MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members of AIDIS National Chapters and friends of the Association:

I am pleased to inform you that AIDIS, the Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering, which I have the honor of presiding, has confirmed the development of the 39th Inter-American Congress of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering in the city of Lima, Peru, from November 25th to 30th 2024, with the collaboration of the Peruvian Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering-APIS.

Throughout its 75 years of existence, since its founding in Santiago de Chile, AIDIS has uninterruptedly held the Biennial Inter-American Congresses, which have been the main meeting point for public and private organizations since 1948, as well as professionals and business executives. involved in all aspects of the water, sanitation and environmental sectors of the American continent. It is worth noting that AIDIS is the oldest and most permanent association in these areas, being made up of 24 national associations from all countries on that continent.

At the next Congress, in November 2024, in Lima, Peru, the latest advances will be presented in the thematic axes of water and sanitation, comprehensive waste management and circular economy, environment and renewable energy, climate change, habitat and vulnerable cities, as well as in accordance with the respective Regional and National Public Policies approved and to be approved, and the relevant projects financed by Multilateral Credit and International Cooperation Organizations, such as the Inter-American Development Bank IDB, the Latin American Development Bank CAF, the World Bank, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), CABEI and CEPAL and others, and the business opportunities in the area, at EXPOAIDIS, an exhibition fair so that companies have the opportunity to show their new products and services to the entire community of America's sector.

It is worth noting that the last 38th AIDIS Inter-American Congress on Sanitary and Environmental Engineering, held in the Dominican Republic in November 2022, which was attended by the President of that country, Dr. Luis Rodolfo Abinader Corona, was a success not only in technical aspects, but also in the number of participants, works presented and last but not least, the importance of EXPOAIDIS, which was also full of successes. The Lima Congress in November 2024 is expected to not only repeat this success, but also surpass it.

We send you this first communication so, if it is of interest to you, you can save the date so that you can participate, and the organization to which you belong, in an event of such magnitude. We hope to have your presence and will soon send you more details about the agenda to be considered, the Congress headquarters, the hotel facilities and the tourist activities offered by an imposing city like Lima and a beautiful country like Peru.

Eng. José Luis Inglese
With a look towards the future, the XXV Chilean Congress of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering was successfully held in the city of Coyhaique, on the 19th, 20th and 21st of November 2023.

The high-level professional-business meeting addressed the topics of sanitation, climate change, vulnerability, health services, reuse technologies and water treatment and purification and brought together more than 300 people from various entities, both in the public and private sectors, as well as from the academic sector, validating the role of AIDIS Chile as a relevant actor.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Eng. 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.

The President of AIDIS-Chile, Alex Chechilnitzky, in his opening speech highlighted the role of AIDIS and its contribution to the sustainable development of Chilean companies and communities after its 75 years, highlighting the achievements of the Chilean health sector that have allowed it to provide and maintain practically 100% (99.94) of the concessioned urban population with drinking water, with sewage collection for approximately 97.48% of them, and with sewage treatment for 100% (99.98) of them.

Likewise, AIDIS Interamericana collaborators and partners from Uruguay, Argentina, Peru, Colombia and Spain participated.
AIDIS Interamericana participated in the second Americas Regional Process Workshop, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on February 1 and 2, 2024. It was held as part of the Americas process towards the 10th World Water Forum, which will be held in Bali, Indonesia, from May 18th to 24th. This workshop was organized by the World Water Council, the Inter-American Development Bank and UNESCO.

AIDIS Interamericana was invited to actively participate by Dr. Sergio Campos, Head of the IDB’s Water and Sanitation Division and Dr. Benedito Braga, Honorary President of the World Water Council.


Eng. José Luis Inglese, as President of AIDIS, participated in the closing panel representing operators in the region.
On January 22nd, a visit was made to the São Paulo School of Sociology and Politics Foundation – FESPS, by the Treasurer of AIDIS and President of ABES Rio Grande do Sul, Dr. Paulo Robinson da Silva Samuel, accompanied by Mrs. Célia G. Castelló, Event Production Manager at AIDIS.

They were received by Professor Elcires Pimenta Freire, Professor Ricardo Luiz Camargo, Deputy Director of Projects, and Professor Luciana Barreira, Project Coordinator at FESPS.

The creation of a Memorandum of Cooperation between AIDIS and FESPS was discussed to hold Seminars, Courses and High Level Technical Meetings, on various topics related to Environmental Sanitation, ESG, Climate Change, Air Pollution Control, among others.

On January 22nd, AIDIS Interamericana visited the office of Messe Muenchen do Brasil, where the General Treasurer of AIDIS and President of ABES–RS, Dr. Paulo Robinson da Silva Samuel, together with Renan Utri Andreguetto from IFAT Brasil, signed an institutional alliance to represent the sanitation scenario in Latin America.

It will be IFAT Brasil, which will take place at Expo São Paulo – SP, from April 24 to 26, 2024, which represents the largest network of environmental technologies in the world, IFAT will carry out, together with AIDIS, the Panorama of Sanitation Panel on Latin America, presenting waste, water and sewage scenarios in the region.
The XXIII Central American Congress of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering was held on February 21 and 23, 2024 in El Salvador under the theme “Adaptation and Mitigation of Climate Change through the achievement of sustainable development objectives” organized by ASIA, national chapter of El Salvador, from AIDIS.

The Opening Ceremony took place on February 21st at ASIA headquarters. Present at the table of honor were Eng. Guillermo Umaña, Vice-President of Region II of AIDIS, Mr. José Luis Inglese, President of AIDIS, ING. Jorge Castañeda, president of ASA, Eng. Ari Herrera, President of UPADI and Eng. Valdemar Saravia, President ASIA.

Before the opening of the Congress, a meeting of Presidents of AIDIS Region II (Central America region) was held.

The President of AIDIS, Eng. José Luis Inglese, and the Vice-President of Region II of AIDIS, Eng. Guillermo Umaña, participated, together with the President of UPADI, Eng. Aridai Herrera, and the Vice-President of ASIA, Chapter of AIDIS El Salvador, Eng. Manlia Romero, Dr. Mirna Argüeta Advisor to the Presidency of AIDIS, Eng. David Aguilar President of AGISA, Eng. Iván Estribi Former President of AIDIS, Eng. Victor Cuevas President of AIDIS Honduras, Eng. Lothar Spoerl Treasurer of ACREH and Engineer Alonso Valdemar Sarabia President of ASIA. Also present were the President-Elect of AIDIS, Dr. Rolando Chamy, and Former President Eng. Martín Méndez.

Round tables were held at the Congress and EXPO AIDIS also took place.
The 2024 Regional Water Dialogues, organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), were held at the headquarters of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, in San José, Costa Rica, from March 11 to 13, 2024. The event, which includes a high-level ministerial space, as well as an exchange of technical experiences with a multisectoral approach, is part of the regional process to promote good practices and promote the achievement of SDG 6 in the region.

AIDIS participated in session 5: Water, Health and Equity through its speaker, Ms. Yessenia Calderón, President of AIDIS Costa Rica, on March 12th.

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POSTGRADUATE IN SANITATION AND SANITARY ENGINEERING
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UTEC and IHE DELFT invite you to apply for their joint postgraduate program in sanitation and sanitary engineering at UTEC.

As part of the Global Sanitation Graduate School (GSGS) initiated by IHE DELFT, the program aims to improve the experience of water professionals, promote sustainable sanitation and strengthen wastewater treatment in Uruguay and Latin America. The program will be conducted in Spanish.

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IFAT, the world’s largest environmental technology network, expands to Latin America with the launch of IFAT Brasil 2024. The first IFAT Brasil, which takes place in São Paulo from April 24 to 26, aims to stimulate the emerging technology market environmental issues in Brazil and the entire region.

AIDIS Interamericana will be present at the fair with a stand contributing to Sanitary and Environmental Engineering throughout America. This fair establishes itself as an epicenter of innovation and environmental solutions.

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On March 21st, a Workshop organized by AIDIS and the World Bank will be held at ECLAC headquarters, in Santiago, Chile. AIDIS will participate in a panel on “Challenges and guidelines for meeting the SDG that guarantees safe drinking water and sanitation for all”.

The objectives will be to discuss the World Bank’s global water security and climate change adaptation program, generate a discussion on the gaps that limit the achievement of SDG 6, evaluate policies to address water security issues, evaluate the positive and negative aspects that the Chilean model had to guarantee universal access to drinking water and sanitation and generate guidelines for the development of the sector in Latin America and the Caribbean.
Registration for the 1st International Solid Waste Congress is open and in-person places are limited!

Under the theme “Sustainable Solid Waste Management: Building Smart Cities”, the first edition will take place from May 7th to 9th in the city of São Paulo, Brazil. The Congress will take place in a hybrid format. In person, at the São Paulo School of Sociology and Politics Foundation (FESPSP) and online, on an exclusive platform. Promoted by the Brazilian Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering (ABES), Brazilian Chapter of AIDIS, through its Solid Waste Thematic Chamber, the initiative is the combination of two distinct events: the 16th National Seminar on Solid Waste and the IV International Symposium of Sanitary Waste.

On the 5th, 6th and 7th of June, the 67th International Congress organized by ACODAL will be held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.

The thematic axes will be:

- Renewable energy,
- Government and regulation,
- Water,
- Environment and
- Waste.

The headquarters will be the Convention Center of Hotel Las Américas in Cartagena.

For more information write to: administrafiliados@acodal.org.co
XXII CONGRESS OF SANITARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING – XI REGION IV CONGRESS OF AIDIS

From June 12th to 14th, the XXII Congress of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering and the XI Congress of Region IV of Aidis will be held in Rosario, Santa Fé, Argentina.

Within the scope of these Congresses, FITMA, the International Technology and Environment Fair, and the XI Health Olympics will be held to reward the winning team with a trip to the United States to represent Argentina.

The call for technical papers is open until May 3rd.

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EVENTS AND TRAININGS

XXXIX INTER–AMERICAN CONGRESS OF SANITARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING IN LIMA

From November 26th to 29th, after 26 years, Peru will host the XXXIX Inter–American Congress of Sanitary Engineering, Lima 2024.

It will feature the participation of 40 member countries of Inter–American AIDIS and more than 25 associated international organizations, such as the World Bank, CEPAL, IDB, AIDIS, CAF, ISO, IWA, ETRAS, PAHO/WHO, OAS, UPADI, UNICEF, WEF, AWWA, among others.

The call for technical papers is open until June 30th.

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