

Five Major Topics for Further Action Identified by IKT's New International Contact Group on Sewerage Issues



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At their first web conference members of IKT's newly formed **International Contact Group (ICG)** met recently to make contact and to discuss **current issues** concerning **sewer systems**. The participants, from eleven countries on four continents, identified **major topics** for further action through more detailed exchange of ideas, seminars or joint projects. The options and opportunities for **joint initiatives** were discussed at this first online meeting of the international partners and friends of IKT. **Five topics** have been identified to take forward for joint actions:

- **CIPP** and quality control
- **Sewer pressure pipes:** operation and rehabilitation
- **Liquid soil/flowable** backfill material
- **Sustainable management/asset** management of sewer systems
- **Flushable wipes** and sewer blockages

The results and suggestions for further action are summarized in this paper.



Major topic: CIPP and quality control – crown pressure test on a CIPP liner

Each of these actions will be supported by an **International Advisory Board** (IAB) that IKT is recruiting. If you are interested in participating in one or more of these actions please let us know.

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Worldwide connections

Participants from Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Finland, Germany, Italy, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Singapore, United Kingdom, and the USA joined the web meeting. Other Group members from seven other countries (Brazil, Canada, France, India, Japan, Niger, and South Korea) were not able to attend this time.

International experts gave short presentations on current projects and issues of importance:

- Thomas Ertl, University Boku Vienna, Austria
- Ang Chee Meng, CH2M, Singapore
- Mandy Fletton, UKWIR, United Kingdom



Major topic: Liquid soil/flowable backfill material

The **next meeting** of the International Contact Group will be held on **November 21 2017**, 8:00 UTC (approx. 60 minutes). Please check your local time, UTC is relevant. (3 am New York – 8 am London – 9 am Berlin – 4 pm Singapore – 5 pm Tokyo) The **agenda** will follow and will include **short updates** on the five major topics. **Guests are welcome.**

Be a part of it!

The International Contact Group is **open to new members** – experts from network operators, authorities, and associations, as well as scientists. If you want to take part in our regular exchange of thoughts and knowledge **join ICG!**

For any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

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