



Wetskills China 2018

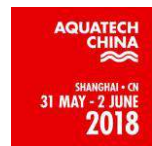
Announcement for participants

Back to the Roots - Second edition of Wetskills in China!

The first Wetskills Water Challenge ever was organized in China during the WorldExpo 2010 in Shanghai. This year we're going back to Shanghai, this time during the largest water event worldwide: Aquatech China in Shanghai (31 May – 2 June).

The Wetskills Foundation invites Bachelor, Master, PhD students and recent graduates to apply for the Wetskills Water Challenge China. This edition of Wetskills will take the participants not only to booming Shanghai, but also to the nearby city of Hangzhou with the beautiful XiHu (West Lake).

The final presentations will be organized in the framework of and in close cooperation with Aquatech China in Shanghai. To all who are interested in water challenges and the ancient heritage of Hangzhou and the booming Shanghai: this is your chance! Apply now!



Wetskills Water Challenge China: 20 May – 2 June 2018 (Hangzhou and Shanghai)

During the two-week program, participants will work in mixed and multidisciplinary teams of about five students to develop innovative, 'out of the box' solutions for case studies brought in by organizations and companies from the water sector. Arriving in Hangzhou, the participants will first get to know each other through some teambuilding activities. The program will continue with several field trips visiting case study sites and other water-related and cultural locations around the city.

Since 2010, more than 500 students and young water professionals from about 120 international universities and organizations have participated in one of the 28 Wetskills Water Challenges organized in Asia (China, South Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia and India), North Africa & Middle East (Iran, Oman, Morocco, Israel and Egypt), Sub-Saharan Africa (South Africa & Mozambique), Europe (Romania, United Kingdom & the Netherlands and North America (United States & Canada).

As the official start of the challenge (called BrainHurricane), the cases will be briefly introduced by the case owners at the **Zhejiang University of Science & Technology**; the host of this Wetskills event. In a speed date session with experts the teams get information regarding their case. After this BrainHurricane the teams get to work on their cases for several days at the university. The supervisors will guide you during the two-week program and facilitate your team to find its own

innovative concept. For the final stretch of the program, including the pitches and awarding ceremony, the teams will travel to Shanghai to join the Aquatech China event.

First deadline for application and selection: 1st March 2018.

Afterwards every two weeks a selection of the new applications till the program is full. (First Come, First Served)

Who can apply?

Any Young Water Professionals (up to 5 years of working experience) and final year Bachelor, Master or PhD student and recent graduates with passion for water and intercultural teamwork. This edition of Wetskills focuses on participants from The Netherlands and China, but welcomes participants from other countries as well.

How can I apply?

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

Selection criteria

The Wetskills organization will make the selection among applications received. The selection is based on quality of motivation letter & resume.



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What are the costs?

Participation costs for international participants or local participants with accommodation in Hangzhou and Shanghai are 425 euros or equivalent in Chinese yuan. The fee includes accommodation, program costs, supervision, some social activities, field trips, working locations, presentations by experts and the awarding event at the Aquatech Shanghai exhibition & congress. It does not include transport, some meals, other daily costs. Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses (like plane tickets and some local travel), meals during working days and other personal costs.

The fee for participants from China who do not need accommodation, are 80 euros or equivalent in Chinese yuan, including the above arrangements (except for the accommodation in Hangzhou).

Note: 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);
- You will get the opportunity to connect with other international water students/young professionals;
- You will visit two of China's fascinating cities, areas, water-related sites and meet water professionals;
- You will learn and experience more about the Chinese and Dutch water sectors, the main stakeholders and organizations, contemporary issues and current business opportunities;
- You will receive a certificate of participation upon completion of the program.

More information

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