

Blog: Business Trip to India and Sri Lanka

In the week of 21-23 February, IWA participated in the Water Today Expo, in Chennai, India. Both Charles and Jeyannathann of IWA India and Mirjam and Roy of IWA Exhibitions / Match + were represented in the IWA booth.

IWA, recently opened an office in Chennai, India. The Water Today expo was the perfect moment for informing the Indian water community about the services of IWA and the upcoming IWA Water and Development Congress & Exhibition, 1-5 December 2019 in Sri Lanka. Next to the exhibition, a couple of company visits were scheduled in Chennai.

Based on several talks and the strong increase in IWA memberships in India, it appears that many Indian organizations are ready for a global outreach. This perfectly fits with the IWA services and the numerous platforms facilitating this. Whilst we enjoyed the kind hospitality of Charles and Jeyannathann in Chennai, we exchanged ideas and they provided us with many insights. We're looking forward welcoming the new IWA members and organizations from India in the upcoming IWA flagship Events.



After our visit to Chennai, we travelled to Colombo, where we met with Joao Grilo, Global Events & Awards Director from IWA HQ and the Joint Organizing Committee in Sri Lanka to establish relations with the major players in Sri Lanka. Working closely together with Mr. Ediriweera and Mr. Gunapala



and the team of National Water Supply & Drainage Board (NWSDB), several company visits were scheduled where we exchanged information between the water sector in Sri Lanka and IWA. Besides we updated media on what's going to happen early December in the IWA WDCE '19. Travelling through Colombo during rush hours was hectic! The large interest in this unique opportunity taking place in Sri Lanka and the very kind people in Sri Lanka made this trip very useful.