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Prof. Peter Matthews awarded with William Dunbar Medal

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Hennef/Munich, 12th September 2010 – Prof. Peter Matthews, OBE (67) is the new winner of William Dunbar Medal awarded by European Water Association (EWA). Prof. Matthews received the prize in Munich during the Opening Event of IFAT ENTSORGA 2010 – Trade Fair for Water, Sewage, Waste and Raw Materials Management - on the 12th September 2010 from the President of the EWA, Dr. Jean Philippe Torterotot. Prof. Peter Matthews has been honoured as a major figure in the water and global environmental field for many years.

Professor Peter Matthews, one of the key figures in the Water and Environmental Sector both in UK and internationally, was



selected by the EWA from a list of very strong candidates.

Prof. Matthews obtained his PhD in chemistry and in recent years his experience has extended from water to general environmental management and migrated from executive to non-executive responsibilities. Peter Matthews is a Chair of

Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation, non Executive
Director Port of London Authority and member of the Royal
Commission on Environmental Pollution. In 2007 he has been made
Officer of the Order of the British Empire for his services to the Water
Industry and to the Environment.



He has been involved in the water industry for over 40 years.

Prof Matthews is a true innovator and committed professional who has worked tirelessly to bring the industry together to share a global vision of water management.

William Dunbar – a Pioneer in the field of wastewater treatment technology

The William Dunbar Medal has been sponsored by the Munich Trade Fair Centre and awarded since 1973 by the EWA every three years during IFAT. The prize consists of one Golden Medal, Certificate and a monetary prize. The medal is in memory of William Philipps Dunbar, born in Minnesota (USA) in 1863, who came to Hamburg in 1892 due to dangerous cholera epidemics.

Dunbar developed further the method of identification of the pathogens causing cholera and plague. His experiments extended to the examination of the canalization and Elbe waters, since the most common spreading paths of the pathogens are the water. Dunbar researches were so fundamental, that even today he is well known among the wastewater treatment specialists.

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The European Water Association (EWA) is an independent nongovernmental and non-profit making organisation promoting the sustainable and improved management of the total water cycle and hence the environment as a whole.

It is one of the major professional associations in Europe that covers the whole water cycle, wastewater as well as drinking water and water and wastewater treatment related wastes. With member associations from nearly all European countries, EWA includes most of the current European Union Member States as

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well as Norway and Switzerland. Today, EWA consists of 25 European leading professional organisations in their respective countries, each representing professionals and technicians for wastewater and water utilities, academics, consultants and contractors as well as a growing number of corporate member firms and enterprises. EWA thus represents about 50,000 professional individuals working in the broad field of water and environmental management.

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