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Dear All,

*Spring is in the air. It is the second time that I have seen the flowers since I have been in Bath. It has been a very exciting year for WIRC and me personally. So many things have been happening that it almost went by without me noticing. Projects are running, new proposals have been written and the world is starting to notice us. We are now a member of the European Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform, there are activities taking place within the International Water Association and we are engaging more and more on a national level. In addition, our water colloquium is successful and our local water community is growing.*

Jan Hofman  
Director, WIRC @ Bath

## Recent News

- [Dr Philippe Blondel](#) was recently interviewed about water acoustics on BBC Radio 4's "Costing the Earth" programme. [Listen to the podcast.](#)

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countries. [Read more about this recently published research.](#)

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## Upcoming Events

12th April: [The photochemistry of rivers, lakes and engineered low-energy treatment systems](#)

28th April: [Reactor development for water treatment: From macro to micro scale using bacterial cells, photocatalysis and enzymes](#)

10th May: [Water quality monitoring and electricity from wastewater with Microbial Fuel Cells](#)

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## Upcoming Conferences

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

5-6th July: [3rd PRIMaRE Conference](#) - Bath, UK

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

7-9th September: [Water Frontiers: Strategies for 2020 and beyond](#), Coventry, UK

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

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## Staff Profile

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Izaro provides business support to WIRC academic members, including advice on licensing, commercial and research contracts and funding, as well as providing overall strategic advice to the WIRC Management Board. He also develops different financial tools enabling WIRC to promote and incentivise research and knowledge transfer activities between the Centre and its industrial partners as well as creating and maintaining new industrial partnerships.

Ízaro holds a PhD in Soft Condensed Matter Physics by the University of Surrey and MSc in Radiation and Environmental Protection Physics by the same university. He has extensive experience in EU funding landscape, which he gathered while working in different projects. More recently, he was Innovation Manager and project coordinator at Fundació Ticsalut working for the Catalanian Department of Health. Previously he was the Commercial Director of Fundació Barcelona Media in Barcelona, commercializing ICT solutions across different sectors and EU Funding consultant for 3 years at Organisol, providing assistance to SMEs and RTOs in all aspects related to EU funding based projects.

He has been CTO of an international technology based joint venture in the renewables sector, managing the acquisition of licensed technologies and their implementation into production lines in China.

His areas of knowledge include nano-materials and nanotechnologies, composites, ICT, healthcare, applied mathematics and policy. He also has experience in Commercial Strategy planning, entrepreneurship and execution and assessments of market opportunities.

Water is the most important natural resource on earth. With an ever growing demand on limited water resources, it is essential that we approach sustainable water management in an innovative and integrated way engaging with all industrial stakeholders early on.

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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

[More information can be found on our website](#) including the full programme.



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