



# ESHA Member Newsletter 03

## October 2012

### Foreword

Dear members and supporters of ESHA,

With the conference and meeting season already in full swing, please find a brief update on ESHA's most important activities during September 2012 hereafter.

Your ESHA Secretariat

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### Policy

- **IHA London Workshop on Water Framework Directive** – On 7 September ESHA participated in this meeting together with other major stakeholders from the hydro world in order to coordinate their actions in preparation of upcoming European policies in the field of water, especially the upcoming Commission “blueprint”. Presentations were made on the IHA survey on the perception of hydro operators of the WFD, on fish passes, on the sustainability assessment tool, etc. Discussions were also held on the lack of a balanced approach in the interpretation of the WFD and the need for the sector to better brand itself.
- **European Parliament Water Group:** ESHA established contacts with Commissioner for the Environment Janez Potočnik, and members of the High Level Steering Group of European Innovation Partnership (EIP) on Water to integrate SHP investors in the upcoming policy processes.
- ESHA highlighted the **necessity for the continuation of financial and administrative support schemes for SHP** during several EU stakeholder consultation meetings on future EU support schemes.
- **EUFORES** supports ESHA in disseminating ESHA's SHP Roadmap during important conferences with members of the European and national parliaments.

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### Save the Date

- Visit ESHA's booth and seminar as well as SHP conference sessions during **HYDRO12** in Bilbao, Spain (29-31 Oct 2012). Learn how to successfully **attract and cooperate with investors** during ESHA's joint **interactive meeting with Aravis S.A. – Swiss investor in renewable energy and latest ESHA member – on Tuesday, 30 October, between 18h00 and 20h00 at the conference venue**. For more information see the attachment.

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### EU co-sponsored projects

- A two day **RESTOR Hydro** project meeting in Ljubljana calls on ESHA members to participate in the data collection on abandoned SHP sites such as water mills or weirs. Owners who are interested in refurbishing their abandoned plants through a cooperative within the project framework can contact [Dirk Hendricks](#) and find more detailed information on [www.restor-hydro.eu](http://www.restor-hydro.eu).

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### ESHA Intern

- ESHA Executive and Governing Board meetings took place at the end of September in Ljubljana. Among others, the boards accepted the following new members:
  - Aravis S.A., Switzerland
  - Association of Producers of Ecological Energy (APEE), Bulgaria
  - Leonidas Maniatakis, Greece
  - (DTec Minihydropower, Ireland)

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### Membership and Opportunities

- Check out the schedule and curriculum for the [Post-graduate Course in Sustainable Hydropower for 2013](#) in Vienna.
- **FP7 Call:** Thank you for your interest and emails. The Secretariat has brought in touch interested partners. If still interested, please contact [Dirk Hendricks](#).
- **Highlight your events** on ESHA's [event calendar](#)! Please provide [Dirk Hendricks](#) with the event name, place, dates and website link.
- Remember that **ESHA members benefit from reductions** when visiting ESHA supported events (see event calendar).
- Do not hesitate to provide [Martina Steinkusz](#) with **information for the external newsletter**.