

PRESS RELEASE

The European Water Association (EWA) awards the prestigious Dunbar Medal to Professor Emeritus Jean Berlamont

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The prestigious William Dunbar Medal is awarded every two years to an individual of a member country of the European Water Association (EWA) in recognition of an outstanding contribution in applied technical development in the water sector. The award is donated by IFAT, the world's leading trade fair for water, sewage, waste and raw materials management, and for the first time since 1975, the winner is from Belgium: Professor Jean Berlamont.

Three criteria were taken into account by the evaluation of candidates:

- Scientific contributions
- Professional activities
- International cooperation and activities

Jean Berlamont has a strong profile regarding each of these three criteria. His research has focused on daily practice, driven by social issues and technical challenges. Furthermore, he is the founder of the Hydraulics Section of the Department of Civil Engineering at KU Leuven and also of the laboratories for hydraulics at UMSS in Bolivia and at the Anton de Kom University of Suriname. He has been a guest professor at numerous foreign universities and editor for various magazines, such as the ASCE Journal of Hydraulic Engineering.

Professionally, he has contributed to the challenges of water management and hydraulic engineering. For example, he is the founder of the 'Code of good practice for the design of sewerage systems' in Flanders. Last, but not least, he was one of the founders of VLARIO - the consultation platform and knowledge center of and for the sewerage sector in Belgium.

Professor Jean Berlamont was born in Bruges and lives in Leuven. He completed his studies as a civil engineer at the University of Ghent in 1969, where he also obtained his PhD in Engineering Science in 1975. In 1982 he was appointed professor at the KU Leuven, where he also served as dean of the Faculty of Engineering Science from 1993 to 1999. Since October 2012, he has been professor emeritus.

The Dunbar Medal will be handed to Professor Jean Berlamont at a ceremony during the EWA Brussels Conference on November 4 2019 at 5:00 pm in the Representation of North Rhine-Westphalia, Montyerstraat 47 in Brussels.

About the European Water Association (EWA):

The European Water Association is an important independent and non-profit European organization that deals with the entire water cycle with member associations in almost every European member state. As an NGO, EWA represents an extensive network of water professionals and specialists. It forms a European forum for the discussion of the important technical and strategic water issues and thereby contributes to the formation of a European water policy. VLARIO is the Belgian member of EWA.

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