

CARIBDA NEWS



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By: Manuel Pereira, Aqualectra Production

Dear CaribDA Members and Friends,
On behalf of the CaribDA Board, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our organization. We have been encouraged by the responsiveness and support from desalination practitioners within and outside the region and hope that this will continue. It has been a little while since our last newsletter but behind the scenes we have been actively increasing our membership and focusing on enhancing the benefits to our members.

The last year has seen an increased focus on water management and water quality issues in the Caribbean. In 2010, CaribDA joined the region in support of those affected by Hurricane Tomas. Events such as this highlighted the need for us to forge a strong bond with our neighboring islands and also highlighted the significance and the potential benefits of desalination in the wake of disaster and emergency situations.

Our Annual Operator Workshop was held in Antigua in April, and kindly hosted by APUA. The Workshop was again tremendously well supported and enabled valuable learning, information sharing and networking amongst key operations staff from the region and beyond.

CaribDA has continued close discussion and liaison with other relevant desalination and water reuse organizations in the region. We have concept MOU with CWWA and we also continue to liaise closely with CAWASA (formerly called CBWMP).

Another major development in our organization has been the updating of our website and also the administrative support now provided by Janet Jaworski. We warmly welcome Janet's input and organizational skills to help achieve our goals. All administrative enquires for CaribDA should continue to be sent to the email address on the final page of this newsletter.

I would like to end this note by again thanking those members who have continued to support the organization and new members who have recently joined us. I encourage you to let us know your thoughts and needs from CaribDA in the future and welcome your participation at forthcoming workshops and meetings.

Sincerely,
President of CaribDA

CARIBDA 2012 CONFERENCE: "Save The Date"

JUNE 19-22 2012

By: Paul Choules, Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies

CaribDA, in association with WEB Aruba, is pleased to announce the third bi-annual CaribDA conference in Aruba. The conference will be held in conjunction with WEB Aruba who will be celebrating 80 years of Desalination. The conference will start with an evening reception on Tuesday, June 19th and close with a site visit on Friday, June 22nd, 2012.

A call for papers will be issued within the next couple of weeks. Details on the conference location, booth space and hotel information will soon follow. The main sponsors of the conference will be WEB Aruba and Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies.



WELCOME TO THE 7TH ISSUE OF CARIBDA NEWS

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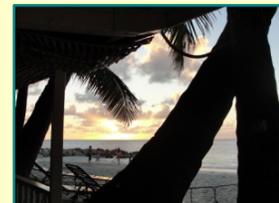
ANTIGUA WORKSHOP RECAP

By: William Anderson, Energy Recovery, Inc.

It was with great pleasure that the CaribDA Board of Directors welcomed 72 members and guests to St John's Antigua for our third workshop, "Successful Pretreatment for Caribbean SWRO Plants". The Board wishes to thank the main speaker, Mr. Jon Dietrich of the Dietrich Consulting Group and the special topic speakers: Kevin Kaiser of NALCO; David Robertson of the Connect Consulting Group; Bernie Mack of Veolia Water Solutions; and Harold Fravel Jr and Kelly Lange-Haider of Dow Water and Process Solutions.

ITT and Caribbean Water Treatment hosted the visit to the new APUA SWRO Plant at Ffrye's Beach. Special thanks to Mario Bento, General Manager of APUA for his keynote address and for the support that APUA provided to CaribDA in organizing this special event. We appreciate the feedback received from our members and guests which will allow us to continue to host workshops of value to the Caribbean desalting community.

ANTIGUA WORKSHOP PHOTOS*



*Please visit the CaribDA website to see a slideshow of all the event photos. www.caribda.com

VIRTUAL MUSEUM OF DESALINATION

By Paul Choules, Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies

The *Water Desalination Report* is in the process of updating its website to include a Virtual Museum of Desalination. The Museum will be an online repository of historic documents, photographs and interesting information from desalination's past. The Virtual Museum will include an interactive timeline of important desalination-related dates, as well as stories and personal reminiscences from long-time and well-known desalters.

Individuals, companies or organizations that contribute historical papers, photos or stories will be suitably acknowledged and retain ownership of their contributions. No contribution will be used by *GWI*, *WDR* or its affiliates without the contributor's written permission. Readers are invited to submit content to be considered for inclusion. If you have any questions or have information you would like to include contact *WDR* editor Tom Pankratz at tp@globalwaterintel.com.

CARIBDA RECOGNIZES ENVIRONMENT MONTH

By: Linda Dudley, Ionics Freshwater Limited

The month of June is designated 'Environment Month' and the 39th World Environment Day was marked around the globe on June 5th as a day for positive environmental action. The safe treatment and supply of water is one of the most vital issues to be addressed in the immediate future if we are to develop sustainably as a region. CaribDA takes this opportunity to reinforce to our membership the great responsibility we have as local academics, engineers, policy makers and practitioners in the Caribbean water and wastewater industry to join together and impact in a positive way to enhance regional development and to promote the beneficial use of membrane technologies. Both desalination and wastewater reuse using membrane processes will continue to play a major role in future water resources management strategies in the region and will

make a positive impact on environmental protection. It is crucial that, as the leading organization focused on membrane technologies in the Caribbean, CaribDA strives to build a strong, influential and interactive forum to include representatives from all of the islands to share experiences and knowledge. We encourage new membership and participation.

As the Caribbean takes steps to embrace and develop a 'Green Economy', the future utilization of desalination and wastewater reuse will include the use of developing, 'state of the art', technology which will optimize plant performance and minimize power consumption. As an organization CaribDA is committed to working closely with and interacting with technology suppliers, users and researchers to achieve this aim.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By: Paul Choules, Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies

The Board is considering some changes in regards to our membership structure during the next year; but before we get into the details, I would like to remind you all that the annual membership is due this July. Renewal notices are in the process of being sent out soon so please keep an eye out for them.

We hope that you will continue your membership and let us know if you have any suggestions on how we can improve your membership benefits. Please send your suggestions to our administrative office at: admin@caribda.com.

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