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What's new?

SAIRA – The Open Innovation Hub for Sustainable Development

Our members have uploaded their first challenges on WAITRO's Innovation Platform www.saira.eco. The Secretariat will launch a new page on Funding Opportunities soon, so registered users will always be aware of current calls for proposals around the world.



WAITRO Mission to Central America

For their first WAITRO Mission, the staff of the WAITRO Office Germany travelled to Costa Rica and Mexico to reactivate old members and recruit new ones. The National Center of High Technology (CeNAT) and the University of Costa Rica (UCR) are highly interested in joining the Global Innovation Family. Our member the National Institute of Electricity and Clean Energy (INEEL) in Mexico is committed to reactivate their WAITRO membership. The mission was very successful and important new partnerships were formed to regain Latin America and the Caribbean as a strong WAITRO region.

Executive Board: Regional Representative Europe

WAITRO members received a poll to vote for the Regional Representatives for Europe. We are pleased to announce that we were able to fill the vacant position of Regional Representative for Europe. Dirk Saseta Krieg from LEITAT, Spain, is our new Executive Board member. The position of Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean remains vacant but the Secretariat is currently working to identify a suitable candidate.

WAITRO-UNIDO Meeting in Vienna

The new Secretary General of WAITRO, Dr. Eckart Bierdümpel, visited UNIDO for a strategic meeting on January 18th after having refreshed the UNIDO WAITRO connection during the 24th WAITRO General Assembly in Penang. The meeting was attended by the WAITRO Office Germany as well as Bernardo Calzadilla-Sarmiento, Director Department of Trade, Investment and Innovation, Raymond Tavares, Industrial Development Officer and Olga Memedovic, Deputy Director, Department of Trade, Investment and Innovation. The following issues were discussed: how to formally engage with WAITRO as an international organization, how to use SAIRA to enhance UNIDO projects, how to collaborate on training courses and capacity building programs, and how to get better access to and raise awareness in the respective networks. The long-term goal for UNIDO and WAITRO is to sign a formal agreement of collaboration.



Announcements

Membership Database & Membership Update Form

The WAITRO Secretariat will set up a new WAITRO member's database. Membership update forms will be sent to all members shortly to encourage them to re-establish their commitment to the Global Innovation Family. Please note that by law the Secretariat, needs WAITRO members consent to post their logo and organizational names on the new website. Without the membership update forms, the Secretariat will have to delay the launch of the new WAITRO website and your organizations will not appear on the website or any public announcements.

Upcoming Events

March 2019 - WAITRO Executive Board Meeting & WAITRO Visit to Costa Rica

For the first time, the new WAITRO Secretariat will hold the Executive Board Meeting from March 12th-14th in Costa Rica. Regional support to host the three days of events will be provided by the National Center for High Technology (CeNAT) and University of Costa Rica (UCR). Among other topics, the new Regional Focal Points will be elected during this Executive Board meeting.

April 2019 - Opening of WAITRO Office China

JITRI will open the WAITRO Office China with a grand opening ceremony from April 12th to 14th along with the five years anniversary of JITRI. WAITRO Office China will release the construction plan for the WAITRO space in the new site and host a high-end panel discussion for international R&D institutions to share successful experiences and to exchange good ideas for cooperation.

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Mai 2019 - WAITRO-SIRIM Programmes in Malaysia

The following WAITRO programs will be organized from April 29th to May 4th, 2019 in Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia: Capacity Building Programmes on Commercialisation of Research and Innovations, Internet of Things Technology Application for Smart Farming, Solar Thermal Technology for Industry Application, Senior Management Programme in Research Technology Organisations, Women Empowerment Programme in Personal Care Product Development.



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