

Farmers Field Trip for the Proper and Safe Use of Treated Wastewater in Agriculture

In the framework of MEDAWARE Project a Field Trip for farmers on “The Proper and Safe Use of Treated Wastewater in Agriculture” has been organized by the Agricultural Research Institute (ARI). The Field Trip took place at Larnaca District (Kiti Village) on October 19, 2006.

Farmers’ associations, Village Authorities and farmers were invited to this Field Trip (the invitation is attached as Appendix A). About 25 people participated in the workshop. The list of participants is presented in Appendix B.

In the first part of the Field Trip which took place at Kiti Village, two presentations were made.

The first presentation was given by Mrs Stalo Anayiotou, covering the following subjects:

- Brief presentation of MEDAWARE project

- Data and numbers from Cyprus

- Guidelines for Wastewater Reuse

- Wastewater Treatment Plants in Cyprus

The second presentation was given by Mr Christos Hadjantonis from the Department of Agriculture, who presented the “Code of Practice for treated domestic sewage effluent used for irrigation in Cyprus”

The presentations are attached in Appendix D.

The second part of the Field Trip included:

- A visit to Larnaca Urban Wastewater Treatment Plant and

- A visit to areas irrigated by the treated wastewater

Farmers found the field trip very interesting because they got additional knowledge from the presentation but mostly because they visited the treatment plant. Most of them had participated in workshops organized in the past by the Agriculture Department, and had already seen crops irrigated by recycled water but they had never visited a treatment plant. The Farmers had a lot of questions related to the operation of the plant and Mr Ventouris was very effective in answering them.