



Wetskills Israel 2017

Announcement for participants

Join the Wetskills Water Challenge in Haifa, Israel

The Wetskills organization invites Bachelor, Master, PhD students and recent graduates to apply for the Wetskills Water Challenge program to be held in Haifa, Israel.

Since 2010, more than 450 students and young water professionals from about 100 international universities and organizations have participated in one of the more than 25 Wetskills Water Challenges organized in Asia (China, Taiwan, Indonesia and India), North Africa & Middle East (Oman, Morocco, Israel and Egypt), Sub-Saharan Africa (South Africa & Mozambique), Europe (Romania, UK & the Netherlands and North America (United States & Canada).

Wetskills-Israel in September 2017

As a Wetskills participant, you will work in mixed and multidisciplinary teams of about four students. You are asked to develop innovative concepts to case studies, provided by the water sector during this extensive two-week program in Israel. Dates for this event are 2 until 14 September 2017.

The program will start with two days of teambuilding activities, in order to meet each other. This includes field trips to water-related and cultural sites in Israel, including Haifa City, the Lake of Galilee, the Jordan River and more. About seven intensive working days follow, which will focus on working on the assigned water challenge case study. We are hosted by **Technion Israel Institute of Technology**. Dutch and Israeli supervisors will guide you during the two-week program and facilitate your team to find your own innovative concept. Finally, each team will present their case study and innovative and creative ideas during the **WATEC Exhibition & Conference in Tel Aviv**. The winning team will be pronounced at this event as well.

Who can apply?

Any final year Bachelor, Master or PhD student and recent graduates (<5 years) with a passion for water and intercultural teamwork.

How can I apply?

Prepare a motivation letter and resume, go to www.wetskills.com, fill in the online application form on the website and submit it.

Selection criteria

The Wetskills organization will make a final selection among applications received. The selection is based on quality of motivation letter and resume.

What are the costs?

The participation fee for the program including accommodation at the Technion Campus is €450,-. For Israeli/Palestinian participants who can arrange for accommodation in or around Haifa themselves the fee is €150,-. If you apply before 15 May you receive an Early Bird discount of € 50,- (fee incl. accommodation) or € 25,- (fee excl. accommodation).

The participation fee includes further: teambuilding activities, some but not all lunches & dinners, field trips, workshop, entrance fees and working locations. Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses (plane tickets, local travel, etcetera), meals during working days and other personal costs. *During past editions participants often successfully arranged financial compensation for their Wetskills participation from their university or employer. We therefore strongly encourage applicants to inquire about funding opportunities to compensate the costs (university mobility funds, travel allowance etc.).*

What do I get?

A unique **learning experience** where you will tackle real-world water challenges! You will increase your **skills** in international cooperation, problem solving, cross-cultural and interdisciplinary teamwork, networking and presenting (Pitch & Poster). The program provides a fantastic opportunity to **connect** with other international water students from various universities. You will learn more about the Dutch and Israeli water industry, the main stakeholders and organizations, contemporary issues and current business opportunities. After completion of the program you will get a **certificate of participation**.

Deadline for application: 1 June 2017

Afterward the positions will be filled, first come first served



Apply before 15 May and get € 50,-/€25,- Early Bird discount!!!

More information

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More information: www.wetskills.com, YouTube, Twitter & Facebook



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PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE* – WETSKILLS-ISRAEL 2017

The program will take place from 2 till 14 September. (*This timetable is subjected to be changed):

Fri & Sat 1-2 **Arrival/Pre-Wetskills Sightseeing**

Arrival in Tel Aviv (for participants from abroad)
Optional: Sightseeing

Sun & Mon 3-4 **Meet & Greet, Teambuilding Events**

Arrival in Haifa, check in at Technion Campus
Meet & Greet with all participants
Welcome Lunch
Visit to water related sites (Mekorot, Eshkole, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, etc)
Visit to cultural sites (Haifa City, Church of the Beatitudes, etc)

Tue 5 **Wetskills Inauguration and Brain Hurricane**

Introduction of the Wetskills program
Meet and Greet with Case Sponsors
Speed Date Sessions with various Experts

Wed-Tue 6-12 **Group Work on Case Studies**

Action Plan Deadline
Training Pitch & Poster
Contact with case owners
Optional: relevant water-related field trips
Saturday 9th Free day (Sabbath)

Mon & Tue 11-12 **Preparations**

Pitch and Presentation Preparation session (pre-presentations)
Deadline poster & paper
Extensive pitch practice session

Wed 13 **Final presentation & awarding**

Grand Finals at WATEC Exhibition & Conference in Tel Aviv
Pitch presentations
Poster Market: Questions & Answers about each study case
Awarding session
Business tables for WetsNext projects (follow-up from Wetskills ideas)
Farewell dinner

Thu 14 **Wrap-up**

Optional: Presentation session at Technion
Checkout and Departure participants
After-travels