



A Huge Success!

European MIKE Software Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 12-15 October 2008.

During Sunday 12 October – Wednesday 15 October the 10th MIKE by DHI Regional Conference, “Water Across Europe”, took place in Dubrovnik, Croatia.



The Conference was well attended by almost 130 participants from 18 countries: Australia, Austria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey. In addition, DHI Denmark, DHI Sweden, DHI-WASY, DHI a.s. and Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe and a large number of DHI European software agents attended “Water Across Europe”.

The delegates represented important governmental agencies, regional and local water bodies, research institutions and universities, professional bodies and engineering companies, urban water utilities, coastal and harbour authorities.

The Programme comprised a significant number of activities and options in order to ensure that the needs and requirements of the delegates - experienced, new or potential users - were covered in the most comprehensive, flexible and efficient way:



- More than 40 user presentations and specialized sessions on the present and future features of MIKE by DHI products were presented running in 4 tracks covering coast and sea; flood hazards; urban water; water and catchment management/rivers.
- 4 keynote speeches were delivered covering key issues such as “The EU Flood Directive – from vision to action”; “integrated analysis for the water cycle simulation and development of common modelling platform for water-related software”; “online water modelling and web based information systems”; “Water management planning – programme of measures – DSS”.

- More than 15 individual meetings (“Book-An-Expert”) were arranged which provided the delegates with the opportunity to discuss individual project-related questions with DHI experts.
- 6 walk-through training sessions (MIKE 11, MIKE FLOOD, MIKE URBAN CS & WD, FEFLOW, MIKE 21) were arranged on Wednesday 15 October and were joined by a total of 85 attendees. The training sessions combined advanced demos presenting the new features in MIKE 2009 with the use of existing features.

The Delegates showed a lot of enthusiasm for the new release 2009 software and especially notable was the interest in the new release of MIKE URBAN and 2D overland flow modelling as a fully integrated model component in MIKE URBAN.



Opening and Welcome Notes (left to right):
Ms Henriette Tamasauskas, Head, Customer Care, DHI Software; Mr Andelko Drnas, Croatian Waters;
Mr Jørgen Bo Nielsen, Managing Director, DHI Software; Mr Božidar Deduš, Managing Director, PRONING DHI

The slogan of “Water Across Europe” became “ENJOY!”. And for sure the Conference was characterized by an unusually high level of interaction, debates, exchange of know-how and ideas and discussions during which fellow users and colleagues learnt and enjoyed in an informal and friendly spirit.

The “Prize for Best Presentation” went to Ms Olga Ermolaeva, Moscow State University of Environmental Engineering, Russian Federation. Ms Ermolaeva presented “MIKE 11 application for the modelling of the river system for lower Kuban River”. Many congratulations to Olga! 2nd prize went to Ms Elena Gokonova, Volga Ltd., Russian Federation, for “Hydroecological Model of the Moscow River” and 3rd prize went to Mr Philip Rolke, Ingenieurbüro Steinbrecher & Gohlke, Germany, for the presentation of “Analysis of overcharged flood control basins in urban areas by coupled simulation”. Also many Congratulations to Elena and Philip!

Comments from the Conference:

“Practical, clear and extremely relevant for our project work. I and my colleague have learnt a lot and it will save our company a lot of time in the future. The targeted advice that we received in “Book-An-Expert” was fantastic.”

“We have really appreciated the many options and activities that the technical programme offered! Every day there were new activities that we could join to fulfil our requirements. This has been really worth while. Only: The Conference was too short!”

“The training sessions on Wednesday were arranged in a perfect and very useful way: I and my colleague followed M11 and MU CS in the morning respectively – and jumped both to MIKE FLOOD and integrated 1D-2D flood modelling in the afternoon. Very useful indeed!”

"This was great! When is the next one?"

"The organisation was excellent! Congratulations!"

"Water Across Europe" was arranged by DHI, Proning DHI and Proneko, DHI's technical support service and Software Agent in Croatia and took place under the honorable patronage of [Croatian Waters \("Hrvatske vode"\)](#), [Croatian Society for Drainage & Irrigation](#) and [Croatian Hydrological Society](#). The Conference took place at [Hotel Dubrovnik President](#).

DHI wants to thank all conference delegates and our friends and collaborators in Croatia for the great and fruitful collaboration that made it possible to arrange this beautiful and fruitful event!

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Glimpses from Icebreaker Reception and Conference Dinner