

Aquatic Sciences: Journal Re-launch

The journal "Aquatic Sciences" has been re-launched beginning with volume 64. This is a new era in the development of the journal with an entirely new design, a new Editor-in-Chief and a new and international Editorial Board. "Aquatic Sciences – Research Across Boundaries" deals with natural aquatic systems and the impacts of human activities on these systems spanning the range from molecular-based mechanistic studies to investigations on ecosystem scale. Your research and overview articles are welcome.

For further information:
www.eawag.ch/publications/aquatic_sciences



Editor-in-Chief Barbara Sulzberger (EAWAG) and two representatives of Birkhäuser Publishers introduce the "new" Aquatic Sciences.

EAWAG Advisory Commission: New Member



Since January 2002, Dr. **Ursula Brunner** has been a member of the EAWAG Advisory Board. As an attorney with emphasis on environmental, governmental and administrative

law, she is partner of a law firm. Her activities in the area of environmental protection are numerous: she is a coauthor of the Commentary on the Environmental Protection Law, serves as a member of the editorial board for "Environmental Law in Everyday Practice", and was an engaged member and chair of the board of the Association for Environmental Law. In addition, Ursula Brunner has taught in various post-diploma programs on environmental law and has served as expert advisor in the Swiss Priority Program "Environment" initiated in 1992 by the Swiss National Science Foundation.

EAWAG-Workshop: "Reform in Switzerland's Urban Water Management"

It is a worldwide trend to deregulate and privatize services supplying basic needs and to partially relinquish control to the free market. In Switzerland, after deregulation in telecommunications and transportation, reforms in the water supply and wastewater treatment sectors are currently at the center of attention. For this reason, the EAWAG held a one-day workshop on the topic of "Reform in Switzerland's Urban Water Management" in the AudiMax at ETH Zurich. The over 100 participants were treated to an unusual format for this presentation. Instead of a series of talks, the event was held in the form of three panel discussions, featuring renowned personalities: directors of water supply systems and wastewater treatment plants, city council representatives from

Switzerland and from abroad, representatives of a private water supply company, directors of cantonal departments, and representatives of NGOs.

The various discussions revolved around the central questions: What are the advantages and disadvantages of the different organizational forms? Is deregulation a tool for increasing flexibility and efficiency, or is it simply a first step towards a private water management industry? Are increased efficiency and ecology mutually exclusive? Can we create sustainable structures by expanding systems to a regional scale?

Information about the workshop can be found at: www.cirus.eawag.ch
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Fishnet: Entering the Final Phase

The project "Fishnet", which investigates the reasons for decreasing fish catches and health in Swiss streams, is entering its final phase. Out of the total of 75 sub-projects initiated to date, 35 have been completed. A number of results were presented at this year's 4th Science Seminar Fishnet in Fribourg on April 19. The meeting drew a crowd of approximately 170, with representatives from 22 cantons and 5 federal agencies. Topics ranged from colmation and stocking vs. natural spawning to hormonally active compounds and impaired reproduction. Based on the preliminary results, six new sub-projects will be initiated in the near future, dealing with issues such as the correlation of relevant environmental factors to regional characteristics and the development of a population model. In addition, work on the final report has begun. The document will summarize the results with practical applications in mind and will contain proposals for further action and improvements that might be possible. A final presentation, which will be open to the public, is planned for November 2003.

More information on the current status of "Fishnet" can be found under: www.fischnetz.ch



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