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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



With this number 9 of InfoAiDIS, we have reached the end of the year 2023, which saw the birth of this publication that allows it to be disseminated, both among the partners of the 24 National Chapters of AIDIS, and all the people and institutions linked to or interested in environmental sanitation, the activities of our beloved Institution and main achievements of it and its members.

In February 2023, it began to be published in Spanish, and halfway through the year it was possible to do it in Portuguese and English, significantly increasing its audience, and allowing for better recognition of the capacity and potential of AIDIS. Today, together, it reaches more than 9.000 readers, thanks to the efficient actions of Casa Sede in São Paulo, Brazil, and the efforts of numerous collaborators.

But this year 2023 has not only been special because of the birth of InfoAIDIS, but because it corresponded to the fulfillment of the 75 years of the Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering - AIDIS, celebrated in Santiago de Chile, the place where it was born. The fact that today we can, through a technology that was unthinkable when AIDIS was born, communicate promptly and efficiently to all partners and related people and institutions, imposes on us that we must take advantage of technological development to achieve more effectively and efficiently fulfill the mission of AIDIS: promote public health and the quality of life of all the inhabitants of the Americas, as well as protecting and preserving the environment for human development, through the tools that engineering offers us.

On behalf of the AIDIS Executive Committee that I have to preside over in the period 2022-2024, I want to send to all InfoAIDIS readers the wish of Happy Holidays, and that in 2024, the first of the next 75 years of our Association, I continue to see it grow and strengthen, always maintaining its spirit of permanent innovation in all areas that encompass Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences.

Until next year!

Eng. José Luis Inglese



# NEWS



## XXV CHILEAN CONGRESS

The XXV Chilean Congress held on November 19, 20 and 21, in the city of Coyhaique, was marked by high-content messages, interaction of experts, links and cooperation among attendees, where the fundamental role of sanitary and environmental engineering of the 21st century was highlighted to generate public policies that can face the challenges imposed by climate change, proposing low-emission methodologies and technologies adjusted to the local realities of each territory.

The inauguration ceremony featured the outstanding participation of Mr. José Luis Inglese, President of AIDIS Interamericana; José Andrés Herrera Chavarria, Undersecretary of Public Works; Alex Chechilnitzky, President of AIDIS Chile; local authorities, special guests and partners of AIDIS Chile.

For more information, [click here](#).



## AQUA CERTA CALL

The challenges facing the Water sector in Latin America and the Caribbean are significant: 25% of its population lacks safe drinking water. The Inter-American Development Bank and IDB Lab invite you to join forces and participate in the AQUACERTA call to find innovative solutions that transform water systems in the region.

The call to submit applications is until December 31st.

This initiative is promoted by Fuente de Innovación, in collaboration with the State Secretariat for Economy of the Government of Switzerland (SECO Economic Cooperation and Development), the FEMSA Foundation, Israel Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, The Coca-Cola Company and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation.

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## POSTGRADUATE IN WATER AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – IHE DELFT AND UTEC

The Technological University of Uruguay and the IHE Delft Institute held the graduation ceremony for the first 32 graduates of the Graduate School of Global Sanitation in Latin America.

The ceremony was directed by Dr. Héctor García and Prof. Damir Bridanovic from IHE Delft and was attended by Eng. José Luis Inglese, invited as President of AIDIS Interamericana and Eng. Alejandro Iriburu invited as President of AIDIS Uruguay and regional vice president of the IV Region of AIDIS. It was held in the CAF auditorium in Montevideo.

Young professionals from 12 countries successfully completed the Specialization in Sanitation and Sanitary Engineering under the leadership of Prof. Héctor García and the UTEC team in close cooperation with the IHE Delft Institute for Water Education.

Likewise, the next edition of the Postgraduate Course was launched.



## AIDIS ARGENTINA TECHNICAL CONFERENCES – ARGENTINE JUNIOR WATER PRIZE

On November 23, a technical-commercial conference was held, where significant advances were explored in various areas related to water, sanitation, and solid waste, demonstrating AIDIS' continued commitment to technological innovation. Organizations and companies that are partners of AIDIS participated, among them the IDB, Penetron, Ecopreneur, the Argentine Chamber of Treaters and Transporters of Industrial and Special Waste, together with the Argentine Chamber of Treatment Industries for Environmental Protection and Grundfos, stood out.

Towards its conclusion, the launch of the Argentine Junior Water Prize 2024 took place, in which the Ambassador of Sweden, Torsten Ericsson, authorities from institutions linked to water, representatives of national and international organizations, as well as professors and winners of previous years of the Stockholm Junior Water Prize, participated.



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## AESBE NATIONAL SEMINAR

On November 29, 30 and December 1, the 39th National Seminar was held on the occasion of the anniversary of the Brazilian Association of State Sanitation Companies.

The event was held in Brasilia and aimed to foster an environment conducive to constructive debates aimed at the universalization of sanitation services.

It should be noted that AESBE collaborates with AIDIS in the development of AIDIS Interamericana and was represented by its treasurer Paulo Robinson da Silva Samuel, who is also President of ABES Rio Grande del Sur.

For more information, click [here](#)



## WOP COLOMBIA

The second WOP Colombia Workshop was held, the network of water and sanitation operating companies, for which the Colombian Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering assumed the Secretariat. It has the permanent advice of GWOPA/UN Hábitat and the Inter-American Development Bank.

As a closing of the first phase with a successful balance: 27 linked companies, 11 Twinning and 2 Workshops with the massive participation of all those linked to the network. The challenges for 2024 will be to continue contributing to the growth and strengthening of Public Service providing companies.

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## 10TH NATIONAL SEMINAR ON WATER LOSSES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The 10th National Seminar on Loss Management and Energy Efficiency was held in Porto Alegre on November 9 and was the largest event on the subject in Brazil. It brought together experts from the country's healthcare sector to share knowledge and practical experiences in addressing water losses and seeking energy efficiency in supply systems.

It should be noted that the president of ABES Rio Grande Do Sul is Paulo Samuel, treasurer of AIDIS interamericana.

The event was organized by the Thematic Chamber of Loss Management and Energy Efficiency of the Brazilian Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering (national) and the Technical Chambers on this topic of ABES-SP and ABES-RS.



## 1ST LATIN AMERICAN FORUM OF THE WATER

On November 21, the 1st Latin American Water Forum was held in Aracajú, Brazil.

AIDIS Interamericana was represented by Paulo Robinson da Silva Samuel, treasurer.

This event is part of the AIDIS participation project in the next World Water Forum, which will take place in Bali, Indonesia.





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## CONFRONTING HEALTH CRISIS - TOILET DAY UN

On November 23, a webinar was held on Facing the health crisis - UN Toilet Day, which was broadcast on the ABES Brazil YouTube channel.

It had the special participation of Cristina Vallejo, Director of the Inter-American Division of Sustainable Environment of AIDIS and with a special message from Eng. José Luis Inglese, President of AIDIS Interamericana.

To view the video, click [here](#).



## WATER CRISIS WEBINAR

On November 29, a webinar was held on the Water Crisis in the countries of AIDIS Region IV: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay.

The water crisis in South America, driven by climate variability and environmental change, highlights the scarcity of water and the impact of aquatic ecosystems. It requires urgent measures to sustainably manage the intake, capture and provision of water and apply effective policies that preserve water resources in the region.

The moderator was Eng. Juan Martín Koutoudjian, technical vice president of AIDIS Interamericana.

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## XIII BRAZILIAN CONGRESS REGULATION

The Brazilian Association of Regulatory Agencies – ABAR, and, following the activities of the Regional Coordination, which will supervise the Regional Process of the Americas for the 10th World Water Forum in Bali in 2024, AIDIS has been invited to participate as a spectator of the conference “X World Water Forum”, during the XIII Brazilian Regulatory Congress of ABAR.

The President of AIDIS, Eng. José Luis Inglese participated in the mentioned event, based on the invitation received from the President of ABAR, Vinícius Fuzeira de Sá and the Honorary President of the World Water Council, Benedito Braga.



## WEBINAR THE GLOBAL HEALTH EQUITY ATLAS: A DATA-DRIVEN TOOL FOR COMBATTING INEQUALITIES

On December 15, a webinar on global health equity was held.

Time: 2:00 p.m. GMT.

Platform: Zoom.

To know more about it, [click here](#).





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# EVENTS AND TRAININGS



## REGIONAL FORUM OF SANITARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING PANAMA

On January 20, 2024, the VII Regional Forum of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering will be held under the motto "The challenges of urban development and water security in the face of climate change."

It is organized by Panaidis and will take place in Veraguas, Panama.

For information and registration, contact:  
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## XXXIII CENTRAL AMERICAN CONGRESS OF SANITARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

From February 21 to 23, 2024, the XXXIII Central American Congress of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering will take place in San Salvador.

The motto is "Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change through the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals."

The call for submission of technical works is open.

To learn more, click [here](#).



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## 1ST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON SOLID WASTE – ABES BRAZIL

The Brazilian Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering will organize the first International Solid Waste Congress, from April 23 to 25, 2024.

The topic will be “Sustainable Solid Waste Management: Building Smart Cities”, a combination of three different events in one great event: VIII GRAL – WASTE MANAGEMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, 16th NATIONAL SOLID WASTE SEMINAR and IV INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM SANITARY WASTE.

The Congress will take place at the São José dos Campos Technological Innovation Park, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

For more information, [click here](#).

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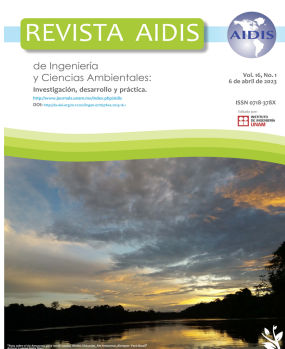


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