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EWaS6: A Groundbreaking Convergence of Water Science and Medicine

The 6th International Conference on Efficient Water Systems (EWaS6), entitled “Safeguarding Water & Health in a Financial, Social and Environmentally Fragile Era”, marks a historic milestone: it is the first scientific conference globally to be **co-organized by University Departments of Engineering and Medicine**.

This unprecedented collaboration creates a unique platform where two traditionally parallel fields, engineering and health science, converge to explore common principles, operational similarities, and interdisciplinary innovation. While engineers and medical scientists often work with complex systems governed by the same physical laws, their paths are rarely intersected in a structured scientific context. EWaS6 aims to change that. By fostering dialogue between these disciplines, the conference seeks to unlock synergies, promote hybrid methodologies, and inspire groundbreaking research at the intersection of water and health.

Recent accomplishments proved that natural sciences have advanced significantly when they embraced insights from seemingly unrelated domains. The incorporation of biological models into computing, such as **genetic algorithms** and **neural networks**, demonstrates the immense potential of bioscience in solving complex engineering problems. Similarly, the human body can be seen **as the most sophisticated hydraulic system in nature**, offering powerful metaphors and real-world analogies for the design and optimization of water systems.

In the human body, multiple fluids, both Newtonian and non-Newtonian, circulate continuously, including water, air, clean and waste-loaded blood, urine, and cerebrospinal fluid. The heart operates as the most efficient pump ever created, while the kidneys and liver function as advanced filtration and detoxification units. The lungs serve as highly optimized compressible air chambers, managing intricate airflow regulation. Autonomous valves maintain unidirectional flow and ensure system safety. Meanwhile, the neural network, comprising the brain and spine, coordinates the entire system with unparalleled complexity and responsiveness.

These natural systems mirror hydraulic networks, and their study can offer valuable inspiration for the design of efficient, adaptive, and resilient water systems. Conversely, **medical science benefited from engineering**, especially in materials science, flow dynamics, and valve design, improving surgical tools, prosthetics, and implants.

EWaS6 aspires to be the birthplace of a new era of scientific cooperation where water and medical researchers share knowledge, explore synergies, and develop joint solutions. The goal is not only to safeguard water and health in uncertain times, but also to spark innovations that would be unattainable by either discipline alone.

Join us in Kos, Greece, at 13-16 May 2026, and be part of this groundbreaking dialogue.

Let's reimagine water and health, together!

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The Submission will be in two (2) stages.

Abstract of one (1) paragraph between **15/09-15/11/2025**, and then an extended abstract of two to four (2-4) pages between **01/12/2025-31/01/2026**.

After the conference the authors will be asked to submit a full paper in a scientific journal (Q1-Q2) special issue.

Further details will be announced in due time.

Stay tuned and remain connected EwaS6 is already in the air.



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Topics

1. Applied Fluid Mechanics/Dynamics and Hydraulics

- 1.1. Newtonian and non-Newtonian Fluid mechanics/dynamics
- 1.2. Computational Fluid Dynamics
- 1.3. Experimental and computational methods in hydraulic engineering
- 1.4. Hydrodynamics and Waves (including microplastics move in the marine environment)
- 1.5. Freshwater pipe networks modelling
- 1.6. Irrigation pipe/canals systems modelling
- 1.7. Groundwater flow modelling
- 1.8. Biofluid Mechanics
- 1.9. Flow models in arteries and veins

2. Hydrology and Water Resources

- 2.1. Hydrological response to Climate Change
- 2.2. Integrated Water Resources Management
- 2.3. Sustainable water management and circular economy
- 2.4. Environmental crisis and hazards (e.g.: flash floods; droughts; NBSs for resilient systems)
- 2.5. Natural Disasters and Climate Hazards: the impact on the water cycle
- 2.6. Non-conventional water resources (e.g.: desalination, rainwater harvesting, yellow water)
- 2.7. Riverine and coastal engineering (including coastal floods)
- 2.8. Big data management and modelling for risk assessment
- 2.9. Geo-information and Water Resources

3. Water distribution systems planning and management

- 3.1. Hydroinformatics and Smart systems (Smart Water Networks and IoT Solutions)
- 3.2. Cyber security addressing emerging threats
- 3.3. Innovative methods for urban full water cycle management (smart/mega cities; water-energy recovery in water systems; economy of scale-based solutions)
- 3.4. Remote Sensing and New Technologies in the Water Business (Big Data-ML techniques/analysis)
- 3.5. AI and its use in the water business: pros and cons
- 3.6. Asset management (repair vs. replace dilemma; SCADA, GIS, BIM, ICT applications)
- 3.7. Digital Transformation in Water Networks (digital wins and mimic diagrams)
- 3.8. Water demand patterning, prediction and control

4. Water loss management

- 4.1. Water balance and NRW reliable assessment (dealing with errors)
- 4.2. Active leakage control practices, technologies and equipment
- 4.3. Pressure management (Network Zoning, PMAs, DMAs)
- 4.4. Smart monitoring and predictive analytics (sensors and other monitoring devices)
- 4.5. Advances in customer metering and management
- 4.6. Addressing post meter leakage
- 4.7. Performance Based Service Contracts for NRW - Funding NRW Projects
- 4.8. New trends in total water loss reduction
- 4.9. Benchmarking in water distribution networks, experience exchange and capacity building (Reviews and case studies)

5. Intermittent Supply in urban water systems

- 5.1. Intermittent water supply: modelling, operation and optimization
- 5.2. Demand modelling within intermittent supply conditions
- 5.3. Safety, resilience and reliability of Intermittent water supply systems
- 5.4. Water quality in Intermittent Water Systems
- 5.5. Restoring continuous water supply impacts
- 5.6. Transients' analysis

6. Urban Water and Health Nexus

- 6.1. Natural Disasters and Climate Change Hazards: Health Related Issues
- 6.2. Tracing viruses and pathogens in water/Biomonitoring: Wastewater-Based Epidemiology (WBE)
- 6.3. Waterborne diseases: exposures and human health (the meta Covid-19 era)
- 6.4. THMs and disinfection hazards
- 6.5. Antibiotic resistance
- 6.6. Drinking water safety: treatment predominant practices, new trends and nanomaterials
- 6.7. Nano biomechanics
- 6.8. Study of the biological behavior of biomaterials
- 6.9. Pollution control and contaminated sites: safeguarding public health

7. Advances in urban drainage and sewers

- 7.1. Advances in sewer and drainage modelling and design
- 7.2. Flash floods Impact on Urban Drainage Systems
- 7.3. Storm water quality modelling, including sediment and pollutant transport
- 7.4. Storm water control: sustainable urban drainage solutions and NBS solutions
- 7.5. Combined Sewer Overflow solutions
- 7.6. Reliability and resilience in the urban drainage systems
- 7.7. SWAT, SWMM and other modelling tools case studies

8. Governance and Ethics

- 8.1. Social, Political, Organizational, Institutional, Legislative Aspects, and Ethics
- 8.2. Economics and Financing Issues: Socially fair full water pricing (NRW reduction projects too)
- 8.3. Cross-sectoral governance: Partnerships and cooperation in the water sector
- 8.4. Collaboration of local and regional government agencies with water providers
- 8.5. Impacts of digital transformation on society, citizens, and business
- 8.6. ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) and circular economy
- 8.7. Environmental vulnerability, risk management, sustainability & the SDGs
- 8.8. Carbon footprint-based management
- 8.9. Climate Change forced immigration
- 8.10. Personal data utilization and protection of civil rights

9. Medical Issues related to human body hydraulics/fluid mechanics

- 9.1. Cardiovascular Diseases (atherosclerosis, hypertension, pulmonary embolism)
- 9.2. Respiratory disorders (asthma, COPD, ventilators)
- 9.3. Circulatory support (ECMO)
- 9.4. Neurology, neurosurgery and neuroradiology (stroke, aneurysms, spine diseases)
- 9.5. Adult & Pediatric cancer (drug delivery and tumor perfusion, solid tumors, leukemia)
- 9.6. Endocrinology (hormonal imbalance, diabetes, osteoporosis)
- 9.7. Obstetrics (pregnancy complications)
- 9.8. Cardiothoracic and vascular surgery (aneurysms, stents, valves and bypass grafts)
- 9.9. Ophthalmology (glaucoma, intraocular pressure)
- 9.10. Infectious Diseases (pathways of transmission)
- 9.11. Kidney and Dialysis systems
- 9.12. Rheumatology (autoimmune diseases)
- 9.13. Gastroenterology (liver and colon diseases)
- 9.14. Orthopedics and Joint Diseases (osteoarthritis, fractures)
- 9.15. Radiology, radiodiagnostics, radiotherapeutics