



# WEAO New Professionals

The WEAO New Professionals (NP) Committee has been created to represent those WEAO members with ten (10) years or less experience in the water environment industry, or who are less than 35 years of age.

- **Objectives**

The goals of the NP Committee are to aid in the technical and professional development of individuals entering the wastewater industry, as well as to encourage participation of Student Members and New Professionals in WEAO activities.

- **Activities**

The NP Committee organizes the following activities:

- Technical seminars
- Facility and plant tours
- Social events
- NP focused events at the WEAO Annual Conference
- Liaison with WEAO student chapters
- Coordination with other WEAO committees
- Support to Water For People (WFP) events
- Liaison with WEF's Students and Young Professionals Committee
- Coordination with the OWWA Young Professionals

- **Professional Development**

Through the organization of technical seminars led by established professionals and leaders in the industry, the New Professionals Committee helps students, young graduates and fellow NPs to better understand design, technological, regulatory and operational perspectives.

NP technical activities provide a forum for interaction among experts in the water environment industry, and a convenient opportunity for members to keep up to date with the latest development in technology and regulatory frameworks.

- **Networking Opportunities**

New professionals and students getting involved and participating at NP events have prime opportunities to meet seasoned professionals from all sectors of the water environment profession, and to meet and interact with potential mentors to the next generation of water environment professionals.

The NP social events, many organized in coordination with the OWWA Young Professionals Committee, provide special opportunities to meet peers and young professionals from different backgrounds, in a relaxed environment.

- **Liaison with Universities and Colleges**

Membership in WEAO allows students to gain a better understanding of the water industry and the future work environment. There is continuing communication between the NP Committee and the WEAO Student Chapters at universities and colleges throughout Ontario.

- **Leadership Opportunities**

There are numerous leadership opportunities to participate in the Committee structure and help spearhead NP activities and events. NPs also actively participate in Water For People and other WEAO committees - there are many opportunities to build a professional profile and learn from established industry leaders.