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MWRD Commissioner Spyropoulos chairs international water conference

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos was selected to serve as the chairman of the Water and Waste Conference held virtually in both the U.S. and India.

The three-day virtual event took place Feb. 24 to Feb. 26 and supported dual time zones and featured 3D virtual booths, eight educational tracts and 200+ subject matter experts representing more than 20 countries. In addition to Commissioner Spyropoulos and former MWRD Commissioner Frank Avila, numerous subject matter experts from the MWRD, including Executive Director Brian Perkovich, Director of Maintenance and Operations John Murray, and Director of Engineering Catherine O'Connor. Other officials included Chicago Department of Water Management Acting Commissioner Andrea Cheng, former Illinois Governor Pat Quinn and water industry experts from around the world.

One of the more prominent discussion topics during the conference was the debate of whether Hyderabad, India, with a population in the metropolitan area of just under 10 million, should construct centralized or decentralized wastewater treatment infrastructure as the city continues to grow and develop. Representatives from the U.S. were interested in hearing how Hyderabad deals with extreme wet and dry seasons.



MWRD Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos

“Having these discussions in an international forum provides a rich perspective to very important topics, and the MWRD, which serves an equivalent population of 10.35 million people, has the experience to share so that others can make informed decisions,” said Commissioner Spyropoulos. “It was an honor to be asked to lead this international conference and bring participants from around the world to a shared forum. Water is a universal language, and we all have something to learn from one another.”

A virtual tour of MWRD facilities was one of the event’s highlights. The MWRD *(continued)*

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also hosts monthly virtual tours at <https://mwrd.org/facility-and-virtual-tours>. Registration is complimentary but pre-registration is required.

exhibit hall will remain active through March 15, 2021, and there is no cost to visit.

www.wwm2021.com.

A virtual conference and exhibition hall served as the central gathering point for all activities. The

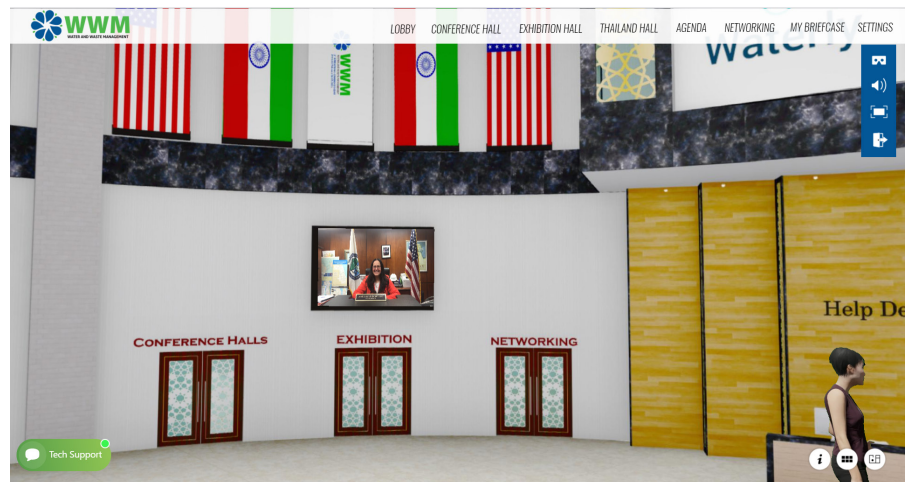
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