

The International Waste Working Group is an international waste organisation founded in 2002 to serve as a forum for the scientific and professional community. The IWWG was established not to contrast or to compete with existing professional organisations but to set up a network with existing national or international organisations having similar goals.

The IWWG aims to provide an intellectual platform to encourage and support integrated and sustainable waste management and to promote practical scientific development in the field. The group was conceived as a think-tank, whose work would be based on scientific principles oriented towards practical applications. IWWG is organised in a smooth, non-bureaucratic manner allowing members to focus on a range of subjects, to react promptly to problems in the field, and to communicate efficiently within the professional community.

IWWG is a registered no-profit organisation, managed by a Board and assisted by an International Scientific Advisory Committee, a pool of a limited number of high-ranking distinguished scientists and professionals, appointed by the Board in view of their high reputation and standing.

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The objectives of IWWG are pursued mainly by means of collecting, developing and disseminating innovative information on a world-wide basis on all aspects of solid waste management with particular emphasis on the result of Research and Development; promoting discussion on Strategic Matters, providing and organizing education in waste management and providing common position statements.

These objectives are accomplished by the following activities:

- information transfer (Waste Management Journal, IWWG web site (www.iwwg.eu) Position papers, Monographs),
- Discussion forum (Symposia and Conferences, such as Sardinia Waste Management Symposia, Intercontinental Landfill Research Symposia (ICLRS), the BOKU Waste Conference, Vienna, Hazardous Waste Conference in Crete and VENICE, Biomass and Waste to Energy Symposium.
- Specialised Seminars and Workshops, Links with existing associations
- Education (Training courses, Assistance in developing Universities courses and programmes, Textbooks for students).

The official journal of IWWG is **Waste Management**, published by Elsevier and edited by a highly qualified team of Associate Editors. Waste Management is a peer-reviewed journal and serves as the official voice of IWWG and the strategic focal point for the activities of the group.

IWWG SUBSCRIPTION:

Professionals working in the solid waste field may apply for Associate Membership simply by signing up for a membership fee, which includes:

- Subscription to Waste Management, the official IWWG Journal, both in printed and electronic version. (Electronic version includes back numbers from 1995);

- Free download of IWWG Conference Proceedings and PowerPoint Presentations (Sardinia Symposium, BOKU)
- 2009 Coming soon: Free download of Venice Symposium 2006 Conference Proceedings and Chania 2008 Conference Proceedings
- Discount on the entrance fee to IWWG events (Venice, Sardinia Symposia and others)
- Discount on IWWG publications
- Discount on Elsevier publications
- Discount on IWWG Training Courses and Seminar Registration

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