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*Dear All,*

"Circular economy: what is it?". That must have been what most people thought when I was at an EPSRC workshop on Understanding The Landscape of Water Research in the UK earlier this week. We were supposed to work in a small group to develop a vision on the topic, identify the international context and define underpinning research needs. Circular Economy, an appealing term and an exciting topic for research. Nevertheless, in the beginning it was very silent and 'my group' was only me, but happily some other researchers joined the discussion.

Circular Economy is truly a multidisciplinary topic that would have an excellent fit with our research in WIRC. It contains elements of hardcore engineering and technology, but also regulations, developing viable supply chains and business models. At the EPSRC meeting I convinced the audience of this very important topic that the European Commission has adopted in an action plan recently. I hope I can convince researchers at Bath to engage on this topic and show our excellence in multidisciplinary research.

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means for the Water Cycle.

Jan Hofman

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## Recent News

- [Water in the Circular Economy](#)
- [Paper on Water in the Circular Economy](#) (pages 21-27)
- [Capitalise on life transitions to instil better environmental behaviours](#)

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## Upcoming Events

25th February: [Going down the drain: Engineered nanoparticles and the water cycle](#)

8th March: [Assessing the element of surprise of record-breaking flood events](#)

17th March: [Heat recovery from sewer systems](#)

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## Upcoming Conferences

2-3rd March: [Urban Future Global Conference 2016](#) Graz, Austria

21-23rd March: [11th IWA SG Conference on Wastewater Pond Technologies](#)  
Leeds, UK

30th March - 1st April: [The 17th IWA UK National Young Water Professionals Conference 2016](#) Norwich, UK

3-6th April: [Wastewater Treatment Modelling 2016](#) Rhone, Alpes Region,  
France

13-16th June: [The 13th IWA Leading Edge Conference on Water and Wastewater Technologies](#) Jerez de la Frontera, Spain

27-30th June: [3rd IWA Specialized Conference "Ecotechnologies for Wastewater Treatment"](#) - Cambridge, UK

10-13th July: [WEF/IWA Nutrient Removal and Recovery Conference 2016](#) -

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UK

9-13th October: [World Water Congress & Exhibition 2016](#) Brisbane, Australia

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## Registration now open

Join us on **13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016** for the **1st WIRC Water Science and Engineering Conference** to be held at **The Edge, University of Bath**.

Confirmed speakers include:

- [Professor Eugene Cloete](#), Vice-rector, Stellenbosch University
- [Professor Alfred Wüest](#), Eawag and EPFL
- [Dr Colin Skellett](#), Chief Executive, Wessex Water
- [Professor Bernie Morley](#), Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost, University of Bath

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