

REPORT ON TRAINING ACTIVITIES OF ITU PARTNER

1. February 27, 2006. ITU and Research Institute Representatives (MEDAWARE Project Partners), Istanbul. A meeting was organized by ITU under the sponsorship of the dean of the faculty to discuss the project outcomes with other MEDA-Water Turkish project partners (Prof. Seval Sozen from ADIRA, Prof. Goksel Akcin from EmWater Project, Dr. Ahmet Baban from Zero-M, together with other representatives of the projects). 12 representatives attended the meeting. The group had an opportunity to discuss the difficulties faced during the progress of all the MEDA-Water projects.



2. April 3, 2006. Research Institute of Soil and Water Resources Representatives, Ankara.

Prof. Tanik and Prof. Ovez traveled to Ankara to visit the Research Institute of Soil and Water Resources (the attendance list of 23 participants is attached) in the morning. All the participants were soil and water experts representing that institute. A presentation in Turkish was prepared for this meeting (see attached file). The project was introduced in this presentation. The project stages, outcomes and progress were mentioned in detail. The representatives emphasized that the soil characteristics is of major importance for agricultural reuse (irrigation) activities. The selection of the most effective irrigation method is crucial for optimum water use and highest crop productivity.



3. April 3, 2006. The Ministry of Environment and Forestry Representatives, Ankara. Prof. Tanik and Prof. Ovez traveled to Ankara to visit the Research Institute of Soil and Water Resources (attendance list of 20 participants is attached) in the afternoon. Project outcomes were presented in this meeting (see attached file the general presentation for the training activities) to members of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, State Hydraulic Works, Bank of Provinces. The project was introduced in this presentation. The project stages, outcomes and progress were mentioned in detail. The representatives discussed the legislative and administrative framework on reuse of treated urban wastewater and how the public will accept to use treated wastewater.



4. April 27, 2006. The Research Institute of Soil and Water Resources Representatives, Sanliurfa. Prof. Ovez presented the same documents as in case (3) to administration representatives of the Research Institute of Soil and Water Resources, Provincial Directorate of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Provincial Directorate of Public Health, Provincial Directorate of the Ministry of Rural Affairs, XV. Regional Directory of State Hydraulic Works, Harran University, Department of Agriculture, Harran University, Department of Environmental Engineering, Sanliurfa Municipality, and Provincial Directory of Ministry of Agriculture. The project was introduced in this presentation in detail. The representatives discussed mainly irrigation technologies and water related diseases, and the necessity for proper disinfection as this region is known for its agricultural activities.



5. May 15, 2006. The Municipality of Focia, Izmir.

Prof. Gurel presented the project to 21 representatives of Focia Municipality, the governor head, local authorities, emeritus high school teachers. The significance of water resources and water shortage problems were emphasized. Treated effluent reuse might become an attractive option for this region.



6. MEDAWARE Software Training Workshop, May 29, 2007, METU Campus, Ankara. Prof. Arslan-Alaton, Prof. Ovez, Prof. Gokcay, and Ms. Berkman trained 20 students on the MEDAWARE software. Several comments were collected from the student in written form. The comments of the students were delivered to Cartif group (developers of the software).



7. MEDAWARE Software Training Workshop, June 4, 2007, ITU, Department of Environmental Engineering, Istanbul.

Prof. Tanik, Prof. Iskender, Prof. Ovez, Prof. Gurel, Prof. Arslan-Alaton and Ms. Berkman (who has prepared a graduate project related to the MEDAWARE software) introduced the software to representatives of ITU (19 participants), Environmental Engineering Department. They made comments on the utility of the software and its applicability on Turkish case studies.



8. MEDAWARE Software Training Workshop, July 4, 2007, (at National Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)-Marmara Research Center (MAM) in Gebze, Kocaeli. Prof. Iskender, Prof. Gurel, Prof. Arslan-Alaton, and Ms. Berkman presented the project and the operation of the software (12 participants). Representatives of TUBITAK-MAM made comments on the user friendliness of the software.

