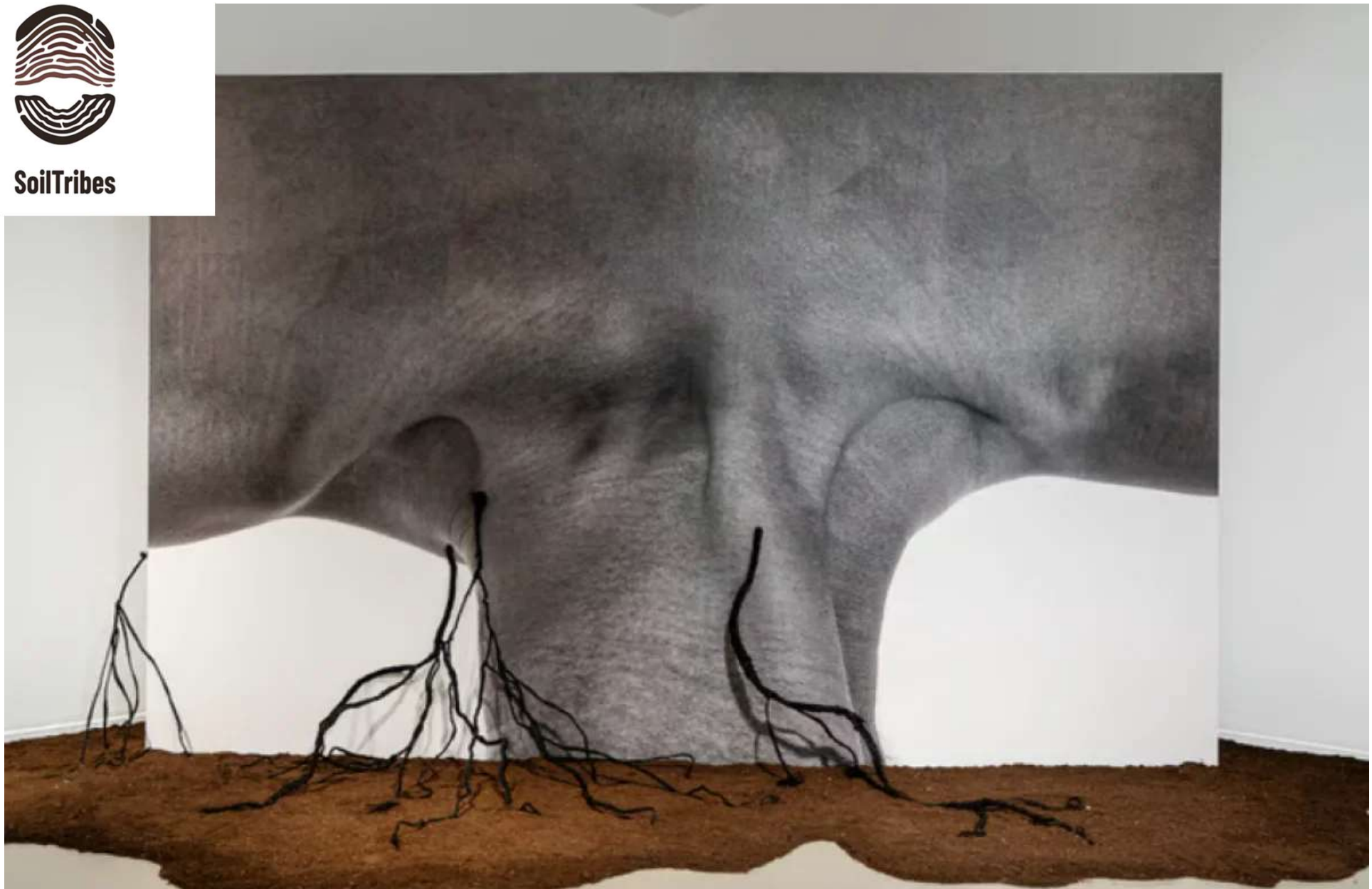


«Adapting to Climate Change»

In cooperation with ADASA - MINA Water Memorial



Soil Tribes



Soil Art Tales: Living Ecosystems for Shared Futures

TRAVELLING EXHIBITION – 4 ARTISTS

THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF
WATER MUSEUMS PRESENTS

WATER DREAM MEMORY

SARA BONAVENTURA
LUKAS TAIDO

CURATED BY
ERIBERTO EULISSE

MAY 1ST – JUNE 28TH, 2026
PALAZZO ZORZI –
UNESCO OFFICE IN VENICE
SALIZADA ZORZI,
4930, VENICE



S+T+ARTS
AQUA MOTION



Co-funded by
the European Union

VERITAS

Civiltà dell'Acqua
CENTRO INTERNAZIONALE

lightbox

AquaMotion EU-funded project @Venice Art Biennale
Hosted by UNESCO Office in Venice (until June 28)

STRATEGIC FUNDRAISING FOR ESD



WATER CLOUD

Open Access Repository of Educational Resources

STRATEGIC FUNDRAISING FOR ESD



THE VOICES OF WATER
International Monitoring Platform

OoB n.7

Welcome and presentation
of new WAMU+NET Members
(1st semester 2026)

Presented by:
Lucio Bonato

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Status of 2024 and 2025 Annual
Membership Contributions

Outstanding membership dues Year 2025

**No.12 Pending memberships (10% of members)
totaling approx. € 5,500**

Institutions:

Austria (1); Bangladesh (1); Colombia (2); Cuba (1); Czech Republic (1); Indonesia (1); Italy (4); Qatar (1); North Macedonia (2024 + 2025)

Individual members: 4


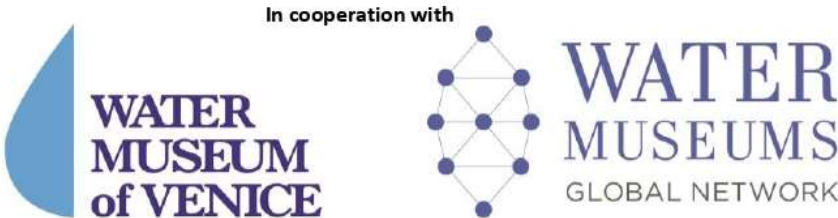
Pending memberships

Year 2026

No.31 Pending memberships (25% of members)
totaling approx. € 10,000

Austria (1); Bangladesh (1); Cameroun (1); China (3);
Colombia (2); Cuba (1); Czech Republic (1); France (1); India
(1); Indonesia (1); Italy (7); Morocco (1); Netherlands (3);
North Macedonia (1); Qatar (1); Senegal (1); Slovenia (1);
Spain (1); United States of America (2).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CORRECT USE OF THE "WAMU-NET / UNESCO" LOGO-BLOCK FOR MEMBERS OF THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF WATER MUSEUMS

	Authorised use	Unauthorised use
<p>Who? When?</p>	<p>Only Network members in line with the membership fee are allowed to use the WAMU-NET / UNESCO logo-block in the following cases:</p>	<p>In the case of other events, conferences, webinars, books and publications, members may use only the logo of WAMU-NET (without the logo of UNESCO-IHP)*</p>
<p>Where?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSTITUTIONAL WEBSITE • INSTITUTIONAL GUIDEBOOK, BROCHURE OR FLYER OF THE MUSEUM • PLAQUE AT THE MUSEUM ENTRANCE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PUBLICATIONS AND BOOKS • EVENTS AND TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS • CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS
<p>How?</p> <p>Example of authorised use:</p>	<p>Flanking its own logo (left) with the logo of UNESCO-IHP (right), mentioning the <i>Global Network of Water Museums</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>No other improper use of UNESCO-IHP logo is authorized.</p>	<p>In all such cases, the WAMU-NET logo can be used (without any reference to UNESCO-IHP), next to its own logo (left), <u>only if preceded by: in cooperation with</u></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>* In case members are interested in making use of the UNESCO-IHP logo for publications, conferences, etc., they must make specific request to their UNESCO National Commission.</p>

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Approval of the Budget 2025

Note on the Financial Statement 2025

by Dr. Carlo Scotton

(Studio Lenarda, External Financial Manager)

The financial statements of WAMU+NET closed as of
December 31st, 2025, show a net revenue of
€ 16.102

Note on the Financial Statement 2025

Available financial documents (no.8), among which:

1) Revenues and Costs Statement (Profit and Loss) 2025.pdf

2) Membership fees 2025.xls

Summary of membership fees with the relative weight of “ordinary memberships” and “special memberships”

3) EU-funded projects.xlsx:

Compiled according to the accounting principle “Work in progress” so that only costs of the EU-funded projects are reflected in the budget 2025

Profit and loss 31/12/2025

account	revenues	euro	account	costs	Soil Tribes	Aquamotion	Acquatik	other	euro
									tot
	Membership fees	86.437	750751	Goods Purchases	3.291			2.337	5.628
730161	Membership fees	86.437	760143	Services	23.288	13.873	200	9.374	46.735
			780101	administrative services (Lenarda e Agnoli)				2.877	2.877
	Other revenues	504	780125	Others costs for services			380	365	745
730150	Vallagarina Banca BCC	500	780133 e 47	Occasional staff		13.972	600	2.558	17.130
730135	other	4		Costs for staff (collaborations)					-
			7803	- Leonardelli Irene	12.157	15.730	4.113	0	32.000
	Work in progress on order	136.604	7803	- Schiavon Stefania				1.398	1.398
710145	Soil Tribes	50.371	7803	- Tognon Giada		14.000		-	14.000
	Aquamotion	77.034	7803	- Bonato Lucio	5.980	5.981	3.040	113	15.114
	Acquatik	9.199	7803	- Ianaselli Tania		3.500		-	3.500
			7901	Missions:					-
				Athens				938	938
				Azores		6.250		380	6.630
				Brasil				11.892	11.892
				Mexico				1.607	1.607
				Paris				2.065	2.065
				Vienna				1.441	1.441
				Milan	457			57	514
				Naples				1.814	1.814
				Trent				1.511	1.511
				Other	153	945	256	3.262	4.616
			790507	Accounting Services (Linden)				3.050	3.050
			790521	Insurance				888	888
			790551	Other				869	869
			800703	Software (web)				2.456	2.456
			81.01	Personnel costs (Benetazzo Monica)	5.045	4.041	610	773	10.469
			830711	Membership fee to Civiltà dell'Acqua				1.000	1.000
			830762	Prize The Water we want				1.732	1.732
			830764	Cofunding Aquamotion		14.400		-	14.400
			860105	Bank account expenses				424	424
	Total Revenues	223.545		Total Cost	50.371	92.692	9.199	55.181	207.443
				Non funded		-15.658			
				Value Work in progress on order	50.371	77.034	9.199		
				Profit					16.102

Note on Membership Fees 2025

€ 86.437

Total revenue by Membership Fees in 2025

of which:

«Silver and Gold Memberships»

€ 49.300

«Ordinary Memberships»

€ 37.137

Note on the 'advance payments' from EU projects with the accounting principle of incurred costs only (*'Work in progress'*)

For the three European-funded projects (Soil Tribes; Aquamotion; and Aquatik EU), in 2025 WAMU+NET received **“advance payments” for € 210.035**

This is not considered “revenue” in the Financial Statement. According to accounting principles, **only the costs incurred** for the same projects **totaling € 136.603** are considered. In this way, the revenue determined is technically referring only to ‘reimbursed costs’ (as a project “Work in progress”).



PROVINCIA AUTONOMA DI TRENTO



Comune di Ala

Agreement with the Province of Trento, Italy, to support the staff costs of two units

The salary of the Executive Director Eriberto Eulisse and Fiorenza Tisi are supported 100% by the Province

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AOB - Proposals and suggestions from
the members

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Closing of the meeting