

**RESULTS OF
V INTERNATIONAL WATER FORUM "AQUA UKRAINE '2007"
(October 9-12, 20067, Kyiv, International Exhibition Center, Brovarskoy ave. 15)**

The International Water Forum "AQUA Ukraine '2007" for the fifth time took place in Ukraine.

Within the framework of this Forum it has been united the exhibition of advanced technologies and equipment for water treatment, water supply and water removal with the scientific and practical conference "WATER and ENVIRONMENT" (Organizer - Ministry of Environmental Protections of Ukraine) and V Scientific and Practical Seminar "Ukraine-water supply-XXI century" (Organizer - Fund of water technologies development).

Water supply is needed for the stable functioning of all constituents of socio-economic complex of the state, and a problem of quality of drinking-water is one of questions of national safety. These questions and also the necessity of guard and defence of natural resources of waters stipulated a basic orientation of the exhibition and science and practical program of Forum.

Considering the state value of the subject the Forum is annually conducting under the Order of the Cabinet of Ministries of Ukraine.

Organizers of the forum:

- Ministry of Environmental Protections of Ukraine
- Ministry of Building, Architecture and Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine
- State Committee For Water Management of Ukraine
- Messe Berlin GmbH
- International Exhibition Centre

The main task of International Water Forum "AQUA UKRAINE" is to assist the introduction of modern technologies for the resources economy, water usage and treatment in Ukraine, to present the samples of products and equipment, and to attract executive authorities, scientists, entrepreneurs to the discussion of water and ecological problems of the industry.

In the solemn ceremony of opening the Forum, which took place on October 9 at 12:00, participated representatives of Ministry of Environmental Protections of Ukraine, Ministry of Building, Architecture and Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine, State Committee For Water Management of Ukraine, International Exhibition Centre, heads of foreign delegations, ambassadors, other honored guests, representatives of Ukrainian and foreign mass-media.

Greeting speeches were held by:

- **Stepan A. Lizun** - Deputy of the Minister of Environmental Protections of Ukraine
- **Vasily A. Stashuk** - Head of State Committee For Water Management of Ukraine (read out the official greeting of the Vice-Prime Minister of Ukraine Andriy Kluev)
- **Anatoly A. Orlov** - chairman of supervisory board of Water Treatment Technologies Development Fund
- **Alexander A. Yavorskiy** - Vice-President of Ukrainian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (read out the Greeting from Anatoly K. Kinah - the President of UUIE, the Minister for Economy of Ukraine)
- **Anatoly V. Yacik** - Corresponding Member of UAAS, director of Ukrainian research institute of water housing and ecological problems
- **Mr. Arnd Boehme** - General Director of "Wasser Berlin" Association (Germany)
- **Anatoly V. Tkachenko** - General director of International Exhibition Centre

After the Greeting the participants and visitors on the exhibition opening and honorable guests got acquaintance with expositions at the pavilion and outside of total area over 8 000 sq.m.

The 250 firms, organizations and enterprises from 23 countries, including Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia, Czech Republic, Great Britain, Germany, Poland, Turkey, Sweden, India, USA, Austria, France and other countries presented their production under the following topics:

- Water preparation for drinking, industrial water supply and power-generating purposes
- Municipal, industrial and agricultural water supply
- Municipal, industrial agricultural sewage treatment
- Sewage water sediment treatment
- Engineering networks
- Devices and systems for water preparation, water supply and water removal
- Pumping and armature equipment
- Local water treatment facilities
- Water quality control equipment
- Information technologies for water industry
- Water resources protection

- Materials and equipment for the construction, maintenance and operation of waterworks
- Water engineering constructions
- Bottled water

Full list of the exhibition participants with indication of their production is enclosed.

Scientific and practical conference "WATER and ENVIRONMENT", held during four days of the Forum, served as a ground for the discussions among specialists in search of the ways of solving problems in this industry under the following topics:

- International cooperation of Ukraine in the area of water resources protection and ecosystems, including transboundary aspect and cooperation with EU.
- Contemporary state and problems of water resources of Ukraine (surface and ground water), Government policy in the area of use, protection and recovery of water resources.
- Legal and normative aspects of water legislation of Ukraine and the necessity of a harmonization of Ukrainian legislation with EU Frame Water Directive and other EU directives.
- State water monitoring, water harmful action prevention and liquidation.
- Water economy of Ukraine, its problems and prospects for a further development.
- Contemporary state and the ways of reforming of water and canalization enterprises of Ukraine.
- Financial and economic aspects of water and communal economies functioning, questions of investments inviting.
- "Water and Health" Minutes, drinking water quality, problems of quality water supply, associated legislative and normative base.
- Innovative methods and technologies of water processing and purification.
- Bottled water.

Over 400 participants during four days took part in the work of the conference "WATER and ENVIRONMENT". Among them were representatives of the State Committee for Water Management of Ukraine, regional water economies, sanitary and epidemiological stations, institutes of higher education, basin water resources administrations, R&D and design institutes and the largest industrial Ukrainian enterprises, managerial staff of foreign companies. During four days over 50 reporters including guests from Russia, Czech Republic, Poland, Italy, Germany, Latvia, Belgium, Austria and representatives of international organizations (IWA, TACIS, UNDF-GEF). Problems of drinking water were discussed during Round Table "Drinking and bottled water in Ukraine. Safety, Standards, Control.", which was carried on October 10 during the Conference.

Program of the conference is enclosed.

Over 100 persons took part in the seminar "Ukraine-water supply-XXI century" that was carried out on October 10, dedicated to the problems of introduction of progressive energy saving technologies at municipal enterprises of water and sewage economy. They were representing central executive bodies, local governments and state administrations, R&D and design institutes, water treatment plants, educational institutions and also enterprises and companies of Ukraine, Russia and USA.

- Broad-scaled advertising campaign along with the rich program of events contributed to the attraction of participants and visitors (enclosed).

During the days of Forum it was visited by over 9 000 guests (including 8 000 specialists) from Ukraine and the near foreign countries. Among them:

- Experts in water sphere - 46%
- Representatives of industrial enterprises - 42%
- Representatives of scientific and educational establishments- 11%
- Others (representatives of social organizations, Embassies) - 1%

By the results of the event over 80 companies showed the willingness to participate in the Forum in 2008.