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CONGRATULATIONS:

>>WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WATER AWARDS.

At the 2006 Water Awards held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre 13 October Kelly's Hot Water, Gas and Air took out the Residential Partners Award. Congratulations to Western Australian member Geoffrey Kelly and his team.

>>WORLD PLUMBING COUNCIL TRAINERS SCHOLARSHIP.

Congratulations to Australian Applicant Geoff Moore from Mt Druitt TAFE in New South Wales on his award of this prestigious scholarship. The annual scholarship provides up to US\$7,500.00 towards travel and costs of a study trip. Geoff has chosen to visit Denmark to broaden his personal and professional development and to gain an insight into their culture, vocational training methods and working environment. On completion of his study tour Geoff will be expected to provide a report that the WPC will share with the world.

BACKFLOW:

Message from Backflow Association Victoria.

AIRAH is to meet in Melbourne for a short informative session for those interested in developments in the area of backflow prevention. Members of the IPA may note the details of the meeting as follows.

The speakers are:

Robert Knowles - SA Water Development Services

John Doig - Development Manager Reece

Chris Coulthurst, Sustainable Water Officer, South East Water

When: November 1st 2006

Where: Beau Monde International, 934 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster East VIC

Time: 6.00 to 8.00 pm

Cost: AIRAH Members free, Non members \$10.00

Parking: Under premises

ENQUIRIES AND RSVP to Emma Dowling emma@airah.org.au

WORLD PLUMBING COUNCIL:

The WPC recently held its 2006 Annual Meeting in Chicago USA. Here are a few snippets from the meeting.

World Health Organisation:

> Secondment of a Plumbing Expert to work at WHO in Geneva for two years.

>>WPC have proposed an Australian for the role and it appears that he is acceptable to WHO.

>>The stumbling block is the cost to be born by WPC of US\$250,000 (US\$125,00pa x 2 years).

>>The Annual Meeting decided to put up US\$50,000 from WPC reserves subject to the balance of the first year being raised.

>>Two USA Organisations in attendance pledged US\$10,000 each and since the meeting another attendee has also pledged US\$10,000 but there is still a long way to go.

>>The starting date for the secondment is January 2007 but it appears that this will need to be postponed by 3 months or so. The WPC will be seeking to identify donor organisations over the next couple of months.

> NGO (Non Government Organisation) Status.

WPC is hopeful that the WHO meeting in January 2007 will grant NGO status on WPC.

> Health Aspects of Plumbing (HAP)

>>Stock of this publication now held in USA at IAPMO.

>>WPC will need to promote sales.

>>A pdf may be downloaded from

http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/publications/plumbin_ghealthasp/en/index.html

To-date some 4,000 copies have been downloaded.

VIC/QLD MPA Conference Cairns.

>>Syd Stolper USA (UA/Training) was invited to speak and attended with a number of USA Contractors and Officials.

>>Syd reported that he had presented a paper on the UA Instructor Training Programme and that it was well received.

>>Syd stated that an Australian delegation was to visit USA next year.

WPC 2006 Trainers Scholarship.

>>5 applicants from USA, Solomon Islands, Australia and UK.

>>The 2006 scholarship was awarded to Geoff Moore of Mt Druitt TAFE in NSW.

>>The original scholarship selection panel of three, including this institute, was expanded to five by inclusion of two past scholarship recipients.

Lead in Plumbing Fittings.

It was reported to the meeting that impending California legislation was to be enacted to limit the lead content of plumbing fittings to less than .25%. It was further reported that much of the manufacturing industry was against the Bill as it was full of misconceptions and did not target the items in most need of amendment and control.

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