



WETSKILLS-INNOVATION CHALLENGE

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First announcement International Water Week (IWW)
Amsterdam-Wetskills Innovation Challenge:
“Urban water of tomorrow”

INTERNATIONAL WATER WEEK AMSTERDAM

The International Water Week in Amsterdam is a high level gathering of about 30.000 water professionals from all over the world. It consists of parallel conferences and exhibitions on water in the developed and developing worlds. The Young Water Professionals Programme forms a special element during the entire week. The Wetskills Innovation Challenge is part of the Programme.

WETSKILLS INNOVATION CHALLENGE

The Wetskills Innovation Challenge is a two-week event for 40 students from all over the world. The participating students develop their own innovative and creative solutions for water issues. In 8 multidisciplinary groups, the students gain more in-depth knowledge on the Challenge topic by lectures of renowned water experts, field trips and workshops. The attention will also be on the development of presentation skills and collaboration in intercultural and multidisciplinary groups.



On November 3, each group presents their solution in a pitch and poster. An international jury of experts within the field of water will appoint the winning group of the Innovation Challenge. The winning group receives the Innovation Award. Above all: the intention is to implement the best ideas in the so called WATERgraafsmeer area in Amsterdam or one of the other areas in the world.

THE CHALLENGE: URBAN WATER OF TOMORROW IN WATERGRAAFSMEER

The Watergraafsmeer is an urban polder in the eastern part of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in which the challenges of our ever-changing world come together. Climate change, together with urban densification and a tightly dimensioned water system make it a huge challenge to keep the area liveable and future proof. The combination of population growth and the need for adaptation to climate change directly affects the quality of life in and around the city. We challenge you to create your own solutions and innovative ideas during Wetskills Innovation Challenge. Apply now to participate in the Wetskills Innovation Challenge to generate innovative and creative ideas: What is your vision on urban water in the world of tomorrow? For more background information on the WATERgraafsmeer area please visit our website www.internationalwaterweek.com/young.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

To join the International Wetskills Innovation Challenge 2011, we invite students from all over the world to submit their CV, motivation and a proposal (max. 2 A4) for their best innovative and creative solution for urban water for tomorrow.

The students with the best proposals will be selected by a jury to participate in the Wetskills Innovation Challenge, based on overall relevance of the solution, as well as creativity, innovation, and applicability of their solution.

Submit your proposal, CV and motivation before July 31, 2011 to:

wetskills@waternetwerk.nl.

For the CV and motivation use the application form (downloadable from our website www.internationalwaterweek.com/young)

On August 10, 2011 the best proposals are selected and presented on the website www.internationalwaterweek.com/young. The selected students will be contacted by e-mail.

The proposal

The proposal is the basis of your application. It should have a holistic base, a water solution seen from all sides: from a technical as well as from a social, economical and organisational point of view. We are looking for new, innovative contributions that we can use in this polder and can be extrapolated to other areas in the world. Combining technique and governance will be judged positive. Make your proposal as specific as possible because we look for usable solutions that can be applied in many urban areas.



Are you eligible?

The Innovation Challenge is open for all students between the age of 18 and 35, who are still in university. The proposals can be written by an individual student or a group of students. However, no more than three students can participate in the Wetskills Innovation Challenge in Amsterdam, depending on the submitted proposals. Participants in the Wetskills Innovation Challenge need to pay for their own travel, accommodation and personal expenditure (e.g. food, drinks, entertainment). Transport for field visits will be arranged, as well as social events, networking moments, working locations, supervising, etc.

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- Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
- Saxion University of Applied Sciences (Enschede)
- Technical University of Delft
- Twente University (Enschede)
- UNESCO-IHE (Delft)
- University of Amsterdam
- Van Hall / Larenstein (Velp)
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