

## Conference secretariat

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This brochure and additional information will be  
available on the websites

## Hotel accommodation

■ A number of rooms have been reserved at special  
rates in the 'Demahotels' ([www.demahotels.com](http://www.demahotels.com)).  
For hotel reservations, please contact Wendy at  
[wendy@demahotels.be](mailto:wendy@demahotels.be) and mention the symposium  
"SQA6".

Information concerning other hotels in Antwerp can  
be consulted via  
<http://www.visitantwerpen.be>  
<http://www.hotels-belgium.com/antwerp/map-hotels-gif.htm>

Early booking is highly recommended.

## Social program

■ There will be a boat excursion on the river Scheldt  
and an excursion program is foreseen for partners: a  
guided tour through the diamond centre and/or a visit  
to the Rubens museum and an excursion to Bruges.



European Sediment Research Network

SedNet working group 1:  
SITE INVESTIGATION & CHARACTERISATION

University of Antwerp (UA)  
National Institute for Coastal and Marine Management (RIKZ)



Definite proposal for the assessment of sediments in Europe

August 16<sup>th</sup> 2004  
't Elzenveld Congress Centre, Antwerp, Belgium

## 6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Sediment Quality Assessment

SQA6

Announcement and Call for Papers

Watershed – sediment management,  
from source to sink

August 17-20, 2004  
't Elzenveld Congress Centre,  
Antwerp, Belgium

Co-chairs:  
Eric de Deckere (Belgium)  
Mohiuddin Munawar (Canada)  
Patrick Meire (Belgium)



Flemish Environment Agency (VMM)  
The Aquatic Ecosystem Health & Management Society (AEHMS)  
Research Group Ecosystem Management, University of Antwerp (UA)  
Ministry of Flemish Community, Division of Water (AMINAL)

# 6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Sediment Quality Assessment

Watershed – sediment management, from source to sink

## Objectives & Rationale

The 2004 Symposium on Sediment Quality Assessment is the sixth in a series of symposia set up by the Aquatic Ecosystem Health & Management Society (AEHMS) ten years ago. Since the start, the number of participants has increased with every symposium. Reflecting the growing interest in the issue, sediment management has evolved to cover risk management at the watershed level. The symposium brings together international experts on sediment issues to share best-in-class practices in the fields of sediment quality assessment and management, from source to sink. Prior to the symposium, the final workshop of the “Site Investigation and Characterization” SedNet working group will be held to finalize a definite proposal for the monitoring of sediment quality in European river basins.

## Scope & Theme

The symposium will focus on sediment management holistically from a watershed perspective. The scientific themes that will be addressed include:

1. Risk assessment of contaminated sediments
2. Origin, transport and quantity of sediments
3. Sediment management in river basins
4. Sediments in a changing environment
5. Harbour management

## Conference Venue

The conference will take place in the “Elzenveld” congress centre, a haven of tranquillity in the heart of Antwerp. The conference centre is housed in the historic buildings of the medieval Saint Elizabeth Hospital, presbytery and cloister which is only a ten minutes’ stroll away from Antwerp’s major places of interest.

## Abstracts

All presentations, posters, and abstracts will be in English (the official conference language). Abstracts must be submitted by e-mail no later than April 30, 2004 to: [magda.stalmans@ua.ac.be](mailto:magda.stalmans@ua.ac.be) (as a Word attachment). A message stating oral or poster presentation preference is to be enclosed with the abstract. Abstracts have a 300-word limit. Underline the presenting author and include affiliation, address, and phone/fax/e-mail of the presenting author only. Abstracts should include objectives, methods, results, and conclusions (do not include these as headings in the abstract). Authors will be notified of acceptance by June 1, 2004.

## Publication Plans

Papers presented at the conference are invited for submission to AEHMS for publication in a special issue of the AEHMS journal: *Aquatic Ecosystem Health & Management* and/or as a bundle of thematic papers in book format under the *Ecovision World Monograph Series*. All manuscripts will be peer reviewed. Manuscripts must be prepared in accordance with the “Instructions to authors” and submitted to Dr. M.Munawar, chief editor, by the end of the conference or to [munawarm@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:munawarm@dfo-mpo.gc.ca). Early submissions are much appreciated.



## Organizing Committee

- Eric de Deckere, University of Antwerp, Belgium
- Mohiuddin Munawar, Fisheries and Oceans, Canada
- Patrick Meire, University of Antwerp, Belgium
- Ward De Cooman, Flemish Environment Agency, Belgium
- Veerle Van Wesenbeeck, Ministry of the Flemish Community, Belgium

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- P. Seuntjens, VITO, Belgium
- Xiang – Dong Li, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong
- T. Naganuma, Hiroshima University, Japan

## Registration

Please complete the enclosed response questionnaire and return it by december 31, 2003. Online registrations will be accepted through the congress website. Please complete the online registration form before April 30, 2004.

- The registration fee includes:
- Conference documents, the book of abstracts and a programme of events
  - Welcome reception
  - Admission to the conference and poster sessions
  - Coffee/tea served during breaks
  - Lunches
  - AEHMS membership including the Journal for 2005
  - Add-on excursion(s)
  - Dinner banquet

Regular participant	before April 30, 2004	450.00 EUR
	after April 30, 2004	550.00 EUR
AEHMS member	before April 30, 2004	400.00 EUR
	after April 30, 2004	500.00 EUR
Student registration		150.00 EUR

## Instructions for payment

Payment of the registration and other fees should be made, without charges to the beneficiary, preferably before April 30, 2004. Project number (to be stated in all correspondence): 15B5671

Payment can be made by:

a) a bank cheque in EUROS, drawn on a Belgian bank, made out to UIA-SQA6 and mailed to the conference secretariat;

b) bank transfer to SQA6 account no 001-0998519-77 at the FORTIS BANK, 226 Jules Moretuslei, 2610 Wilrijk, mentioning: project number 15B5671. For international bank transfers, the IBAN-code is BE80 0010 9985 1977 and the BIC-code is GEBABEBB.

No credit card payment facilities are available. Registration and receipt of payment will be confirmed.

## Cancellations

Refunds will only be granted if notification of cancellation has reached the conference secretariat before June 30, 2004. No refunds will be granted after this date. Refunds (less EUR 40,00 administration costs) will be processed after the congress.

