



### EDITORIAL

AIDA is keeping the momentum signalled in the editorial to Aquaforum No.48!

Since then, AIDA has joined new partnership initiatives with, respectively, the Geneva-based WaterLex Legal Database, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Water Governance Initiative. They were heralded by Circular Letters 1 and 2 of 2013, respectively, which provided the relevant particulars. The OECD Water Governance Initiative, in particular, is expected to shift into a higher gear later this month, through a call for contributions from partners willing to engage with the consultative process envisaged by the Initiative. You will find more detailed information on this in this issue of Aquaforum. Moreover, thanks also to AIDA's activism, water law features prominently in the work programme of the World Bank-brokered Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development, in which AIDA is a partner – the partnership was heralded in Circular Letter 2 of 2012, and announced in Aquaforum No.48. Promising developments on this front are also reported on in this issue of Aquaforum.

AIDA will also be at the 2013 edition of the World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden, as co-convenor with UNESCO of a side-event styled “*Bridging the Land-Water Divide: The Role of Water Law*” – read more on this in this issue of Aquaforum.

These initiatives clearly point in the direction of AIDA's increasing visibility. I very much hope that the association's relevance will also grow apace, particularly as a result of active engagement with the other partners in the GFLJD and in the OECD Water Governance Initiative.

Germane to these developments, work towards amending the AIDA Charter with a view to affording the membership increased opportunities for participation in the conduct of the Association is about to wind up with proposals for the consideration of the Executive Council.

Stefano Burchi  
Chairman of the Executive Council

## 1. NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND OF ITS MEMBERS

- AIDA participated in the 1st Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative (Paris, 27-28 March 2013). The AIDA report of the meeting can be viewed at <http://www.aida-waterlaw.org/flashnews.php>. The official report is available at [http://www.oecd.org/gov/regional-policy/1st%20Meeting%20OECD%20WGI\\_Key%20Highlights%20and%20Messages\\_Final.pdf](http://www.oecd.org/gov/regional-policy/1st%20Meeting%20OECD%20WGI_Key%20Highlights%20and%20Messages_Final.pdf). Next steps include the agreement on a calendar of activities for 2013-2015, the composition of the steering committee, the election of a Chair and the creation of thematic and regional working groups to support the Initiative's programme of work. A call for contributions from partners in the Initiative willing to take part in the process is expected to be issued in July. The next meeting of the Initiative will be held at OECD Headquarters, Paris on 5-6 November 2013.

- The Thematic Working Groups formed under the Global Forum on Law Justice and Development, in which AIDA is a partner (see Aquaforum No.48 for information), met at World Bank Headquarters in Washington, DC, in December 2012, on the occasion of the Law, Justice and Development Week. AIDA was represented by Mr. Jonathan Schutz, who joined the meetings of the Natural Resources Governance (Forests, Land, Water) Thematic Working Group on behalf of the association. His report is available at <http://www.aida-waterlaw.org/flashnews.php>. In particular, a Community of Practice (CoP) formed and deliberated to address natural resources legal challenges in general, and to focus its activities for 2013 on water as priority topic. In view of the CoP focus on water law, AIDA has volunteered to co-lead the CoP, with the International Development Law Organization (IDLO). A programme of work covering the time horizon 2013-2016, and contemplating a Good Practices Manual for the preparation of water resources legislation, assessment of selected water legislation against such good practices, assistance in the population of the restructured WATERLEX database of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and assessment of the performance of water resources regulatory legislation, has been generated by AIDA and IDLO. The programme will be submitted to the World Bank, alongside the programmes of the other CoPs which have formed under the umbrella of the Natural Resources Governance TWG, for consideration and assistance towards attracting the funding required for implementation.

- AIDA has entered into a partnership agreement with the Geneva-based WaterLex Legal Database. The WaterLex Legal Database is an NGO, committed to providing information on the human right to water and sanitation. It aims at bridging the information gap by providing all water governance actors with access to international and country-specific legal frameworks which are aligned with and contribute to the realization of the human right to water and sanitation. Through the partnership agreement, AIDA has undertaken to provide WaterLex with new relevant legislation and policy documents, and with case law, it is aware of with a view to featuring the most recent developments on the implementation of the right to water and sanitation in the WaterLex Legal Database. Against this backdrop, AIDA members are invited to volunteer any pertinent information and documents they may have, have knowledge of or access to, directly to WaterLex, in the person of Mr. Vivien Deloge <[v.deloge@waterlex.org](mailto:v.deloge@waterlex.org)>. The partnership AIDA has made with WaterLex provides a valuable opportunity for engagement of the AIDA membership with a valuable project, and for the Association to increase its visibility. The active participation of members will of course be vital to the eventual success of the partnership.

- AIDA was represented at the 38th session of the FAO Conference, which was held in Rome on 15-22 June, 2013, by D. Alhéritière, Honorary Chairman. Among other, the Conference admitted Brunei, Singapore and Southern Sudan as FAO Members and adopted the Programme of Work and Budget for 2014-5. Although absent from all major speeches (e.g. Nobel prize Amartya Sen, Pope Francis, DG Graziano da Silva, etc.), water issues were not neglected by the Conference, as they were clearly highlighted in the main documents and in the budget. The Division of Land and Water was upgraded and is now attached to the Deputy Director-General in charge of substantive programmes. Its budget was increased by 2.5%, faster than the general average, although the budget for legal services (including water legislation) is decreasing. Most funds for those services, however, are always extra-budgetary.

## 2. MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

. On 30 November, 2012, in Rome, Italy, the *Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (UNECE Water Convention)* adopted a decision on simplifying the procedure for the accession of non-UNECE countries to the Convention, and a decision concerning the establishment of an Implementation Committee for the Convention, among other things. The Committee will render practical case-tailored assistance to prevent water-related disputes and support Parties in their efforts to implement the Convention. Details may be retrieved from [www.unece.org](http://www.unece.org).

- The *TWAM 2013 International Conference and Workshop: Transboundary water management across borders and interfaces: present and future challenges*, was hosted by the University of Aveiro at Aveiro, Portugal, on 16-20 March, 2013. The overarching objective of this conference is to address these challenges in “Transboundary water resources management across borders and interfaces”, with particular focus on water resources modelling, technological and natural solutions, environmental impacts, ecosystems services and values, economic incentives and instruments, water governance, institutions and regulations, stakeholder engagement, planning water resources and land use, integrated assessment and decision support tools. For further information, visit [twam2013@ua.pt](mailto:twam2013@ua.pt).

- Within the framework of the *NGO Forum of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR)*, on 5-7 April, 2013, WaterLex, WaterAid and the Legal Resources Center organised a panel discussion in Banjul, the Gambia, pertaining to the human rights obligations of States in relation with the protection of water resources. The objective of the session was to seize the opportunity of the International Year of Water Cooperation to further assist the ACHPR in interpreting the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Right and the subsequent Principles and Guidelines on the Implementation of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the African Charter as regards water resources management. Indeed, the ACHPR Principles and Guidelines are the only instrument protecting water resources as sources of drinking water from a human rights-based approach. The panel discussion led to the adoption of a Resolution on international water law obligations derived from human rights commitments by the NGO Forum, which notably stresses on the crucial importance of the following principles: (i) protection of the quality of international water resources as sources of drinking water; (ii) priority of vital human needs; (iii) access to information and participation in governance; (iv) access to justice and remedies; and, (v) non-discrimination. The Resolution will be submitted to the ACHPR for official endorsement. Details may be obtained at <http://www.waterlex.org/waterlex/de/resources/news/240-interconnecting-water-cooperation-and-human-rights-at-the-achpr>

- The *Workshop on Transboundary Water Cooperation “Latin American and Pan-European Regions: Sharing Experiences and Learning from Each Other”* was jointly organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Global Environment Facility (GEF) International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network (IW:LEARN), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the University of Bologna Center in Buenos Aires, on 11-June, 2013 at Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Workshop offered a forum for debating the current state of water cooperation, the progress achieved and the prevailing challenges, as well as for sharing lessons learned and good practices for cooperation on transboundary waters in the ECLAC and UNECE regions. It built on the successful examples of transboundary cooperation in the ECLAC region and served as a platform for country representatives to discuss such topics as the legal and institutional aspects of transboundary water cooperation; reconciling different interests and uses in transboundary basins; and adaptation to climate variability and change. A targeted event for GEF IW projects and partners entitled “GEF IW: LEARN Integration Dialogue on Conjunctive Surface and Groundwater Management in the ECLAC region” took place back-to-back with the Workshop on 13 June 2013. Further information on this event is available at [http://www.unece.org/transboundary\\_water\\_cooperation\\_workshop\\_eclac.html](http://www.unece.org/transboundary_water_cooperation_workshop_eclac.html).

### 3. DEVELOPMENTS AND PROGRAMMES CONCERNING WATER LAW

- **Colombia** – The Government adopted Decree No. 1640 of 2 August, 2012, on river basin and aquifer planning and management, with a view to amending previous regulations and ensuring consistency between different river basin management plans, as well as stronger stakeholder participation in the planning exercise. The Decree provides for the formulation of strategic river basin plans which are subject to revision every 10 years and provide the basis for the formulation of adjustment of the actual river basin/aquifer management plans (POMCA). Furthermore, the Decree provides for the establishment of a regional network for the monitoring of water resources, as well as for monitoring the impact on these resources of the activities carried out within the framework of the National Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Policy.

- **Dniester River Basin** - The Agreement on Cooperation on the Conservation and Sustainable Development of the Dniester River Basin was signed in Rome on 29 November, 2012 by the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Moldova, Mr. Gheorge Salaru, and the Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, Mr. Eduard Stavtyskyi. The signing ceremony took place in the Italian Parliament during the Meeting of the Parties to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention). The Agreement contains important provisions aimed to facilitate the equitable and reasonable utilization of the basin waters, as well as water protection, the improvement of water quality and the protection of the river ecosystem. Among other, it calls for joint or coordinated river basin management planning and the introduction of resource management measures, in line with the *acquis communautaire* in the field of water resources management. The Parties are under a duty to cooperate in the setting up of water quality standards, in the monitoring and assessment of water resources in accordance with a programme and in the management of emergency situations, and to exchange the relevant data and information. To ease implementation, the Agreement also provides for the establishment of a river basin commission. The text (in Russian and Romanian) may be downloaded from <http://www.rac.org.ua/en/news-storage/news/article/moldova-ta-ukrajina-pidpisali-novu-transkordonnu-ugodu/>

- **UNECE Water Convention** – Seventeen years after its entry into force, the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) is turning into a global convention. Having received the necessary number of ratifications, the 2003 amendments to the Convention opening it for accession to all United Nations Member States entered into force on 6 February, 2013. This is a groundbreaking development, since the Convention was originally negotiated as a regional instrument by countries of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. It is also a major milestone of the International Year of Water Cooperation (2013), which is now being celebrated. Several non-UNECE countries have already indicated their interest in becoming Parties. For further information, visit the UNECE web page, at <http://www.unece.org/env/water/>

- **UN Watercourses Convention** – On 20 February, 2013, Niger has become the 30<sup>th</sup> Party to the 1997 Convention on the Law of Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses (UN Watercourses Convention). The Convention will enter into force 90 days after it is ratified by 35 nations.

- **USA/Mexico Water Treaty** - In response to ongoing climatic changes and uncertainties, the 1944 Water Treaty between USA and Mexico was recently amended by Minute 319 of 20 November, 2012, to provide for both nations to share surpluses and water shortages, permit Mexico to store some of its allotted water in the United States, facilitate investment in Mexico's water infrastructure, and restore the environmental flows of the Colorado River to the Gulf of California, albeit on an experimental scale. For further details, go to <http://www.internationalwaterlaw.org/blog/2012/12/10/minute-319-a-creative-approach-to-modifying-mexico-u-s-hydro-relations-over-the-colorado-river/>

- **Vietnam** – A new Law on Water Resources, which was passed by the National Assembly on 21 June, 2012, was promulgated by the President by Order No. 15/2012/L-CTN of 2 July, 2012. This law

replaces the Law on Water Resources of 1998, which was no longer suited to the present conditions. In particular, it clarifies responsibilities and modalities for river basin management and planning, regulates water allocation and protection in the river basin context and provides for the involvement of communities in water resources management.

#### 4. TRAINING AND RESEARCH CONCERNING WATER LAW

- UNITAR and the University of Geneva joined their respective expertise, with the financial support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), to develop and launch an e-learning course on International Water Law. This course aimed to provide professionals involved in negotiating or implementing treaties related to freshwater resources with an advanced knowledge of the principles and norms that govern the use, sharing, management and protection of these resources. The course was delivered over 4 weeks from 1 February to 4 March 2013 through UNITAR's Virtual Learning Environment. For more information, visit <http://www.unitar.org/ilp/>.

- **Refresher Course: Water Law and Administration in Brazil**, 21- 23 May, 2013, Brasilia, Brazil. The course aimed at providing an overview of the various legal provisions related to water resources management, including constitutional law provisions assigning institutional roles and defining water as a public asset, environmental law provisions on water resources protection, administrative law dealing with the regulation of water management and water resources law provisions. The course was conducted by AIDA member Cid Tomanik Pompeu. Further details may be obtained at [http://p5trc.emv2.com/HM?a=ENX7CqiG\\_S6r8SA9MKJQC27nGHxKLvuEAfcStGb5lw8W0bBhOG5mpqVsje\\_HhdAEWFLa](http://p5trc.emv2.com/HM?a=ENX7CqiG_S6r8SA9MKJQC27nGHxKLvuEAfcStGb5lw8W0bBhOG5mpqVsje_HhdAEWFLa)

#### 5. PUBLICATIONS AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO AIDA MEMBERS

- The Portuguese version of '*Principles of Water Law and Administration - National and International*', by Dante A. Caponera, revised and updated by Marcella Nanni in 2007, has been published by Synergia Editora, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2012 and may be ordered online at <http://www.casabahia.com.br/Principios-de-Direito-e-Administracao-de-Aguas-Nacionais-e-Internacionais-Dante-A-Caponera-1817348.html>

- *International Law And Freshwater, the Multiple Challenges*, edited by L. Boisson de Chazournes and by AIDA members Christina Leb and Mara Tignino, Edward Elgar Publishing Limited, Cheltenham, UK, December 2012. Contributors include AIDA members L. Del Castillo, C. Leb, S. McCaffrey, O. McIntyre, S.M.A. Salman, A. Tanzi and M. Tignino. *'This volume provides a masterful investigation of the multiple points of interaction between freshwater and international law, and compelling and insightful analyses of such interactions bearing out and substantiating the thrust of the volume – mapping out the “multiple challenges” facing international law in its water governance role at different, relevant scales – global, regional and sub-regional. The volume’s focus on these “multiple challenges” is particularly welcome at a time when the planet’s freshwater endowment is coming under increasing pressure from a multiplicity of factors, forcing policymakers, lawmakers, government negotiators and private-sector players on the water scene to challenge well-established behavioural and regulatory patterns, domestically and in relation to transboundary inter-State relations. In its stimulating multifarious approach, the volume offers fresh and insightful perspectives of some tested facets of the water governance role of international law, dealing with rivers, lakes and groundwater aquifers shared by a multiplicity of States. Some novel facets like, notably, the human right to water, trans-national trade in land and water resources, the rights of local communities, and State succession to water treaties, are also canvassed masterfully, adding to the value of the volume not only to international water law specialists, but also to the vast and growing population of water professionals in general. In sum, the volume is a must for all those who know and practise*

*international and domestic water law, who influence the international water governance debate at the global, regional, and sub-regional scales, and who, in general, interact with water resources in the transboundary but also in the domestic setting of their respective countries'* (Stefano Burchi, Chairman of AIDA's Executive Council). The book may be ordered online at [http://www.elgar.co.uk/bookentry\\_main.lasso?id=14917](http://www.elgar.co.uk/bookentry_main.lasso?id=14917)

- ***International Law - Facilitating Transboundary Water Cooperation***, Global Water Partnership (GWP) Technical Committee Background Paper No 17, by Prof. Patricia Wouters. Published in the International Year of Water Cooperation (2013), this paper explores how international law facilitates transboundary cooperation in a manner that is accessible to the wider transboundary water community. It discusses the norms and principles contained in treaties and rules of customary law, and examines how these work in selected case studies from across the GWP network. This publication may be downloaded at <http://www.gwp.org/gwp-in-action/International-Year-of-Water-Cooperation-2013/>

- ***Water Governance: An Evaluation of Alternative Architectures***, ed. by Asanga Gunawansa & Lovleen Bhullar, Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham, UK, 2013. This book explores urban water governance challenges in different parts of the world and highlights the advantages and disadvantages of publicly run, privatized, and public-private partnership managed water facilities. The contributors discuss various types of public and private water governance architectures as well as identifying the trends, challenges, opportunities and the shifts in perceptions with regard to the provision of water supply services. Many chapters are dedicated to analyzing the urban water supply scenarios in selected countries, with specific focus on legal, policy and institutional frameworks. The study reveals that while private sector participation has been largely promoted by multilateral institutions as part of institutional and financial reforms, ultimately governments bear the major responsibility for provision of water supply services either as 'service provider' or as 'regulator and policy-maker'. Containing a detailed overview and analysis of the global urban water supply sector, this timely book will strongly appeal to academics, researchers and university students following water-related courses. Water sector professionals, water regulators and public officers as well as managers and researchers employed by private sector water operators will also find plenty of invaluable information in this important resource. The book may be ordered online at [http://www.elgar.com/bookentry\\_main.lasso?id=14957](http://www.elgar.com/bookentry_main.lasso?id=14957)

- ***International Watercourses Law and A Perspective on Nepal-India Cooperation***, by AIDA member Surya Nath Upadhyay, Ekta Publishing House, Nepal, 2013. This book provides a systematic and comprehensive treatment of both the substantive and procedural aspects of the international watercourses law as well as the law and politics of Indo-Nepal relations regarding the utilization of water resources of Nepal. This book is also an authoritative account of the issues surrounding Indo-Nepal relations concerning water resources. The book may be ordered online at <http://www.ektabooks.com/product/871>.

- ***Governing International Watercourses : River Basin Organizations and the sustainable governance of internationally shared rivers and lakes***, by Susanne Schmeier, published by Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, UK, 2012. This book focuses on River Basin Organizations as the key institutions for managing internationally shared water resources. This includes a comparative analysis of all River Basin Organizations worldwide and three in-depth case studies from three different continents. The detailed case studies are the Senegal (West Africa), Mekong (South-east Asia) and Danube (Europe) rivers. The book contributes to the academic debate on how shared natural and environmental resources can be managed in a sustainable way and which institutional and legal mechanisms actually matter for doing so. It also contributes to the policy debate on how to better govern internationally shared natural resources and the environment. To order the book online, visit <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415623582/>

- ***Théorie et pratique du droit de l'eau*** (Water Law Theory and Practice), by Alan Saout, published by Editions Johanet, Paris, 2011, allows all those concerned with and interested in water resources law and its implementation, to become acquainted with the most recent developments in this field. It contains the first global analysis of water law in France since the entry into force of the 'Grenelle 2' Law. The book may be ordered online at <http://www.editions-johanet.net/ouvrage/?id=51>

- ***Transferable Groundwater Rights: Integrating Hydrogeology, Law and Economics***, by AIDA member Andreas N. Charalambous, published by Routledge, UK, in March 2013, discusses transferable groundwater rights in their broader context. It starts with a detailed description of the physical aspects of groundwater, which non-technical readers should find useful, followed by a discussion of legal and economic aspects. Water transfers and the international experiences in transferable groundwater rights are dealt with in detail in two subsequent chapters. A model is presented to guide those involved in water resources management and planning in their decision process to introduce transferable groundwater rights and water rights trading. The author concludes that transferable groundwater rights potentially offer a better alternative to land-based water rights systems. However, he casts serious doubt on whether groundwater rights trading on its own can achieve water resources sustainability, environmental protection and social equity. Government intervention seems to be almost always needed to assist the water rights market and take responsibility for any of its adverse consequences. The book may be purchased online, at <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415507240/>

- ***Les sources du droit à l'eau en droit international*** (The sources of the right to water in international law), by Marie-Catherine Petersmann, Editions Johanet, Paris, 2013. This book deals with the various issues underlying the recognition of the human right to drinking water, and seeks to define the form of this right, its nature and its extent in accordance with prevailing international law. The book may be ordered online at <http://www.editions-johanet.net/ouvrage/?id=59>.

- ***The UN Watercourses Convention: What Relevance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?***, special issue of *Water International*, Vol. 30, No. 2, March 2013, edited by AIDA member Alistair Rieu-Clarke jointly with Rémy Kinna (IHP-HELP Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, Dundee) and Flavia Loures (Senior Programme Officer, WWF), features a collection of the best papers presented at a symposium held at the University of Dundee, Scotland, in June 2012, which focused on the UN Watercourses Convention (UNWC)'s role and relevance in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This special issue, as with the symposium, brings together a broad and diverse range of papers dealing with crucial, topical aspects and questions regarding the future of this global framework agreement. The aim is to promote and disseminate discussion and debate about the existing and potential relevance of the UNWC among stakeholders.

- ***European and Dutch Water Law***, by H.F.M.W. van Rijswijk and H.J.M. Havekes, Europa Law Publishing, Groningen, 2012. The book describes and analyzes modern European water law and its implementation in the Netherlands, with particular attention to integration of European and Dutch water law as a result of the European Water Framework Directive and the typical Dutch organization of regional water management by regional water authorities.

## 6. FUTURE EVENTS

- The ***12th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands*** (COP 12) will take place, tentatively, on 1 January, 2015, at Punta del Este, Uruguay. For details, contact the Ramsar Secretariat, tel.:+41-22-999-0170; fax:+41-22-999-0169; email: [ramsar@ramsar.org](mailto:ramsar@ramsar.org). Visit www: [http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-documents-cops/main/ramsar/1-31-58\\_4000\\_0](http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-documents-cops/main/ramsar/1-31-58_4000_0)

- Preparations are underway for the upcoming ***High-Level International Conference on Water Cooperation*** hosted by the government of Tajikistan, which will take place on 20-21 August 2013 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The conference was envisaged in the UNGA resolution 65/154 on the 'Implementation of the International Year of Water Cooperation, 2013' and constitutes one of the milestones during the year. UN-Water is providing support for its organization and will be present in the exhibition with a pavilion. The event features on UN-Water's homepage and has a dedicated page in the 'Events' section, at [http://www.unwater.org/events\\_dushanbe2013.html](http://www.unwater.org/events_dushanbe2013.html)

- The *International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) General Assembly* will hold its **9<sup>th</sup> Session** in Fortaleza, Brazil, on 12-16 August, 2013. Topics for discussion will include: institutional frameworks for action of basin organizations; adaptation to the effects of climate change and prevention of extreme phenomena of floods and droughts; participation of local authorities, water users and the public, role of the basin committees; management of transboundary rivers, lakes and aquifers; and, financing of water management and of basin organizations. To obtain more details and register for the session, visit [www.inbo-news.org](http://www.inbo-news.org).

- Following on from the positive experience with the 2012 edition of the World Water Week (Stockholm, 26-31 August 2012), AIDA has secured a slot also at this year's edition of the *World Water Week*. In keeping with the over-arching theme *Water cooperation: building partnerships* of this year's edition of the Week, AIDA will convene a side-event styled '*Bridging the Land-Water Divide: The Role of Water Law*'. UNESCO has agreed to sponsor the event and to co-convene it with the Association. The joint AIDA/UNESCO side event has been scheduled on 3 September, 17:45-18:45, in room K24. The programme will feature a joint presentation by AIDA member Mr. S. Hodgson and the AIDA chair S.Burchi, followed by a debate. The programme and other details of the Week can be visited at <http://www.worldwaterweek.org/programme>.

- The Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance, Glasgow, UK, jointly with the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and the Department of Accounting and Finance within the University of Strathclyde and CIFAL Scotland/UNITAR, will organize an International roundtable conference on 'International Water Cooperation and Transboundary Aquifers' on 15-16 October, 2013. This event will be an official contribution to the UN International Year of Water Cooperation and is supported by the Scottish Government, UNESCO-IHP, IAEA, and other major international players. Further information about the conference can be found at [http://cifalscotland.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=236:international-water-cooperation-and-transboundary-aquifers&catid=1:forthcoming-programmes](http://cifalscotland.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=236:international-water-cooperation-and-transboundary-aquifers&catid=1:forthcoming-programmes).

## **7. COMMUNICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND E-MAIL**

Please communicate any change of address and e-mail address to the Association and, possibly, provide us with information on what is happening in your part of the world in the field of water law and administration. *AquaForum* should continue to be a product of the Association as a whole.

**AIDA is reachable via e-mail at: [aida-waterlaw@gmail.com](mailto:aida-waterlaw@gmail.com).**

## **8. PAYMENT OF ASSOCIATION DUES**

To pay the annual association dues, which now amount to 30 EURO or the equivalent in US\$, follow the instructions provided on the Association's website, at <http://www.aida-waterlaw.org/payments.php>. To ensure better record keeping by the Secretariat, please inform the Chairman of the Executive Council of payments made, by e-mailing to [stefano.burchi@gmail.com](mailto:stefano.burchi@gmail.com)