

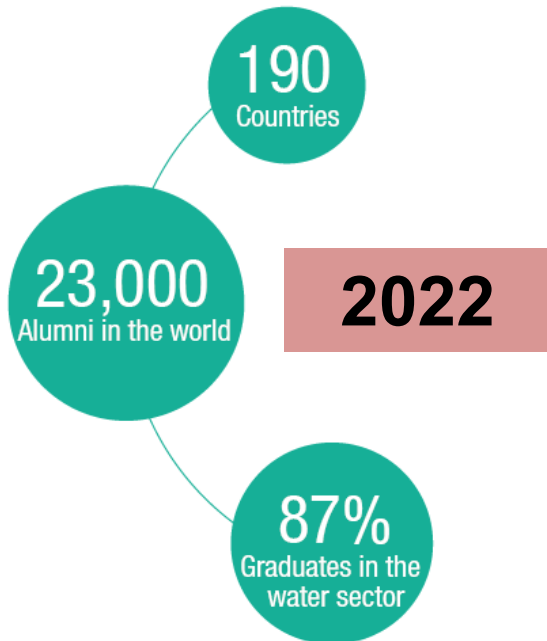




# IHE Delft - Ekoinwentyka sp. z o.o. collaboration and research in gas treatment

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IHE Delft Institute for Water Education is the largest international graduate education institute in the field of water. The institute confers fully accredited MSc degrees and PhDs.

Since 1957 the Institute has provided education to more than 23,000 water professionals from over 190 countries, the vast majority from the developing world.

103 PhD fellows\* are currently enrolled in water-related research. The Institute carries out numerous research and capacity development projects throughout the world.

# Core activities

## Education & Training

IHE Delft offers a wide range of flexible, high quality, specialized educational programmes to respond to the needs of diverse clients from the water sector. These include MSc and PhD programmes, along with online and short courses.

## Research & Innovation

With over 212 academic staff and 103 PhD fellows active in water-related, problem-focused and solution oriented research on development issues, IHE Delft has a vibrant multicultural and multidisciplinary research atmosphere.

## Institutional Strengthening

IHE Delft strives to strengthen the programmes of universities and research institutes as well as the knowledge and capacity base of ministries and other water sector organizations.

## Capacity development



# Tailor-made Advice and Training (TMAT)

In 2022, 25 tailor-made advice and training courses were conducted both in Delft and in participants' home country. 400 participants were trained in 2022.

## Examples

- 1 week training on Environmental Monitoring of Heavy Metals in Barbados
- 3 weeks (2-weeks in The Netherlands and 1 week in Indonesia) training on Lowland Drainage and Coastal Protection
- 1 month training on Groundwater Modelling in the Netherlands

### 4 steps to request a TMAT:

STEP 1 Contact us ([tmat@un-ihe.org](mailto:tmat@un-ihe.org))

STEP 2 Prepare the draft programme and budget

STEP 3 Contract agreement

STEP 4 Training implementation



# Collaboration between IHE Delft and Ekoinwentyka sp. z o.o. collaboration in the SANEPAR odour control project

# Goals of the project

- (i) Development of acclimated biocatalysts
- (ii) Testing different bioreactor configurations (biofilter and biotrickling filter), for the treatment of odors and volatile organic compound (VOC) mixture
- (iii) Pilot-scale demonstration of a biotrickling filter for odor and VOC control

# Tasks involved in this project

Task 1) Fabrication of the bioreactors

Task 2) Inoculum selection

Task 3) Description of pilot-scale reactors and comparison of reactor performances under field conditions

Task 4) Cost and benefit analysis



# The working team

## UNESCO-IHE, The Netherlands:

*Eldon R. Rene*

*Damian Kasperczyk*

*Piet N. L. Lens*

## SANEPAR, Brasil:

*Fernanda Janaina Oliveira Gomes da Costa*

*Gustavo Rafael Collere Possetti*

*Research student(s) (with fellowship from HidroEx)*



*Tomaz Gregori Kipnis (with partial tuition support)*

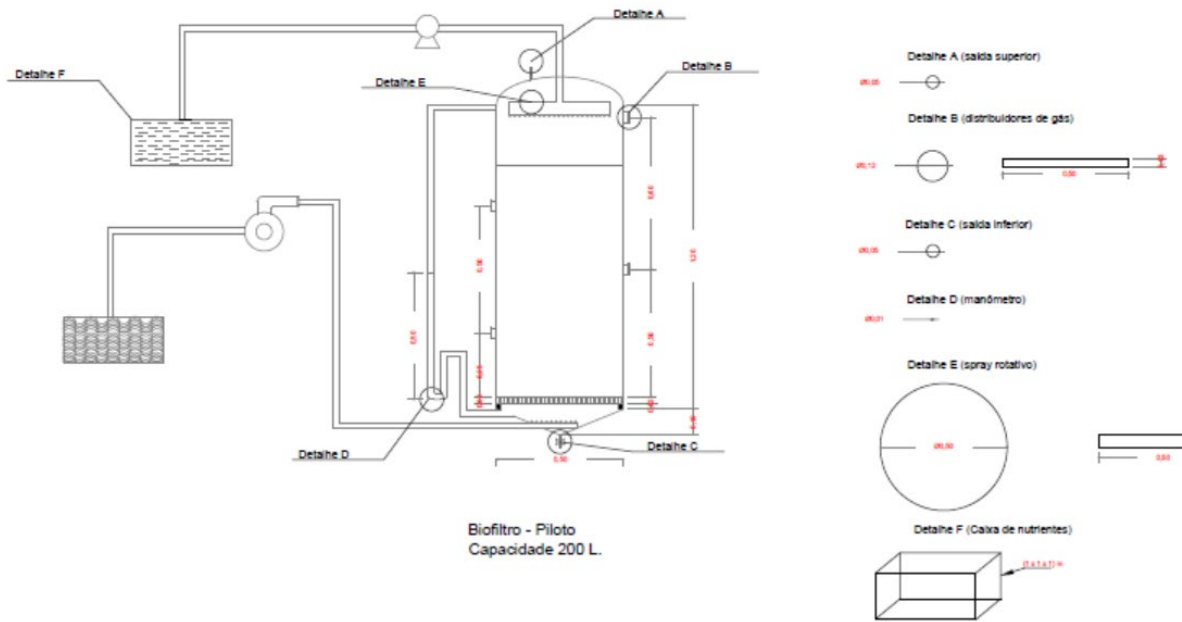


# Schedule of activities

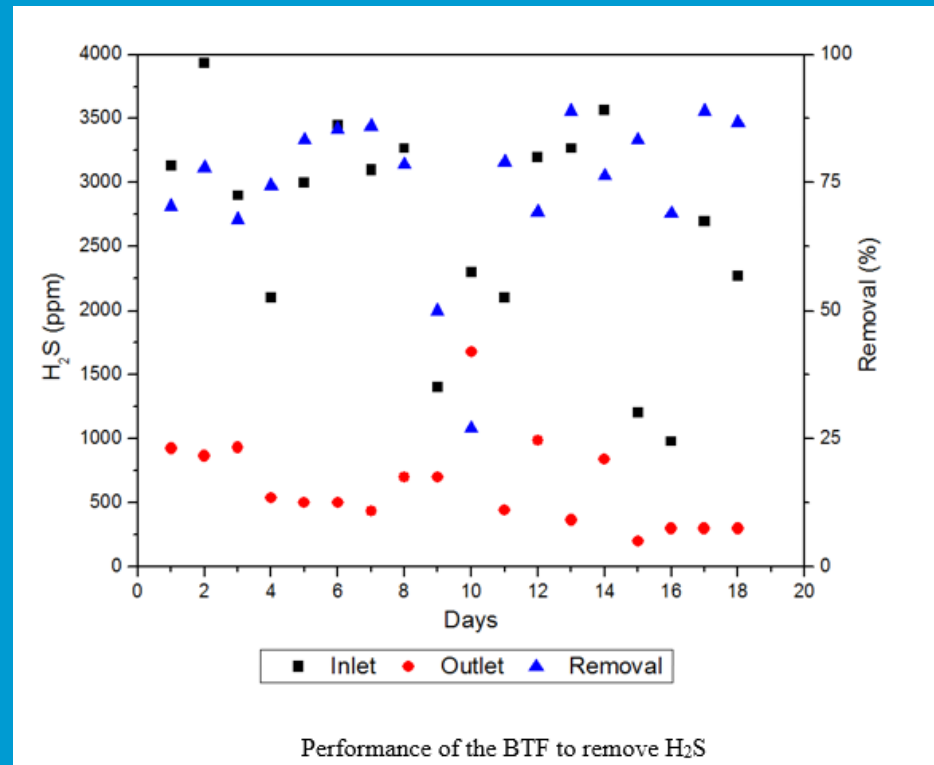
| Tasks I and II                                 | Time required to complete and report the different tasks and sub-tasks |       |       |         |         |         |         |         |
|--|--|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | 1-4 M  | 5-6 M | 7-9 M | 10-12 M | 13-15 M | 16-18 M | 19-21 M | 22-24 M |
| <i>M</i> refers to month                       |  |       |       |         |         |         |         |         |
| a) Procurement of bioreactors and accessories  |  |       |       |         |         |         |         |         |
| b) Selecting the inoculum                      |  |       |       |         |         |         |         |         |
| d) Fabrication of pilot-scale facility         |  |       |       |         |         |         |         |         |
| e) Experiments from lab-scale bioreactors (**) |  |       |       |         |         |         |         |         |
| f) Experiments from Pilot-scale facility       |  |       |       |         |         |         |         |         |
| g) Report writing                              |  |       |       |         |         |         |         |         |
| h) Joint publication(s)                        |  |       |       |         |         |         |         |         |
| j) Technical exchange meeting at UNESCO        |  |       |       | 12M     |         |         |         | 24 M    |
| k) Technical exchange meeting at SANEPAR       |  | 6 M   |       |         |         | 18 M    |         |         |
| l) Final report submission                     |  |       |       |         |         |         |         | 25 M    |

**Note:** \*\* - Will be done in Delft. One regular MSc student / IMETE student at UNESCO-IHE will be allotted a project on H<sub>2</sub>S removal, using the same inoculum that is used to inoculate the bioreactors at SANEPARs STPs, and that student will be performing lab-scale studies related to the project. These results can be used to support some of the observations made from field trials. There is no budget for this work, as the student will have his/her own fellowships.

# Design of the reactors



# Removal of H<sub>2</sub>S



# Important conclusions from this project

- A total of 27 odour causing compounds were detected in this study: toluene and 4-bromofluorobenzene exceeded 20 µg/L.
- The BTF did not require long start up times to remove odorous pollutants present in the effluent of the wastewater treatment plant.
- During the 61 days of continuous BTF operation, the average removal efficiencies for toluene, benzene, H<sub>2</sub>S and CH<sub>4</sub> were, 66%, 3%, 70% and 81%, respectively.
- Oxygen intrusion in the BTF was ascertained by an increase in the oxygen levels between the inlet and the out of the BTF, i.e. from 1 to ~17%.

# Odor course at SANEPAR

## Curso de controle de odor em ETEs



Prof. Piet Lens



Professor e chefe do grupo de prevenção e controle da poluição na UNESCO-IHE, Instituto para educação da água.



Prof. Eldon Raj

Professor de Tecnologia de Recuperação de Recursos da UNESCO-IHE, Instituto para educação da água.

Damien Kasperczyk



Colaborador UNESCO-IHE, Instituto para educação da água.

Terça-Feira, 12 de Julho

Programação

|               |   |                             |   |
|---------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| 13h30 – 14h00 | Abertura                                      | SANEPAR e UNESCO-IHE        | Fundamentos dos processos do ciclo do enxofre |
| 14h00 – 14h45 | Química do enxofre                            | Piet Lens – UNESCO-IHE      |   |
| 14h45 – 15h30 | Microbiologia e ecologia microbiana I         | Piet Lens – UNESCO-IHE      |   |
| 15h30 – 15h50 | Coffee break                                  |                             |   |
| 15h50 – 16h40 | Microbiologia e ecologia microbiana II        | Piet Lens – UNESCO-IHE      |   |
| 16h40 – 17h25 | Problemas e preocupações das emissões de odor | Fernanda Mazarido - SANEPAR |   |

Quarta-Feira, 13 de Julho

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|---|------------------------|---|---------------|
| Tratamento biológico de efluentes orgânicos                     | Piet Lens – UNESCO-IHE | Tratamento de efluentes ricos em compostos de enxofre                 | 8h30 – 9h30   |
| Tratamento biológico de efluentes inorgânicos                   | Piet Lens – UNESCO-IHE |   | 9h30 – 10h15  |
| Coffee break  |                        |   | 10h15 – 10h40 |
| Apresentações de trabalhos pelos participantes                  | Participantes          |   | 10h40 – 11h40 |
| Almoço  |                        |   | 12h00 – 13h45 |
| Bioprecipitação de metais pesados em águas subterrâneas por SRB | Eldon Raj – UNESCO-IHE | Tratamento de enxofre e conteúdo residual sólidos, solos e sedimentos | 13h45 – 14h45 |
| Uso de bioscravens para tratar águas subterrâneas poluídas      | Piet Lens – UNESCO-IHE |   | 14h45 – 15h30 |
| Coffee break  |                        |   | 15h30 – 15h50 |
| Problemas em biorreatores/ bioprocessos                         | Cesar Marin – SANEPAR  |   | 15h50 – 17h00 |

## JULY 2016

- attended by ~35 SANEPAR employees



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Endereço: Rua Engenheiro Reboças, 1376, Reboças - Curitiba

Quinta-Feira, 14 de Julho

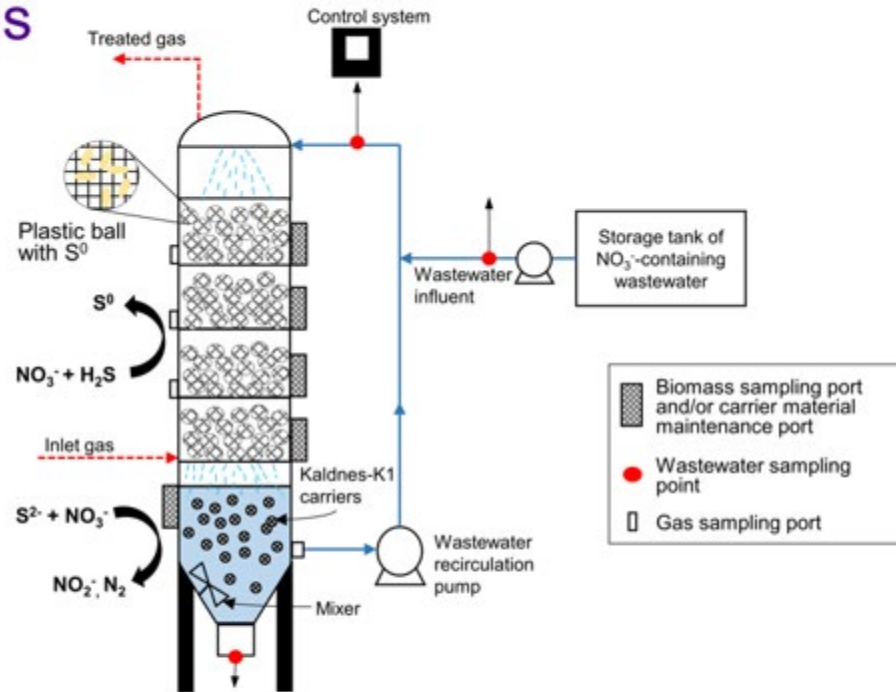
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| 8h30 – 10h00  | Tratamento de biogás contendo enxofre contaminado                      | Resumo dos processos de remoção de H <sub>2</sub> S e SO <sub>2</sub>                                 | Eldon Raj – UNESCO-IHE           |
| 10h00 – 10h20 |  | Coffee break  |                                  |
| 10h20 – 11h10 |  | Abatimento de compostos de enxofre orgânicos voláteis na emissão de odores a partir de bio-indústrias | Eldon Raj – UNESCO-IHE           |
| 11h10 – 12h00 |  | Apresentações de trabalhos pelos participantes  | Participantes                    |
| 12h00 – 13h45 |  | Almoço  |                                  |
| 13h45 – 14h40 | Interações do ciclo do enxofre com receptores de elétrons alternativos | Estudo de caso  | Damien Kasperczyk – UNESCO-IHE   |
| 14h40 – 15h30 |  | Estudo de caso  | Damien Kasperczyk – UNESCO-IHE   |
| 15h30 – 16h00 |  | Coffee break  |                                  |
| 16h00 – 17h00 |  | Desenvolvimento de processos para controle de odor  | Fernanda Janaina Costa – SANEPAR |
| 17h00 – 17h30 |  | Discussão e encaminhamentos sobre odor na Sanepar   |                                  |



A palestra será ministrada em inglês, com o auxílio de tradução simultânea. Para maiores informações entrar em contato com Fernanda Janaina:

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## ➤ Novel bioprocesses for $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ and $\text{NO}_3^-$ removal from waste streams



## ➤ Advanced biofilm bioreactor analyses

- Fluid dynamics
- Microbial ecology

# Internship collaboration with Ekoinwentyka Sp. z o. o

- Ekoinwentyka provides internship opportunities for our ERASMUS IMETE MSc students
- Specialization in air pollution control
- Collaboration since 2018-2019



<http://ekoinwentyka.pl/en/author/ekoinwentyka/>



# Learning objectives of the IMETE internship

- To acquire practical knowledge and skills in relation to the aims and objectives of the IMETE programme
- To expose students to the industrial environment and apply theoretical knowledge in field
- Experience engineering problems and develop systematic approaches to solving them



# Learning opportunities at Ekoinwentyka

- Treatment of VOCs/VICs
- Biotrickling filters and their modifications
- New industrial settings
- Field experience
- Lab skills and data analysis
- Potential MSc thesis work



<http://ekoinwentyka.pl/en/category/implementations/>

# Conclusion and future opportunities

- Strengthened partnership, in terms of collaborative projects with Ekoinwentyka
- Possibility of students carrying out their thesis in the company
- Testing innovative CTBB in different industrial settings: Experimental and modelling



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