

## Dear GIWA friends

This special edition of the Newsletter is dedicated to the GIWA General Assembly. The GIWA General Assembly is a major milestone in the GIWA project. It is the manifestation of our global network and a proof that GIWA is operational. The GIWA assessment work is ongoing on the global scale and results are starting to come in. Being the Project Manager I am proud of all your work, the global network and our global operation. Our progress has been made possible by the hard work done by all our sub-regional task forces, focal points and experts. I thank you all for your dedication and the effort you have put into the GIWA project.

I am also convinced that the General Assembly will be a great inspiration to you all. I look forward to participate in discussions and exchange of experience with you all. The GA will be a significant boost to our operations. The GIWA project is by far completed and much work remains to be done, but judging from the result so far, I am certain that the GIWA is on the route to success.

It will be my pleasure to see you all in Kalmar, I wish you all welcome to inspiring days and it is my personal ambition that you will depart Kalmar inspired and eager to continue the important work that has been started.

*Dag Daler, Project Manager*



Dag Daler



## Scaling and Scoping workshop in Vladivostok 12-14 September, 2001

### (Far East Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences)

In the workshop scaling and scoping results were carried out for three sub regions in the North Pacific. Participants were from Russia, China, Democratic People Republic of Korea, Republic of Korea, and People Republic of China. The expertise of the participants covered economics, fisheries, human health, global change, biology, oceanography, geography, and water resources protection.

## GIWA signs Memorandum of Co-operation with the Russian Academy of Science



GIWA has entered into agreement with The Russian Academy of Science to collaborate with the Academy and their institutions for the performance of the GIWA work in Russia and Russian Seas. This co-operation also cover participation from The Russian Ministry of Natural Resources, Russian Hydro Meteorological Committee, Russian Fishery Management Committee and other Departments of the Russian Federation.

A scientific co-ordinating committee will supervise the GIWA work in Russia. The Academician Prof. Dr. Martin Khublaryan is the chairman of the co-ordinating committee.

Under this agreement important work has already started and working relations have been established with a number of Russian institutions. Some of these institutions are:

- Pacific Geographical Institute, RAS
- Pacific Institute of Fisheries and Oceanography
- Far Eastern Research Institute of Complex use of Water
- Ecological Safety Scientific Research Center, RAS
- Murmansk Marine Biological Institute, RAS
- The North Water Problems Institute of the Karelian, RAS
- The Arctic Center of the Economical Problems Institute, RAS
- Institute of Water Problems, RAS



Prof. Dr. Martin Khublaryan

## GIWA Seminar during Stockholm Water Symposium 2002



On August 11 2002, at the beginning of the Stockholm Water Symposium 2002, GIWA will host a Seminar. At that time it can be expected that most of the ongoing Sub-regional assessments will be completed. The GIWA Seminar in connection with the Stockholm Water Symposium is therefore an excellent opportunity for presentation of the outcome of the GIWA assessments and for discussion of the results of the GIWA project. The discussions will benefit from the presence of probably several hundred participants at the Water Symposium.



## GIWA Focal Points in Latin America during the Fourth Inter-American Dialogue on Water Management 2-6 September, Brazil

With the presence of GIWA Project Leader Mr Dag Daler, GIWA focal points in Latin America and the Caribbean Region-LAC met during the Fourth Inter-American Dialogue on Water Management held in Foz do Iguaçu, Paraná, Brazil, 2-6 September, 2001. During this meeting, GIWA LAC focal points had meetings when important issues related to the implementation of GIWA project in the region were discussed and the participation of LAC focal points in GIWA General Assembly was planned. At the same time, the group attended different sessions during the IV Dialogue where successful and innovative approaches to integrated land and water resources management in the Americas were discussed. The event had an audience of about 1,000 participants from 34 countries. The results from the DIALOGUE IV will contribute to discussions at the International Conference on Water and Environment ("Dublin+10"), United Nations Conference on Environment and Development ("Rio +10"), and the Third World Water Forum.

## We are pleased to welcome Dr. Juan Carlos Belausteguioitia at the GIWA Core Team in Kalmar

Dr. Belausteguioitia, who originates from Mexico, will be responsible coordinator for the GIWA assessment in the Southern Hemisphere from January 2002. At the moment Dr. Belausteguioitia has a position as a visiting professor at the University of California, Berkeley. Previously to Berkeley Dr. Belausteguioitia worked as an undersecretary of planning at the Ministry of Environment Natural Resources and Fisheries in Mexico. We hope that Dr. Belausteguioitia and his family will enjoy the stay in Kalmar.

## Progress in the Northern Hemisphere

In the Northern Hemisphere the scoping results are ready in all eligible areas and the common finding is that pollution, especially eutrophication, is considered the main concern. However, in some regions experts foresee significant improvements. The overexploitation of fisheries and other living resources as well as habitat and community destructions are considered high priority concerns in many of the regions. The future does not seem to bring any improvements; on the contrary the situation is likely to get worse.

## Status of Assessments in the Southern Hemisphere

Nearly all assessments in Southern Hemisphere are now underway. With the exception of a few Sub-regions in the Middle East and South Asia, all sub-regions in the Southern Hemisphere have started their Scoping and Scaling. Several Sub-regions have also completed this first phase of the GIWA program. Examples of such regions are Agulhas Current, Benguela Current, Somali Current, Gulf of Guinea, Yellow Sea, East China Sea, Coral Sea and Great Barrier Reef.

## The University of Kalmar

The University of Kalmar is situated in the heart of the town, Kalmar.

Kalmar has an excellent location on the shore of the Baltic sea in south-east Sweden. The sea, the forests of the province of Småland, the meadows of the island, Öland, and the beautiful city of Kalmar is a combination that makes the University of Kalmar attractive for both students and people working at the University.

Research has developed strongly in the natural sciences. Scientists in Kalmar are known for their research in biotechnology, biomedicine, marine ecology, the ecology of coastal waters, environmental chemistry and the management of natural resources. For more information [www.hik.se](http://www.hik.se)

