

# International Network of Basin Organizations



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## **EUROPE-INBO 2012** 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference Istanbul - Turkey, 17-19 October 2012



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I would like to remind you that the next and 10<sup>th</sup> “EUROPE-INBO 2012” international conference, organized by the “Group of European Basin Organizations for the Implementation of the European Water Framework Directive” will take place, at the invitation of the Turkish Water Institute (SUEN), on 17-18-19 October 2012, in Istanbul, Turkey.

By virtue of its exclusively strategic location at the intersection of Europe, Central Asia, Middle East and Africa, Turkey is an excellent ground for communication and achieving a better understanding of common water problems in the respective regions. Istanbul, standing as a bridge between the continents, is the ultimate city for dialogue, cooperative action and exchange of know-how and experience.

The meeting is open to all INBO member organizations and observers, and also to the water administrations and organizations, interested in the implementation of the Framework Directive, and its “Daughter Directives” of the member and candidate countries of the European Union and of all the other countries of Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Caucasus and Central Asia and the Mediterranean basin.

There will be simultaneous translation into English, French and Turkish.

Registration to the “EUROPE-INBO 2012” conference is free of charge, but compulsory.

You are invited to present a paper on your practical experiments and you will find attached the form necessary for your registration.

In order to facilitate the good organization of the meeting and your best welcoming in Istanbul, I thank you in advance for also returning, at your earliest convenience, the enclosed registration form to:

[euinbo2012@tusuen.org](mailto:euinbo2012@tusuen.org) and [inbo@wanadoo.fr](mailto:inbo@wanadoo.fr) or by Fax: +33 1 40 08 01 45.

Our meeting will be organized around roundtables dealing with the updated issues of the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive, the draft of the EU Freshwater Blueprint, the implementation of the EU Floods Directive, strategies to face scarcity and droughts and in general the measures to be introduced for adaptation of water resources management to the effect of the climate change, the Science - Policy Interface, ...etc.

We may also manage places to speak about the results of "RIO+20" UN Conference in the water field and make a point on "the World Pact for better basins management".

Several side events could be organized.

Any useful information, programs and papers will be continuously available on the website:

[www.inbo-news.org](http://www.inbo-news.org).

Your hotel booking at group discount price can be made at the Istanbul Grand Cevahir Hotel & Convention Centre, where the Conference will take place. You are requested to make your own reservations from July 15 onwards, by sending an e-mail to Funda Suleymanoglu ([funda@gch.com.tr](mailto:funda@gch.com.tr)) and Betul Cevahir ([betul@gch.com.tr](mailto:betul@gch.com.tr)) or calling +90 (212) 314 42 36.

I would advise you to arrive in Istanbul on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at the Ataturk International Airport, from where shuttles will be organized to drive you to your hotel and to the conference venue. If your agenda allows, you could leave Istanbul on Saturday, October 20, 2012.

Our Turkish hosts will take charge of the shuttles from the airport and local travels in Istanbul, together with lunches and dinners, from Tuesday, October 16 evening to Friday, October 20.

Unfortunately, INBO cannot support any cost for travel and accommodation in Istanbul.

Looking forward to meeting you in Istanbul next October and I remain,

Yours faithfully,

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Encl.: - Registration form