



XI INTERNATIONAL WATER TECHNOLOGY FORUM ECWATECH-2014

The largest Water Forum in Russia and CIS countries “Water: Ecology and Technology” took place on 3–6 June 2014 at Crocus Expo. It is dedicated to wide range of issues in water and sewer utilities, water supply and disposal, water technologies, regeneration and rational use of water resources, ecology in water industry and housing and utilities.

Within 20 years ECWATECH have become the most important and demanded platform for the exchange of information, ideas, latest technologies, mutual solutions, finding new partners for the whole water sector in Russia and neighbouring countries.

The scale of the Forum can be judged by the number of participants – 731 companies, 258 of them are foreign. The exhibition gathered participants from 28 countries despite the hard economic and geopolitical situation in the

world. Countries like Austria, Germany, Denmark, China, Taiwan, Finland and Czech Republic have presented their national and regional pavilions in addition to the stands. A number of Ukrainian companies have taken part as well.

Mosvodokanal OJSC have presented odour removal systems which are starting to being used at sewer projects in Moscow. Historical exhibition with household items of XIX and the layouts of the first urban water networks was dedicated to 210th anniversary of Moscow water networks. Vodokanal of Saint Petersburg, the leader of innovations, presented Neva purification project “Clean Neva – Clean Baltic” within the framework of the Year of Gulf of Finland.

POLYPLASTIC Group, the leader of national plastic pipe sector, has presented complex solutions for construction of advanced hi-tech pipelines for water, gas and heat transportation. In addition to the wide range of pipes and fittings,

POLYPLASTIC has presented AEON and TALIS valves, plastic manholes and Subterra pipeline renovation technologies. The use of these technologies will reduce resources for transportation and increase safety and integrity of the infrastructure.

ECWATECH is an integrated event, traditionally consisting of the exhibition and business programme. This combination effectively combines demonstration of advanced technologies and discuss the matters at the conferences, seminars and round tables with participation of the major players in the sector.

Amongst the participants of the business programme and exhibition are the representatives of legislative and executive authorities of Russian Federation and municipal bodies, specialists in the industry, housing and utility companies, design, scientific and educational organisation, producers and service providers.

Delegation from Crimea, where solutions in water sector are vital, have visited ECWATECH for the first time.

The business programme of ECWATECH this year included 18 conferences, seminars and round tables on current legislative and operational matters of water supply, water disposal, construction and renovation of the networks. The conference on "Improvement of legal regulation in Environment protection" of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation, International Conference "Water supply and wastewater treatment in towns and communities", NO-DIG Moscow – Trenchless technologies for underground infrastructure construction and rehabilitation, Mosvodokanal conference on current problems of development of water supply companies and other events attracted a lot of interest.

A number of large deals were made at the ECWATECH. For example, Herrenknecht AG, world's leading manufacturer of tunnelling equipment has signed a number of contracts with Russian partners. It demonstrates they intend to continue cooperation with Russia despite current difficult political situation.

This anniversary ECWATECH saw a special children's educational programme on water and ecology for the first time. A number of interactive lessons took place for children aged 3 to 6. The subjects of these lessons were water resources protection and regeneration, potable water and its importance, problems of waste treatment, and other topics concerning water supply and disposal.

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