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Chief of Groundwater Systems Section

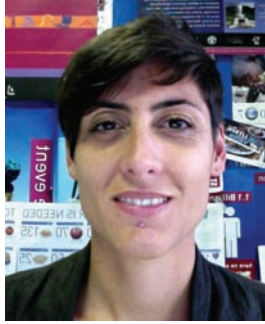
As Chief of the Groundwater Systems Section of UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme, Ms Aureli is responsible for, amongst others, the International Shared Aquifers Resources Management programme. This role has led her to supervise the work of the interdisciplinary group that advised the UN International Law Commission Special Rapporteur on Shared Natural Resources. With a PhD in Geochemistry and Water Resources Management, Ms Aureli has published extensively and notably in the field of groundwater governance.



Lucilla Minelli

UNESCO
International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO
*International Expert
on Water Policies and Management*

Lucilla Minelli holds a M.A. in International Development and Diplomacy combined with further post graduate studies in transboundary waters management, conflict resolution and hydrogeology. She currently works at the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO as International Expert on water policies and management of projects related to transboundary aquifers, water cooperation and water governance. She nurtures a keen interest in designing and implementing knowledge sharing and advocacy strategies to raise awareness about groundwater resources, including their governance and sustainable management.



Stéfanie Neno

Groundwater Governance Project
Communications Officer

FAO's Land and Water Division
Communications and Information Specialist

Stéfanie Neno has over nine years of experience in international affairs, sustainable development and water issues. She graduated with a Master's degree in Environmental Economics from the University of the Mediterranean Aix-Marseille III in 2002. She has also followed graduate courses in econometrics, natural and renewable resources management, waste management and pollution.

Realizing the central role of communications and, because of her personal and particular interest in them, Stéfanie built skills in strategic communication and outreach, web development, social media, information and knowledge management, etc and focused her efforts on communicating and raising awareness of sustainable development issues.



Stephen Foster

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Senior Adviser

Stephen Foster has extensive international experience in groundwater research, consulting and advisory work – with a wide variety of practical application both in his native Britain and worldwide. His more recent professional posts include:

- British Geological Survey – Groundwater Pollution Section Leader (197 -85)
- WHO – Groundwater Advisor for Latin America & Caribbean (1986-89)⁴
- British Geological Survey – Environment Division Director (1990-99)
- World Bank – Groundwater Management Team Director (2000-11)
- Global Water Partnership – Senior Adviser (2011-13).

He is also a very active member of IAH (the worldwide groundwater association) having been: Chair – Burdon Commission for Developing Nations (1987-97) / Chair – British National Chapter (1996-2000) & Co-Chair IAH 27th Congress (1997) Nottingham / Vice President - Western Europe (2000-04) / President (2004-08) & Immediate Past President (2008-12).

In 1993 he was named: Visiting Professor of the University of London / Foreign Corresponding Member of the Spanish Real Academia de Ciencias.

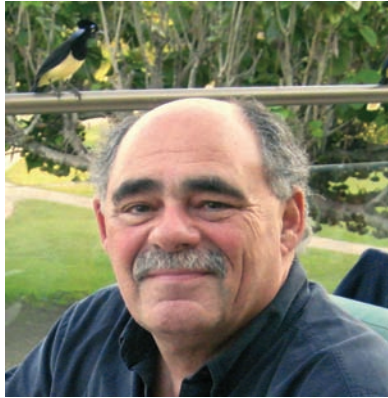


Todd Jarvis

Oregon State University, USA

Institute for Water & Watersheds and College of Earth,
Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences
Interim Director

Todd Jarvis, PhD, is a research faculty member in the Institute for Water & Watersheds and an Assistant Professor in the Water Resources Graduate Program at Oregon State University (OSU) in Corvallis, Oregon USA. Over a 30-year career as a consulting groundwater hydrologist he has worked for global water/wastewater engineering and groundwater engineering firms. He is a professional mediator specializing in dispute prevention and conflict resolution related to groundwater and well construction. He co-instructs weeklong intensive courses in Water Conflict Transformation and Advanced Water Negotiations with international waters experts Aaron Wolf and Gregg Walker. He also teaches courses online to support The Certificate in Water Conflict Management and Transformation. For the past few years, he has served as a training consultant to the PCCP programme through UNESCO-IHP.



Robert G. Varady

The University of Arizona

Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy
Deputy Director and Research Professor

Robert Varady is deputy director and research professor of environmental policy at the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy at The University of Arizona. He is also a research professor of arid lands studies, and adjunct professor of hydrology and water resources. Varady obtained his Ph.D. in 1981 in modern history from The University of Arizona, and holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in mathematics from the City College of New York and the Polytechnic Institute of NYU, respectively. At the Udall Center since 1989, Varady has examined environmental and water-management policy in arid regions—with a transboundary emphasis—especially in the U.S.-Mexico border area. He has studied transboundary aquifer governance and is a consultant to UNESCO and FAO the GEF-FAO global groundwater governance project. Varady has more than 100 publications on environmental history and policy and is past president of the International Water History Association (IWHA).



Ebel Smidt

International conflict resolution expert
and water expert

Mr. Ebel Smidt is a registered and certified mediator with 30 year experience in international water resources management and conflict resolution and prevention. He knows the sensitivities of the water issues since the early eighties when he worked on the modeling the water resources of Palestine and Israel. He has developed extensive networks in Africa, Europe and the Arab World. Ebel Smidt holds degrees in conflict resolution, (ground)water management and physics. By character he prefers to contribute to trusted processes and outcomes by giving other people the foreground roles as is the task of good mediators. He is presently combining his practical experience and scientific commitment in a Ph.D. research on the role of mediation in international water management at Delft Technical University. Since his early career he is committed to improved conflict resolution and prevention by introducing IWRM often under conditions of power asymmetries. After his study period in Israel/Palestine he continued to gain practical experience in the shared water basins in Mozambique and Southern Africa, where the end of apartheid times created chaos and also chances to construct new institutions. Since the nineties of the last century he is involved in finding alternative solutions for the shared water basins of the Nile and the Nubian Sandstone Aquifer. In the last 10 years he formalized his informal education as mediator and started to work on the scientific framework of his practical experience and theoretical knowledge.



Francesca Bernardini

**Convention on the Protection and Use
of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes**
of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
(UNECE Water Convention)
Secretary

The aim of the work under the Convention is to promote transboundary cooperation, ecologically sound and rational water management, and conservation of water resources and related ecosystems.

A chemical engineer by training, she has been working in UN multilateral processes for more than 12 years. In her current capacity, she services water negotiations and supports countries in the implementation of the Convention, in particular in the negotiation and implementation of river basin agreements. She also facilitates the development of strategic and technical documents, and develops and manages implementation projects on the ground.



Johannes Grath

Environment Agency Austria
Head of Unit Groundwater

Johannes Grath is Head of Unit Groundwater at the Environment Agency Austria. He is active at both national and international levels. In Austria his main activities include the development of strategies and the implementation of groundwater monitoring, assessment and protection programmes and of the respective measures. At the European and international level, Johannes Grath deals with the groundwater related issues of the European Water Framework Directive. Johannes Grath was responsible for groundwater quality issues at the European Topic Centre Water from 1995 to 2006. He chaired the Task Group on Groundwater in the Danube River Basin from 2006 to 2008 and is currently chair of the EU Working Group on Groundwater.



Gabriel Eckstein

Texas Wesleyan University School of Law
Law Professor

Gabriel Eckstein is a law professor at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, in Fort Worth, TX, where he specializes in water and environmental law and policy at both the US and international levels. He has served as an expert advisor and consultant on US and international environmental and water issues to various organizations and programs, including the Geneva Initiative, UNESCO, UNFAO, UNILC, USAID, and the World Commission on Dams.

Professor Eckstein also directs the international consultancy International H2O Solutions, and the water portal International Water Law Project, and serves on the Executive Boards of the International Water Resources Association and the International Association for Water Law.



Kerstin Mechlem

International Water and Natural Resources Law
Consultant

Kerstin Mechlem is a consultant in international water and natural resources law with extensive experience in groundwater research, consulting and advisory work and also a lecturer in international law and human rights at the University of Ulster in Belfast (on leave of absence since 2009). From 2002 to 2007 she worked as a legal officer in the Legal Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome. In that capacity she was a member of an interdisciplinary group convened by UNESCO to advise the Special Rapporteur on Shared Natural Resources of the International Law Commission in developing the draft articles on the Law of Transboundary Aquifers. For the GEF Groundwater Governance project Kerstin coordinated a legal expert group and authored Thematic Paper 6 on Legal and Institutional Frameworks. Kerstin has published extensively and notably on international groundwater law.



Attila Tanzi

University of Bologna
Full Professor

Attila Tanzi, Ph.D., is Full Professor of International Law at the University of Bologna. Legal Consultant, Ministry of the Environment (Italy) since 1999; Legal Consultant, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Italy) from 2011. He also advises International Organisations on aspects of international law. Several times a Member of the Italian delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations and subsidiary bodies. From 2004 to 2012, chairman of the Legal Board of the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Helsinki Water Convention). From 2007 to 2010, chairman of the Compliance Committee of the UNECE London Protocol on Water and Health. Since 2012, a member of the Implementation Committee of the Water Convention. He has extensively published in Italian and English on environmental and natural resources law.



Adishirin Alakbarov

State Water Company «Azersu»

Head of Scientific, technical and strategic researches

He directly involved and managed hydrogeology, engineering geology, study of geoecology, evaluation of underground water resources storages and of them governance, research of exogenous geological processes, etc. of the territory of Azerbaijan, since 1976. He was one of the main executives on evaluation of operating reserves of subsoil waters, design construction and operating of water intake on the source of Oguz-Baku Water Pipeline which is one of the biggest water supply systems of the World. Author of 3 monographs, about 80 scientific articles, books of maps which are published in Azerbaijan, USA, Russia, Turkey, France, Poland, Nederland, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Estonia, Georgia and etc. He is Involved in some projects of UNDP, UNECE and other organizations on transboundary water management of South Caucasus. He lectures in Baku State University.



Hana Prchalova

Water Research Institute, Czech Republic
Project Manager

She has been working more than 25 years in the Institute on water protection projects methods of groundwater assessment and on implementation of European legislation in CR, especially Nitrate Directive, Water Framework Directive and Groundwater Directive. She is a member of working group C Groundwater for common implementation strategy and last five year she has been working in European Topic Centre on Inland, Coastal and Marine Water for European Environment Agency.



Ruxandra Balaet

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Hydrogeologist- Senior Adviser

Absolvent of the University of Bucharest - Faculty of Biology, Geography and Geology - Geological and Geophysical Engineering Section in 1988, she worked for SAFAR Company of Water supply by wells and pipes, 2 years at the Working Site no.2-Galati and 6 years at the Design Bureau in Bucharest.

In 1996 she joined the interdisciplinary team of experts in the Water Resources Directorate of the Romanian Ministry of Water and Environment. Since then she has been working on many water projects, most of them focused on groundwater, elaborating legislation and technical regulations, surveying the activity of granting water permits and licenses and coordinating studies. She is country representative in the EC Working Group C "Groundwater", UNECE Expert Core Group on Groundwater and in the Groundwater Task Group of the International Commission for Protection of Danube River.



Teodora Szocs

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Vice President for Europe

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Head of Department

Since 2012 Teodora Szocs has been the IAH Vice President for Europe, and was active in the IAH Hungarian National Chapter since 2006. She represents Hungary in the Water Resources Expert Group of EuroGeoSurveys. She is a member of the Hydrogeological Subcommittee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Since April 2012 she has been head of the Department of Hydrogeology in the Geological and Geophysical Institute of Hungary, and previously from 2007 in the Geological Institute of Hungary. She was the hydrogeochemical expert in the evaluation of the groundwater bodies in Hungary for compliance with EU directives. In addition to numerous national projects she was deputy project leader and hydrogeochemical expert in a number of international projects, including transboundary joint aquifer management and geothermal energy resource evaluation.



Sharon B. Megdal

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Director, Water Resources Research Center

Sharon B. Megdal is Director of The University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center (WRRC) and C.W. and Modene Neely Endowed Professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Her work focuses on water management and policy. Projects include: comparative evaluation of water management and policy options in water-scarce regions; meeting the water needs of the environment; groundwater management and governance, water pricing; and transboundary aquifer assessment. Her edited volume, *Shared Borders, Shared Waters: Israeli-Palestinian and Colorado River Basin Water Challenges*, co-edited by R. Varady and S. Eden, was released in 2013. She is an elected member of the board of the Central Arizona Project, which delivers Colorado River. Dr. Megdal holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton University.



Alfonso Rivera

Geological Survey of Canada
Chief Hydrogeologist

He is the Chief Hydrogeologist of the Geological Survey of Canada. He graduated from the Paris School of Mines, France, specialized in groundwater modeling, coupled hydro-mechanical and solute transport processes, groundwater exploration, and water resources management. He was the first chairman of the National Ad-Hoc Committee on Groundwater in Canada; he is adjunct professor at Université Laval and Université du Québec. Since 2005, he has been the Canadian representative of the ISARM-Americas group. He worked in France, Switzerland, Germany and Spain for 14 years before he moved to Canada.



Emilio Custodio

Technical University of Catalonia

Department of Geo-Engineering / F. Intern. C. GW Hydr.
Emeritus professor

Royal Academy of Science

Professor of Groundwater Hydrology and associated disciplines since 1964. Currently emeritus professor at the Technical University of Catalonia, Barcelona, Spain, Co-founder of the International Course of Groundwater Hydrology and head of the Advisory Council. Former Director of the Geological Institute of Spain. Former groundwater hydrologist at the Eastern Pyrenees Water Authority. Teaching, research and professional work in different areas and countries, mainly in Spain and Latin America. Special focus on hydrogeochemistry, isotopes and recharge, and sedimentary basins, volcanic formations and wetland hydrogeology. Current emphasis in water resources management, mainly in arid and semiarid areas.



Dr. Müfit Şefik DOĞDU

**Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs
Republic of Turkey**

*The General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works (DSİ)
Department of Geotechnical Services and Groundwater*

He worked at Hacettepe University, Hydrogeological Engineering Section as a research assistant during his M.Sc. and Ph.D. studies in 1991-2005. He worked at many hydrogeological studies. After university studies, he joined the General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works (DSİ) in 2005 and has been working groundwater project like “Strengthening the Capacity of Sustainable Groundwater Management in Turkey (MATRA Project)” and hydrogeological studies. Currently, he is working at Department of Geotechnical Services and Groundwater (Karst Section) and especially focusing on investigation on leakage from dam by means of dye tracer.



Andreas Scheidleder

International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
Groundwater expert

He joined the Groundwater Unit of the Umweltbundesamt Austria in 1993 and has been working in the field of groundwater management, monitoring, assessment and reporting. He has thorough knowledge on the implementation of the groundwater related legislation at national and EU level through his involvement in framework contracts for the European Commission, through Twinning projects and other international activities.

He is supporting the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) since 2002 and he is the chairperson of the Groundwater Task Group since 2008.



John Chilton

International Association of Hydrogeologists
Executive Manager

After studying geology at university, John Chilton spent two years in the Water Department in Kenya as a hydrogeologist with VSO. Subsequently he worked from 1972 to 2008 in the Groundwater Programme of the British Geological Survey, with residential overseas work in the Yemen and Malawi and shorter assignments in many developing countries in Africa and Asia. During this time he also undertook projects and consultancy for UNEP, UNICEF, WHO, UNESCO, IAEA, UNECE and the World Bank in both resource and quality aspects of groundwater. Since his retirement from the Survey in 2008, he has been the Executive Manager of the International Association of Hydrogeologists, one of the partners in the GEF groundwater governance project.



Ken Howard

International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH)

President

University of Toronto

Professor of Hydrogeology

Ken Howard has been a Professor of Hydrogeology at the University of Toronto since 1981, authoring or co-authoring over 150 articles including 6 books. As a professional hydrogeologist, he is certified by the American Institute of Hydrology, chartered by the British Geological Society, and registered as a Professional Geoscientist with the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario. In 1987 he joined the International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH) and was elected Chair of the IAH Commission on Groundwater in Urban Areas in 1997, a position he held until 2011. He is currently Director of the IAH Urban Groundwater Network. He joined IAH Council as Regional Vice-president for North America in 2000 and relinquished this position in 2008 when he was elected IAH Vice-president for Scientific Programme Coordination. He held this position until 2012 when he was elected IAH President. He will hold this position until 2016.



Daniel Ronen

Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Department of Environmental Hydrology & Microbiology

Israel IHP National Committee
Chairperson

Daniel Ronen was born in Argentina in 1944. He graduated as geologist (1967) and hydrologist (1972) from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and has a Ph.D. in chemistry from the Isotope Department of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel (1988). During 1972 - 2011 he worked as a groundwater research scientist in the Israel Water Authority. Since 2002 he also serves as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Environmental Hydrology & Microbiology at the Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev. Prof. Ronen has more than 40 years of experience in the field of groundwater research and groundwater quality monitoring.

Since 1995 Prof. Ronen is also the Chairperson of the Israeli Delegation for the International Hydrological Program of UNESCO.



Albert Tuinhof

Acacia Water
Gouda, The Netherlands

Senior Water Resources Advisor

Albert Tuinhof combines a professional background in groundwater hydrology with 35 years working experience in water resources development and management projects and acts now as a senior advisor and trainer in the field of (ground) water management where the technical, institutional, educational and regulatory components of integrated water resources management need to be addressed. He has worked as a resident advisor in various countries and has working experience as senior groundwater management expert in a large number of countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Albert Tuinhof is a special advisor to the World Bank since 2000 as member of the Ground Water Management team (GWMATE).



Rob Ward

British Geological Survey
Head of Groundwater Science

Short bio (5- 10 lines)

Dr Rob Ward is a hydrogeologist with over 25 years experience working in both groundwater science and environmental regulation. He is a UK Technical Expert representative on EU and UK Groundwater Expert Working Groups and has recently been responsible, in the UK, for delivering the groundwater elements of the European Water Framework Directive (WFD) and Groundwater Directive for the first River Basin Management Plans (2009). Rob is the author or over 30 refereed journal and conference papers, is the principal author of two ISO standards (5667-18 and 5667-22) and two of the European Commission's WFD Common Implementation Strategy guidance documents (CIS Documents 15 and 18). Rob is also a Fellow of the Geological Society and member of the editorial board of the Quarterly Journal of Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology.



Jacques Ganoulis

UNESCO Chair and Network INWEB
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
*Coordinator and
Senior Consultant, UNESCO/IHP, Paris*

He is Emeritus Professor of Civil Engineering at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece), PhD (Doctorat d'Etat) from the University of Toulouse (France) and visiting scholar at the Universities of Erlangen (Germany), McGill (Canada), Melbourne (Australia), and Paris VI (France). A well-known expert on water resources management he is the director of the UNESCO Chair/International Network of Water-Environment Centres for the Balkans (INWEB) and from 2013 a Senior Consultant in UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme (IHP), Paris. He has published more than 200 papers and is the co-editor or author of 10 books including *Transboundary Water Resources Management: a Multidisciplinary Approach* (WILEY, 2011) and *Risk Analysis of Water Pollution* (WILEY, 2009; 2nd edition; translated into Chinese).



Neno Kukurić

IGRAC
International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre
Director

Neno Kukurić is a hydrogeologist educated in Belgrade, Delft and Amsterdam. He is a head of International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (www.un-igrac.org) with experience gained in more than 20 countries worldwide. Previously, Neno Kukurić was also expert advisor groundwater at TNO/Deltares, responsible for integrated hydrological model of the Netherlands. His professional interest is international cooperation and application of knowledge management in groundwater, encompassing technological, organisational and social aspects of groundwater problems. In the last several years, Neno Kukurić is particularly involved in assessment and management of transboundary groundwaters worldwide (www.isarm.net).



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International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH)

Past President

**German Federal Institute for Geosciences
and Natural Resources (BGR)**

Head of Subdepartment Spatial Information on
Groundwater and Soils

Wilhelm (Willi) Struckmeier is currently a Director and Professor at the German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR/Hannover), where he leads the sub-department “Spatial Information on Groundwater and Soils”. His main field of action was hydrogeological mapping, which formed the basis for recent activities for groundwater awareness raising and policy advice about groundwater, on a national, international, European and global scale. He is currently steering the Worldwide Hydrogeological Mapping and Assessment Programme (WHYMAP) of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) of UNESCO. After his term of 2008-2012 as President of the International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH) he now serves as Past President of IAH. He is an invited lecturer at the University of Göttingen and has published and/or co-published some 90 papers, books and hydrogeological maps.



Lisbeth Flindt Jørgensen

Danish Water Forum

Network Coordinator

She is a senior geologist employed at the Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland, working part time as networker at Danish Water Forum, a network for Danish research institutes, management organizations, private companies etc. promoting Danish experiences and knowledge on water related issues. She has more than 20 years of experience with Danish groundwater management at local, regional and national level and as a task team leader of the National Groundwater Monitoring Programme in Denmark; during the latest years she has also worked with climate change effects and adaptation in relation to groundwater. She has participated in several EU-projects on the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive, e.g. a Concerted Action on sharing of experiences and knowledge, performing several capacity building workshops on groundwater management involving both EU and non-EU countries.



Miodrag Milovanović

**Jaroslav Černi Institute
for the Development of Water Resources**
Assistant Director General

Mr. Miodrag Milovanović, *dipl. ing.*, was born on 9 January 1961 in Belgrade, Serbia. He graduated from the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Civil Engineering/Hydraulic Engineering Department in 1986. He began his career at Jaroslav Černi Institute (JCI) immediately thereafter. From 1987 to 2003, he was researcher on various design projects for dams, reservoirs, and water management systems, and played an active role in water management planning in Serbia. As of 2003, he has been the Assistant Director General at JCI. Mr. Milovanović is currently representing Serbia as part of river basin management expert groups at the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) and the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC).



Didier Pennequin

BRGM's office in Normandy

Regional Director, Senior Water Resources Specialist

He joined BRGM in 2001 where he has headed and developed the water division for 10 years, working on water resources management including trans-boundary and arid areas, diffuse and industrial pollution, flood forecasting, water socio-economics, short water cycle concept and water reuse. He has also been very active on the European scene, contributing to the implementation of the EU directives, notably the Water Framework and the Groundwater Directives. He has been the Vice president for Europe of the International Association of Hydrogeologists from 2006 to 2012 and has had experience in many countries including China, India, Mexico, United State of America, Saudi Arabia and several African countries.



David Zetland

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Senior water economist

David Zetland is a senior water economist in the Department of Environmental Economics and Natural Resources at Wageningen University in the Netherlands where he is working on an EU-funded project, "Evaluating Economic Policy Instruments for Sustainable Water Management in Europe." David received his PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics from UC Davis in 2008. He was a S.v. Ciriacy-Wantrup Postdoctoral Fellow in Natural Resource Economics and Political Economy at UC Berkeley from 2008 to 2010. He blogs on water, economics and politics at aguanomics.com and is the author of *The End of Abundance: economic solutions to water scarcity* (2011).

	Shaminder Puri
	International Association of Hydrogeologists <i>Secretary General</i>

Shaminder Puri serves for a second term as Secretary General of the International Association of Hydrogeologists. His scientific, technical & policy experience on groundwater resource management comes from nearly four decades of work. His scope of practical experience derives from responsibility for the worlds largest water well drilling programme in the Rum-Saq Aquifer, restructuring of the coal sector in Ukraine and as global co coordinator of the International Shared Aquifer Resources Management Programme (ISARM), under which an atlas of 273 aquifers was published. He was also one of the prime technical contributors to the UN's International Law Commission's activities the issued Draft Articles on the Law of Transboundary Aquifers, adopted by the UN General Assembly. He has held senior advisory position with UNEP, UNESCO, the EU's EuropeAid programmes and the Asian Development Bank.



Jean Fried

University of California, Irvine, USA

*Professor
Project Scientist*

As Professor of Fluid Mechanics at the University Louis Pasteur of Strasbourg, France, Expert-Consultant at the European Commission in Brussels and President of the European Institute for Water, and now Project Scientist at the University of California, Irvine, USA, he developed an expert competence in directing multidisciplinary and multicultural professional groups of scientists, policy-makers and planners, administrators and their technical staff, to prepare the scientific background of water legislation in the EU, and draft the corresponding water laws. He also directed water governance capacity-building programs of the EU in various countries and regions, as, among others, the Middle East, South America, the United States, the European Union and most of its member states, Canada, Russia and Siberia, Uzbekistan, South Africa, with an emphasis on water, groundwater and sustainable development.



Josee van Eijndhoven

Erasmus University Rotterdam
*Emeritus professor in Sustainability Management,
Dutch Research Institute for Transitions (Drift)*

Prof. Dr. Josee van Eijndhoven is emeritus professor in Sustainability Management at the Dutch Research Institute for Transitions (Drift), at Erasmus University Rotterdam. She was the President of the Executive Board of the same university from 2001-2006.

From 1991 till 2001 she was Director of the Rathenau Institute in The Hague, the Dutch National Institute for Technology Assessment. At present she is, amongst others, a member of the Dutch National UNESCO Committee and of the Netherlands Academy for Technology and Innovation (AcTI-nl).


She was originally trained as a chemist and did a.o. research in risk assessment, risk communication and policy analysis of global environmental risks.



Erik Mostert

Delft University of Technology
Lecturer

Dr. Erik Mostert is lecturer in water management and water law at the Delft University of Technology. His research focuses on water policy and law, collaboration processes in water management, the role of expertise, and the role of concepts. Erik Mostert has conducted much comparative research on these topics, especially in Europe. Specific management issues that he has studied include the implementation of the European Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) and the Flood Risk Directive (2007/60/EC) and the organization of public participation. Moreover, he has advised on institutions for transboundary river basin

	Mark Brune
	Mintails Limited <i>Executive Chairman</i>

Mark has a background in finance, working in Banking prior to joining the privately held investment management firm HDG Ltd in 1999, where he is Managing Director. Mark joined the board of Mintails in March 2010 and became Chairman in June, 2011, after which the company undertook a substantive review of the company's strategy. Through this process the Company redefined itself as a mine closure company with a particular near-term focus on addressing the problem of Acid Mine Drainage.



Ronan Le Fanic

Nestlé Waters
The Healthy Hydration Company
Corporate Water Resources Manager

He joined Nestlé Waters head-office in 2006 after a Master of Quantitative Hydrogeology at the University of Paris and PhD on Water Resources Management at the University of Bordeaux in France. Nestlé Waters is the leading bottled water company. He started as Corporate Hydrogeologist developing technical standards, auditing water resources operations and developing new water resources to insure supply in the factories. Then, he worked more specifically on NW business in Asia and Latin America. Since 2009, he is acting as Corporate Water Resources Manager leading the WR community of NW (104 factories in 37 countries). His main activities are linked to water resources development, validation of investment, development of internal expertise, insuring supply in terms of water quantity/quality, water security and developing continuously good relationship with all the local stakeholders.



Peter Newborne

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Research Associate
Water Policy Programme

Peter Newborne is an independent researcher (associate to ODI) and consultant specialising in water and environment policy and programming. Before working in international development, Peter practised for 10 years at premium law firms in the City of London and Paris. A key focus of his work is the role of corporates/companies as leading ‘institutions’ of the private sector, and options/instruments for design of public-private partnerships. Recent projects include: research for the *European Report on Development 2011/2012* on the roles of private companies in water management; advice, on behalf of the World Bank, to the Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture relating to the governance of large irrigation perimeters in their use of surface and ground waters (2012); and review for DFID of the evidence on formalisation of water rights (ongoing). Peter’s papers/publications are listed [here](#). He is a fluent French and Spanish speaker.



Svetlana Obradović

Schlumberger Water Services
Hydrogeologist

Svetlana Obradović was born in Belgrade, Serbia. She graduated from the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Biology and she started her career as a researcher at the Serbian national institute for biological research. In Serbia she was actively involved in ecological investigations of the Danube River and, among others, reporting to the ICPDR. In cooperation with UNESCO-IHP she obtained in 2009 the MSc diploma in water management at UNESCO-IHE in Delft, the Netherlands. Since then she works as hydrogeologist at Schlumberger and plays active role in management of groundwater data and information. At the moment she participates in various Dutch and international (i.e. Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and South Africa) projects on evaluation of groundwater resources.



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Anthony is a transboundary water resource specialist currently working in the mining sector where he is an advisor to various companies operating in South Africa. He has served in various leadership positions in the international water sector, including past Vice President of the International Water Resource Association (IWRA) and deputy to the South African governor of the World Water Forum. He is also a founding member of the South African Water and Energy Forum (SAWEF) that was established to foster a national debate around the water-energy-food nexus. He serves on the editorial boards of various publications including Water Policy, Water International and Water Alternatives.



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My favorite childhood gardening project was creating a compost bin – placing worms in a compost box and feeding them produce scraps. Years later, I majored in Earth Systems at Stanford University, which is an interdisciplinary program focused on environmental problem solving. My experiences in the classroom and conducting field research in the Southern Africa region made me passionate about having a career in water management. My professional experiences revealed the complexity of managing shared water resources. As an environmental consultant in San Francisco, I witnessed stakeholder conflicts prevent the effective management of California’s water. Currently, I am a Masters of Laws candidate at University of Dundee and researcher at the International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre. My focus is improving groundwater governance and conflict prevention mechanisms for the purpose of ensuring that our most abundant fresh water resource is managed carefully and cooperatively.



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In the early 1990s she was appointed to the Board of Ontario Hydro. In 1995, she was appointed by the Prime Minister's Office to serve as Canadian Co-Chair of the International Joint Commission which oversees Canada/US Boundary water issues according to the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. Adele has served as a member of the Canadian Federal Government's International Trade Advisory Committee -task Force on Environment and Trade Policy. She is a member of the advisory board of the Columbia Basin Trust and, since 2006, has served on the board of directors of the Ontario Power Authority



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Sophie is a hydrogeologist. Her experience in groundwater studies covers groundwater modeling, GIS, groundwater resources assessment (quantity and quality), working in different countries like China, Syria, Yemen, Italy, Tunisia and Australia. From 2006 to 2010 she worked at IGRAC in the Global Groundwater Monitoring and the transboundary groundwater programme. She was part of the developing committee of the UN International Year of Planet Earth. At Deltares, she is currently coordinating a large EU research project (DEWFORA) on drought forecasting in Africa and leading a project on conceptual models for all the WFD groundwater bodies of the Netherlands. She is involved in the working Group C on the theme of the impact of climate change on groundwater and is the current secretary/treasurer of the IAH Netherlands chapter.