

IWMI Africa Appoints New Director



It is reported that Dr Bahri is very involved in policy and legislative issues regarding water and sewage sludge reuse, and is a member of several international scientific committees. She has worked as a consultant to international organisations such as the World Bank, The United Nations

Scientific Committee of the Programme Solidarité-Eau at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the same country. In 2000, she was elected to the International Water Academy, and in 2003 she became a member of the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World.

She has received awards from the Guinness Foundation, the International Foundation for Science, and the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences. Previously a member of IWMI's Board of Governors, she recently completed a six-month fellowship at the University of California at Davis as a Fulbright Scholar.

The International Water Management Institute (IWMI) has appointed a new Director for its regional Africa office.

Headquartered in Sri Lanka, IWMI is a non-scientific research organisation specialising in water use in agriculture and integrated management of water and land resources. New Director for Africa Dr Akiça Bahri has been working for the National Research Institute for Agricultural Engineering, Water and Forestry in her home country Tunisia where she was in charge of research management in the field of agricultural water use. Her particular field of interest is agricultural use of marginal water (brackish and wastewater) as well as sewage sludge, and their impacts on the environment.

She holds degrees in agricultural engineering from the National Polytechnical Institute of Toulouse, France, and a PhD from the Department of Water Resources Engineering, Lund University, in Sweden.

Environment Programme, and the International Programme for Technology and Research in Irrigation and Drainage. She was also a lecturer in the advanced international training programme, Water Resources Development in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions, at Lund University.

Dr Bahri has been a member of the Cemagref Specialised Commission of the Department of Equipments for Water and the Environment, in France, and a member of the

Dr Bahri is based at IWMI's sub-regional office in Accra, Ghana. Her appointment is reportedly part of a re-organisation and re-focusing of the institute's management team and thematic structure that is set to improve IWMI's effectiveness. Doug Merrey, the Institute's first Director for Africa, continues as a scientist working on institutions and policies. He is working with Dr Bahri to make the transition smooth and effective. He remains based in the southern Africa sub-regional office in Pretoria.



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