On April 25-26, 2016 the Earth Engineering Center of City College of New York (EEC-CCNY) and the Institute for Sustainability of AIChE organized a very successful two-day workshop in Manhattan on the subject “Megacity Waste Management Dialogue: The NYC Roadmap for waste as a Resource”. The Workshop was co-chaired by Prof., Marco J. Castaldi, and Demetra Tsiamis of RRC-CCNY and was attended by experts from academia, industry, and government. The meeting’s focus was on the present challenges for promoting sustainable waste management in populous cities like New York. One of the presentations was by NYC Commissioner of Sanitation, Ms. Kathryn Garcia.

The subjects ranged from social, economic and policy obstacles to emerging thermal treatment technologies. The formal presentations were followed by breakout sessions where various important facets were discussed. Twelve faculty and graduate students from WTERT-Columbia participated and Prof., Themelis chaired a breakout session on
“Megacity Waste Management”; one conclusion of this session was that it is necessary for the U.S. government to provide the states with directives and incentives encouraging sustainable waste management, such as already exist in E.U., Japan, and South Korea.

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