STOCKHOLM
JUNIOR WATER PRIZE

Newsletter#2, April 2025

Dear National Organisers

I hope you all are well!

Your national competitions are ongoing, it is so exciting to start receiving names and projects and in no time we will meet in Stockholm again!

I will summarize the programme for the week and preparations to be done.

As mentioned in Newsletter #1, WorldWaterWeek will take place at WaterFront. SJWP will be part of the official programme and the posters will be showcased in a public space visible by all registered delegates.

The finalists will be staying at the Scandic Klara Hotel like last year, at walking distance from the venue and in the city centre.

https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/sweden/stockholm/scandic-klara

I will post all information and updates on the website. (Please note the website will soon migrate and the brandning will be correct! 😊) Password is sjwp1997

https://siwi.org/national-organizers-restricted-page/

Please inform any key persons working with you.

Registration of students and projects in WaterTank:

All finalists are required to sign into WaterTank and it is also there you are responsible for adding all details concerning their participation.
As soon as they are confirmed, please forward their name, surname, DOB and emails to me and I will invite them in. It is the responsibility of the National Organiser to ensure all information is filled in and that deadlines are kept. They add their science paper in WaterTank.
Deadline is 10 June. The jury will start reading the projects after this date.

Interviews:

The interviews will take place on Sunday 24 August and Monday 25 August. The international jury will interview each team twice by their posters. We aim to have digital screens with six pages, the students will receive details on how to create their pages.

We will hold a webinar with tips and tricks around interview and presentation technique on the 8th of July – one session will start at 9.00am CEST and another 5pm CEST, the content will be the same its just to allow for different time zones. I will send an invitation to yourselves very soon and do pencil the timing in for your finalists

Peoples Choice Award 2025:

The "elevator pitch" – a short video explaining your project, the problem it is addressing, how it works and why it is important. This video will be used to promote your project in social media. It will also be used for People's Choice Award so it is important that it is clear, informative and interesting. Deadline 1 July.

The elevator pitch should be understood by any person with or without an interest in water issues. Don't talk only to the expert jury but think about how you would explain your project to friends and family.

Try to keep it at a maximum of 1.30 minutes! Should you win, it will be showcased at the Royal Ceremony.

Look at the website for inspiration. There were many good one's previous years.

So now to the weeks programme:

Saturday 23 August :

- Travel in. Finalists will be greeted at the airport and brought to the hotel for check in and in later afternoon we walk over to the venue, WorldWaterWeek at WaterFront, to allow the students to familiarize themselves with the area and the posters. we will all meet for a briefing of the week back at the hotel approximately by 6pm. At 7pm the welcome dinner for the finalists will take place at the hotel and at the same time us "grown ups", national organisers and myself, will have a catch up over a drink at the hotel. Exact timings will be confirmed closer to date.

Sunday 24 August:

- Jury presentations for half of the countries – A - Mid Alphabet. Finalists are present at WorldWaterWeek venue throughout the day. In between their interviews they are welcome to attend sessions. Lunch is served at the venue. The second half of the finalists, mid-Alphabet to Z, will be taking a city walk with a Stockholm guide.
- In the evening finalists have dinner, games and an inspirational speech at the hotel.

Monday 25 August:

- Jury presentations for the other half of the countries. Finalists are present at WorldWaterWeek venue throughout the day. In between their interviews they are welcome to attend sessions. Lunch is served at the venue. The second half of the finalists will be taking a city walk with a Stockholm guide.
- Visit to Skansen in the later afternoon. This is an open air museum, guides will show you around. Followed by dinner. National Organisers are welcome to join.

Tuesday 26 August:

- Field visit to Xylem laboratories and premises including lunch.

- In the afternoon there will be a rehearsal for the ceremony which then starts at 5.45pm. The Ceremony will take in the beautiful Blue Hall at City Hall, national organisers are invited.
- Formal dresscode, national costume is appreciated.
- A celebration dinner at City Hall “Ragnars restaurang” to follow for the finalists.

Wednesday 27 August:

- 9am – 1pm (TBC) Study Tour to a water innovation centre for finalists including lunch.
- In the late afternoon / evening the students are invited to the Royal Award Ceremony and Dinner for Stockholm Water Prize at City Hall in presence of their majesties the King and Queen of Sweden. Formal wear can be the same as during the SJWP Royal Ceremony.
- Goodbye snacks at the hotel at return.

Thursday 28 August:

- Departures. NO representative takes the finalists to the Airport.

Busy week! I hope you are as excited about the programme as I am!

Faces of 2025

I am very happy to inform you that Lily Baidoun has joined me this year as assistant! It is the fourth year Lily works as SJWP assistant which is of course great! Lily will start full time in June but is already assisting with social media and other items. You can reach her at alia.baidoun@siwi.org

During the actual week we will have an additional three assistants staying with the finalists and assisting at all times.

Similar to last year Lily and I will organize a webinar early August for all students as well as yourselves so any questions can be asked.

Important! Please confirm to me (if you have not already done so) who will be present in Stockholm as national organizer as this person will be registered with a 2day pass to WorldWaterWeek and will also be invited to the Welcome drink, Skansen and of course the Royal Award Reception at City Hall.

This year the National Organiser will be invited to WorldWaterWeek with a 2day pass. If you plan to attend the full week please contact the registration organizer Trippus at support@trippus.com and please let me know so you are not double registered.

Picture and info for social media:

Please forward a picture of your winners that we can use for social media as well as a text. It can be something more personal from for example testing in a lab or it can be from the award ceremony. Its nice with variation, thank you! Forward to Lily.

Lastly – the Speaker Directory for alumni, please forward this information to this years students as well as previous years, the alumni:

- We are looking for new voices for the World Water Week Speaker Directory and it is an opportunity for students to actively participate in World Water Week 2025.

- To ensure diversity and promote incusion, the World Water Week Speaker Directory is a resource for session organizers to find speakers and include a diverse range of voices in their sessions. It also supports them in meeting the Gold Standard, which focuses on the inclusion of young professionals and women.
- We are now seeking to compile the 2025 speaker directory, and we invite you to join! Applications are open until 30 May. You can sign up here: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gpLAUipoTkSH7_efU4JstQGzRyCFU0RPqDdzmue-smBUMlNRU1hSNDlFN080MFpWVDBNQU41Uk9QVyQlQCN0PWcu
- Read more about the World Water Week speaker directory on What is the Speaker Directory?

That's it for now! Please do contact Lily or myself with any questions you might have!
Warm regards from springtime Stockholm!



Ania Andersch