PRESS RELEASE

From 24 to 27 September 2007 all eyes of the international waste management sector will be on Amsterdam. This lively cosmopolitan city will be hosting the ISWA/NVRD World Congress 2007 organized by the NVRD, the Dutch Solid Waste Association. The congress gives you a unique opportunity to share your knowledge and experiences of sustainable waste management in an international forum; a chance to catch up with your international contacts and expand your network.

Each year the ISWA World Congress attracts large numbers of national and international waste management professionals. They include decision-makers and opinion leaders from Dutch and international business, politics and government, as well as engineers, consultants, suppliers, representatives of community organizations, and a host of other experts who work in a professional capacity in the waste management sector. At the ISWA/NVRD World Congress 2007, about 1,500 guests from 60 countries are expected, with the majority of participants coming from the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and the UK but also from other parts of the world including the US and Canada.

Waste reduction, re-use and recycling policies in Europe have been very successful. In the Netherlands for example, the quantity of waste produced since 2000 has been reduced by almost 4%, while both recycling and WtE have increased, leaving less than 5% of the waste to be landfilled. New technologies increase recycling rates and produce high quality compost. High efficiency Waste-to-Energy and Bio-Mass processes help reduce CO2 emissions. With adaptation, these policies and technologies might find application in other parts of the world.

Papers, presentations and discussion will focus on the following subjects:

CITY MANAGEMENT
- Policy and regulation
- Citizens participation and waste prevention
- Management of public spaces
- Waste collection

GLOBAL CLIMATE CONTROL
- Policy and regulation
- Recycling
- Waste to energy
- Bio-Mass conversion
- Landfilling

Facilities scheduled to be visited include: cleansing operations, waste collection vehicles, underground waste collection and storage systems, recycling parks, waste separation and sorting plants, composting and digestion plants, waste-to-energy
facilities and sanitary landfill, hospital waste incineration, recycling of paper in papers mills. See the website www.iswa2007 for details of the seven planned Technical Tours on 27 September 2007

However, the congress also provides the opportunity to see more of the Netherlands. We look forward to taking you on a journey of discovery through this fascinating country, with a special focus on the bustling metropolis that is Amsterdam!

The web site: www.iswa2007.org includes detailed information about the congress, including application information. For answers to questions that are not answered there, please contact:

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