

## 10<sup>th</sup> AEDyR International Congress in Seville, Spain



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IDA's affiliate AEDyR held its 10<sup>th</sup> International Congress in Seville, Spain from November 26 – 28.

Dr. Abdullah Al Alshaikh, President of IDA, attended the conference and spoke in the opening session, as did Miguel Angel Sanz, AEDyR Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of IDA, Arcadio Mateo, General Manager of ACUAMED, and Maria Jesus Serrano, Regional Minister of Environment and Territorial Planning of the Andalusia government.

The three day conference was very high level, allowing the 240 delegates and guests to have fruitful exchanges. In the first two days of the Congress, 51 papers were presented in five Technical Sessions: Design and Operation; Management, Energy Efficiency and Environment; New Products and Innovation (I&I); and Water Reuse. All topics of desalination and water reuse were covered.

The last day was devoted to three round tables under the title of: "Generation of New Water Resources". The first round table focused on desalination in Spain, the second, about water reuse in the national market, and the third round table was international covering Latin America and North Africa experiences and future plans in desalination and water reuse.

The conference had three official languages: Spanish, English and French, each having simultaneous translation. After a magnificent private organ concert in the Seville Cathedral, delegates enjoyed a dinner in the Royal Alcazar of Seville, an incredible scenario from the National Patrimony of Spain to present the Congress awards and to conduct networking among all attendees.

All new AEDyR Directors were present, as were some IDA and EDS Directors. Dr. Emilio Gabbrielli, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of IDA, was also a speaker and participated in a round table.

On the last day of the Congress, the new AEDyR Board of Directors was installed and the new President, Domingo Zarzo, was introduced.

## IDA at 11<sup>th</sup> Gulf Water Conference



**Water Science & Technology Association**

IDA Directors shared their insights at the 11<sup>th</sup> Gulf Water Conference in Oman. With a theme of "Water in the GCC...Towards Efficient Management," the conference was co-organized by IDA's affiliate the Water

Sciences and Technology Association (WSTA) and took place October 20-22 in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.