



1st International Webinar of the Global Network of Water Museums

EMBRACING CHANGES

Co-hosted by: The National Water Museum of China

In cooperation with: UNESCO's Beijing Office

26th January 2021

CET 9:00-12:00 (Beijing Time 16:00-19:00)

Programme

After the heavy shock of a global-scale lockdown due to the COVID-19, the 4th International Conference of the Global Network originally planned in Hangzhou (March 2020) had to be canceled. The present pandemic is causing all over the world **severe impacts on water museums, which must look for new strategies to engage visitors both virtually and non-virtually.**

The 1st International Webinar of the Global Network of Water Museums (WAMU-NET), hosted by the National Water Museum of China, is held to focus on adaptations made by water museums to face the COVID-19 through either virtual or concrete activities. The title, “**Embracing Changes**”, aims at presenting and discussing with a positive mindset **the most effective strategies adopted by water museums to face the pandemic.**

Members of the Global Network will be invited to participate in two Sessions and two Round Table discussions to share their experiences on how they implemented **new virtual and digital strategies to carry out education, exhibition and research activities during the lockdown**, in order to engage their audiences in new ways and to encourage people re-evaluating water heritage while fighting against the virus.

During the webinar, the official launch of the **2nd Edition of the youth contest and award “The Water We Want”** will be made.

Finally, a **Manifesto** will be launched to proclaim WAMU-NET’s interests and commitment to strengthen our partnership and build new solidarity and cooperation on the use of digital tools, develop new project ideas, training

opportunities and common exhibitions.

Meeting Software: Zoom Cloud platform

Agenda

Online meeting starts at 16:00 Beijing Time (CET 9:00)

Welcome Speeches and Opening Introduction

Moderator: **PYPAERT Philippe** (UNESCO Beijing Office)

(16:00-16:10) **LI Ge** (Deputy Director General of International Cooperation, Science and Technology, Chinese Ministry of Water Resources)

(16:10-16:20) **AMANI Abou** (Director a.i. of the Division of Water Sciences, UNESCO, and Secretary a.i. of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme)

(16:20-16:35) **CHEN Yongming** (Director of the National Water Museum of China, Hangzhou)

(16:35-16:50) **EULISSE Eriberto** (WAMU-NET CEO)

Results of the 1st Youth Competition ‘The Water We Want’ (2020) and official launch of the 2nd Edition TWWW (2021)

(16:50-17:00) **LESSA Joana** (WAMU-NET Advisory Committee)

Welcome to new members of the Global Network (year 2020)

China - Yellow River Museum; Germany - Historisches Klaerwerk, Krefeld;

Ireland - Water Museum of Ireland; Italy - Regional Park of the Po Delta

Veneto; South Korea - Jeju Water Exhibition; Uruguay - OSE Water Museum.

Session 1 (17:00-17:45) – Virtual Walks, Online Training and Educational

Videos

Moderator: **EULISSE Eriberto** (WAMU-NET CEO)

Speakers (17:00-17:25): AQUATICA Freshwater Museum, Karlovac (Croatia), Musée de la Civilisation de l’Eau au Maroc (Marrakech), Hidrodoe (Belgium).

Round table (17:25-7:45) with: Fortress Museum, ‘s-Hertogenbosch (NL); Museu de les Aigües, AGBAR Foundation (SP); Baiheliang Underwater Museum, Fuling (CHINA); Danube Water Adventure (AT); Biesbosch Museumeland, Werkendam (NL), Parc de la Sèquia, Museu de la Tècnica de Manresa (SP).

Session 2 (17:45-18:30) – Cherishing Water Memories

Moderator: **DE VRIES Sandra** (WAMU-NET Advisory Committee)

Speakers (17:45-18:10): Living Waters Museum (India), MUSE Trento (Italy), Museos de Mequinenza (Spain).

Round table (18:10-18:30) with: Haarlemmermeer Museum de Cruquius (NL); Ecomuseo Martesana (Italy); Opificio delle Acque, Bologna (Italy); Water Museum “L. Truta”, Cluj (RO); Aquatim Water Museum, Timisoara (RO).

(18:30-18:45) - **Release of the Hangzhou Manifesto** of water museums facing the COVID-19

(18:45-18:55) - **Discussion**

(18:55-19:00) - **Conclusion by MOORS Eddy** (WAMU-NET President)