



Shared Management of Resources: A Pioneer Experience on Water

40 years of transboundary governance of the Geneva Aquifer « nappe du Genevois » (1978-2018)

**Date : Thursday 29 November 2018
Venue : SIG Le Lignon – Forum Louis Ducor**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

*(All presentations will be held in French with simultaneous interpretation to English) **

8h30 Welcome coffee

9h00 Opening ceremony and introduction

Mr. Michel Balestra, President, Geneva Industrial Services (SIG)
Manager of the aquifer artificial recharge station
Representatives of the State of Geneva and of French local authorities

GOVERNANCE OF THE RESOURCE

**9h30 Knowledge and governance of aquifers, essential ingredients of water
diplomacy and security**

Ms. Alice Aureli, Chief of Groundwater Systems and Settlements Section,
UNESCO Water Sciences Division

9h50 The Geneva Aquifer: from construction of the convention to governance

Mr. Gabriel de los Cobos, Service of Geology, Soil and Waste, State of Geneva
Mr. Bernard Gaud, former President of the Regional Cooperation Assembly of
the French Genevois and of the Genevois Community of Communes

10h10 Governance challenges and joint management commission

Mr. Jean-Marc Bassaget, Co-President of the joint management commission of
the Geneva Aquifer

10h25 Questions & Answers

10h40 à 11h00 – Coffee Break *Blue Peace Orchestra**

PROTECTION AND DYNAMIC MANAGEMENT OF GROUNDWATER

11h00 Challenges

Mr. Gérard Luyet, Head of drinking water at SIG
Mr. Dominique Reignier, Head of Public Health Centre - ARS
Mr. Jacques Martelain, Director of Service of Geology, Soil and Waste, State of Geneva
Mr. François Pasquini, Director of the Water Ecology Service, State of Geneva
Mr. Jérôme Toccanier, Director of Water and Sanitation, Annemasse-Agglomération

11h30 Tools – The Great Witness

Mr. Martial Saddier, President of the Basin Committee

12h00 Questions & Answers

12h30 à 14h00 – Lunch *Blue Peace Orchestra**

LEGAL ASPECTS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

14h00 International Water Law: watercourse and ... aquifers

Ms. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, Professor, Department of Public International Law and International Organisation, University of Geneva

14h20 Towards international recognition of the concerted management of transboundary aquifer systems

Ms. Raya Stephan, Consultant in international water law, specialist in legal and institutional aspects of transboundary waters

14h40 Importance of the UNECE Convention from the point of view of international law

Ms. Francesca Bernardini, Secretary of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes - UNECE

15h00 Questions & Answers

15h15 à 15h35 - Coffee Break *Blue Peace Orchestra**

WATER TRANSBOUNDARY MANAGEMENT

« Water » transboundary projects: Transboundary Community on Water

Mr. Gilles Mulhauser, Director of General Directorate on Water, State of Geneva
Mr. Sébastien Javogues, Deputy General Director, Genevois Community of Communes (CCG)

Visions and perspectives – roundtable (moderator Mr. François Münger)

Federal Office for the Environment of Switzerland
Water Basin Agency (Rhône-Méditerranée), UNESCO
Representatives of transboundary groundwater projects in other contexts
Elected officials from France and Geneva

17h10 CLOSURE OF THE DAY

Mr. François Münger, Director, Geneva Water Hub
*Blue Peace Orchestra**

17h15 Apéritif

**Participants will enjoy musical interludes throughout the day performed by the Blue Peace Orchestra*

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Venue of the Seminar:

Forum Louis Ducor

SIG

Ch. Château-Bloch 2

1219 Genève – Le Lignon

Name of the parking : Parking Salève
(limited parking places)

Bus Transport: TPG line n°9 bus stop: SIG
Lignon
(15 min from Geneva Main Station Cornavin)



FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2018 – SITE VISIT

Visit of the artificial recharge site of the aquifer at Vessy, State of Geneva

Mr. Christian Brunier, General Director SIG

Mandatory registration; Limited availabilities for the visit; Time and logistics to be determined.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

*The seminar is an event free of charge but registration is mandatory. Exchanges will be held in French with simultaneous interpretation in English (subject to sufficient registration of non-French speakers).

For organisational matter, we kindly ask interested persons to register by filling the form on the following link:

<https://www.inscription-facile.com/form/NJmxBHXAsIEKGIqIggGv>

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