

Young Water Professionals – The Cyprus Chapter

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Presentation content

- What is the International Water Association (IWA)
- What is the Young Water Professionals (YWP) initiative
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What is the International Water Association

- A non-profit organization and knowledge hub for the water sector
- Over 60 years' experience **connecting water professionals worldwide** to find solutions to the world's water challenges
- Vision: a network of water professionals striving for a world in which **water is wisely, sustainably and equitably managed**
- Membership comprising utilities and leading companies in the fields of water services, infrastructure, engineering and consulting as well as more than **10,000 individuals**
- There are four member types: individual, student, corporate, and governing members
- Locations: **London** (headquarters), the **Hague** (global secretariat) and **Beijing, Bangkok, Nairobi and Singapore** (offices)

IWA activities

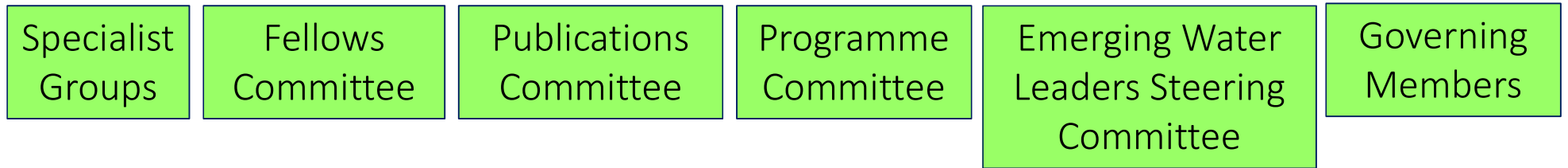
- 3 programmes (Basins of the Future, Cities of the Future, Water and Sanitation Services)
- Work towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, esp. SDG6
- 50 Specialists groups (e.g. Water Reuse, Water Loss, Sludge Management, etc)
- Specialist groups organize conferences, distribute newsletters and publish books
- Annual conferences (i.e. World Water Congress and Exhibition and Water Development Congress and Exhibition) and more than 40 specialist conferences and workshops
- IWA Publishing includes *The Source* (IWA membership magazine), journals, books, research reports, manuals of best practice and online services
- Developed with the International Development Bank AquaRating, the world's first rating agency for the water sector

GLOBAL REACH

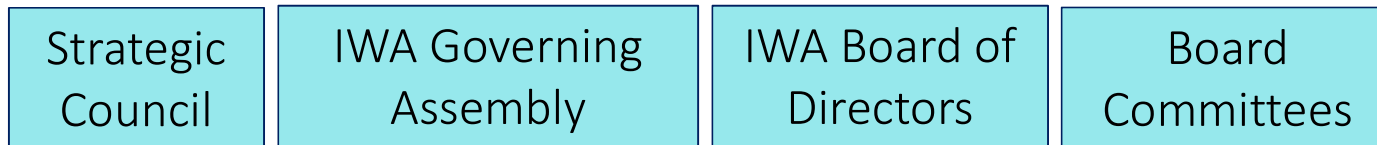


IWA Structure

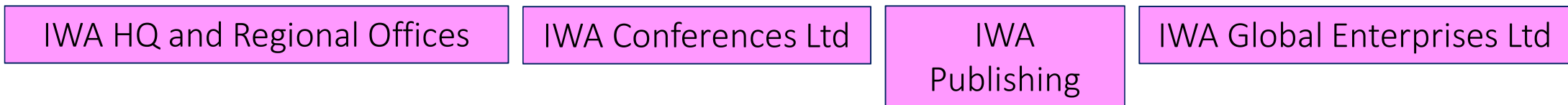
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MANAGEMENT



Young Water Professionals (YWP) initiative

- Designed to empower young water professionals in the water sector and the IWA
- Young members (under the age of 35) are able to:
 - Build their career
 - Connect and contribute to the water sector
 - Build their network
 - Develop professionally
 - Gain profile
- Aim is to develop a strong brand (IWA) and network for young water professionals that is highly valued and rated by the wider water sector
- YWPs are represented by the Emerging Water Leaders Committee in the IWA

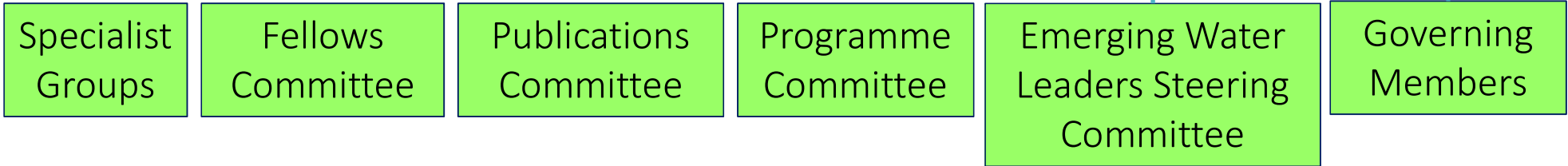
YWP Chapters

- These are **country networks** of YWPs
- There are about **30 YWP chapters** in various stages of maturity and structure
- Set up as a means to **regionalise and nationalise activities** so to attract and serve a larger Young Water Professionals group
- Successful chapters have been set-up in Uganda, the Phillipines, South Africa, Spain
- Organise workshops, webinars, conferences and other events

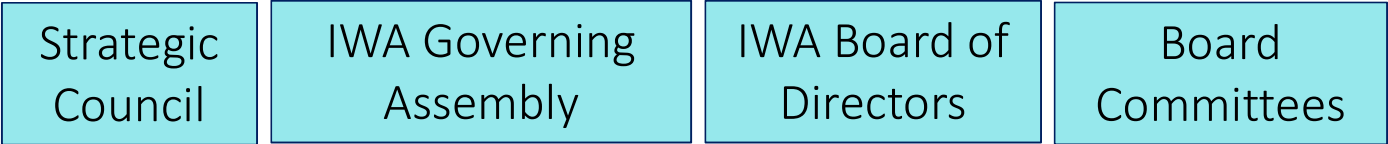
YWP and IWA

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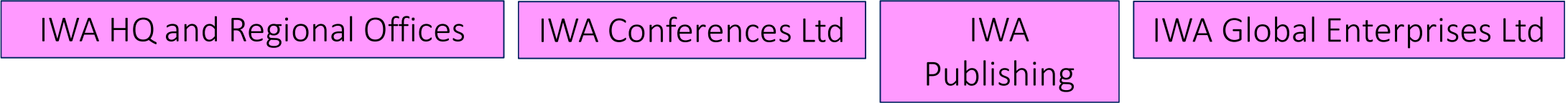
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Cyprus Water Association (CWA)

Established in 2017 and is the IWA Governing Member for Cyprus

Planned Actions for 2019:

- Set up of Specialist Groups: Desalination, Water Quality, Water Resource Management, Wastewater management, etc
- IWA Young Water Professionals Cyprus Chapter
- Organising workshops and event
- Participation at meetings of the Parliamentary Committee of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment
- Newsletter
- Participation at the IWA Annual General Assembly in Copenhagen in September 2019

Cyprus Young Water Professionals (CYWP)

Created to:

- *Encourage young water professionals to join the CWA*
- *Provide an umbrella for young water professionals in Cyprus to network, develop skills and share knowledge*
- *Provide a platform for young water professionals in Cyprus to network with YWPs from other Chapters and the IWA*

GOAL

An active YWP chapter in Cyprus that contributes to young water professionals' knowledge, supports their professional development and provides a platform for networking and a hub for information on water related matters (work opportunities, events, etc.) in Cyprus and abroad.

CYWP Steering Committee

President: Katerina Charalambous

Vice President: Constantinos Constantinou

Secretary: Yannis Dialinas

Treasurer: Ioannis Tselepis

Members: Maria Christophi, Pavlos Pavlou, Maria Achilleos



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Objectives:

- Have a **registration list** of YWP members
- Create a **social media platform** for member networking
 - *CWA website*
 - *Facebook*
- Organise YWP **conferences and educational events** in Cyprus
 - *Social night, Nicosia – end of August*
 - *Site visit, Dhekelia desalination plant – October*
- In the future:
 - *Circulate newsletter*
 - *Fundraising and sponsorship*
 - *Collaborate with Hellenic Water Association – Hellenic Young Water Professionals*
 - *Social outreach, e.g. schools, universities*



Thank you!



Questions and suggestions are welcomed

