

UZWATER

UZWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Uzwater colleagues,

This newsletter intends to keep you all updated on the work and development in the Uzwater project. Note that the homepage is there to be used. Please visit the homepage at least once a week: <u>uzwater.ktu.lt.</u> Register so you have access to Intranet. The homepage will be in three languages – English, Uzbek and Russian.

Lars Rydén, Coordinator Uppsala University

Uzwater project got another six month to work!

Already in late spring Kaunas University of Technology lead partner started the procedure to ask for an extension of the eligibility period of the UZWATER project. In late July it was approved by the Brussels Tempus office. The project has now been extended by 6 months until the 14th of April 2016. This means that the deadline for the submission of the Final Report now is the 14th of June 2016.

But we cannot relax. It will still be difficult to conclude all we have to do also in this new time frame. We have to continue working on project deliverables. Especially all books (compendia) for all courses in several languages will take time. It is far from ready!

Final Project Conference 6-8 April 2016

As the Uzwater project has been extended also the Final Project Conference in Tashkent has been postponed. It will now be organised on 6-8 April 2016. Main organiser is, as written in the project plan, the National University of Uzbekistan, with professor Azamat Azizov as main responsible. He has already been in contact with the Uzbek Ministry of Higher Education to receive approval.

The preliminary name of the final project conference is Education and Science for Sustaina-

ble Development. It will be a rather large international conference, with at least some 30 participants from the Uzwater project and all those who you will invite from the spheres of politics, higher education and the rest of society.

Your local website – homepage – now it is time for it!

Now it is high time for each participating university in Uzbekistan to produce its own homepage for the Uzwater project. The homepage should include the following:

- Short description of the project
- Link to the project homepage www.uzwater.ktu.lt
- List of project partners (persons) at your university
- Description of your Uzwater study centre and the equipment you have there
- List of the Uzwater courses you offer at your university, when they start, teachers etc.
- Possibilities to download all material, books etc., from the project
- In the future all master theses of the project
- In general all activities which are important to announce, such as conferences, travels etc.

Of course the homepage can be in any language you prefer, but at least a summary in English would certainly be appreciated by non-Uzbeks. If there is a problem with the size available on your local server some of it may be in Kaunas, and all material to be downloaded can of course be downloaded from the Kaunas server.

Which courses?

It would be very good to know which courses will be offered by the Uzbek universities in the project for the coming fall semester. Please announce and tell us!

Compendia for Uzwater courses

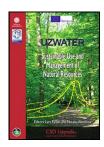
Work for the study material for the Uzwater courses is on-going and probably will for a long time yet. This part of the newsletter will thus be a permanent part. We have received in Uppsala several books on water management to make lay out. We hope they will be available in the coming weeks.

Today two books can be downloaded from the Uzwater web site

Environment, Pollution, Development: The Case of Uzbekistan Authors: Māris Kļaviņš, Azamat Azizov and Jānis Zaļoksnis

Sustainable Use and Management of Natural Resources

Editors: Lars Rydén, Uppsala University and Natalya Akinshina



The Uzwater web site

The Uzwater web site has had a little fewer visitors than before during summer but still have about 450 individual users per month. Most of the visitors come from Russia especially Moscow. The most popular page is the one on Project Partners.

Apart from the continuous updating of the site and its content work is underway to make the site more mobile phone friendly and also to, if possible, increase the download speed of the site.

Summer

Summer in Northern Europe and the Baltic Sea region countries this year was very rainy. We did not get much warm weather and sun until August. Thus conditions for crop is very good but for swimming and vacation a little less so. The harvest, which is on-going right now, is the best for very many years. How is the heat in Uzbekistan? Globally one already suspects that 2015 will be another record warm year and global warming is certainly not taking any break.

