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East Aegean Basin Directorate

11th International Conference "EUROPE-INBO 2013"

ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE

European Group of Basin Organizations EUROPE-INBO

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I would like to remind you that the next and 11th "EUROPE-INBO 2013" 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 East Aegean Basin Directorate of the Bulgarian Ministry of Environment and Water:

on 13-16 November 2013, in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

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 Water 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 of the Mediterranean basin.

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

Registration to the "EUROPE-INBO 2013" Conference is free of charge but compulsory.

You are invited to present a paper on your practical experiments and you will find <u>here</u> the form necessary for your registration.

In order to facilitate the good organization of the meeting and your best welcoming in Plovdiv, I thank you in advance for also returning, at your earliest convenience, this form to: inbo@wanadoo.fr or inbo@inbo-news.org 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-WFD, the Implementation of the EU Flood 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 changes, Science - Policy Interface, ...

This year, in the context of preparation of the second WFD river basin management plans, which include a review of the monitoring networks and programmes, a workshop dedicated to monitoring will be organized on 13 November 2013 back-to-back with our conference. Its primary objective is to compare practices and practical experiences of monitoring, and promote the exchange of questions and solutions. You are invited also to participate in this workshop.

Several side events could be also organized.

Any useful information, programs and papers will be continuously available on the website: www.inbo-news.org.

Your hotel booking at group discount price can be made for you by our Bulgarian colleagues at the Park Hotel Imperial in Plovdiv: http://hotelimperial.bg.

I would advise you to arrive at Sofia International Airport on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, from where shuttles will be organized to drive you to your hotel and to the Conference venue. If your agenda allows, you could leave Sofia on Saturday, November 16, 2013.

A tour of Plovdiv imposes itself with its exceptionally preserved Roman amphitheater and its historic centre still surrounded by ramparts with its cobbled streets, old houses and palaces.

Our Bulgarian hosts will take charge of the shuttles from Sofia Airport to Plovdiv and local travels in Plovdiv, together with lunches and dinners, from Wednesday November 13 evening to Saturday November 15.

Unfortunately, INBO cannot support any cost for your international travel and your accommodation in Sofia.

Looking forward to meeting you in Sofia next November, and I remain,

Yours faithfully.

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