



Moroccan Membrane and Desalination Society (MMDS) Société Marocaine des Membranes et de Dessalement (SMMD)

The young Moroccan Membrane and Desalination Society was incorporated in Mohammadia, Morocco in April 13, 2005 and is directed by a board selected at a general meeting.

The society is a non-profit public organization which will maintain neutrality with regard to government and corporate policies as well as in the politics of countries, agencies, companies and others. The Society will seek affiliation to other organizations where and when appropriate.

The goals of the society are the development and promotion of membrane and desalination science and technology and especially their appropriate use in water and wastewater treatment, treatment of drinking water and industrial effluents, and other membrane and desalination sciences and technologies. The protection of the environment, especially water resources and concentrate disposal, are among the principal goals of the Society. To achieve these goals, the Society will

- Encourage research and development of membrane sciences and technologies
- Communicate and disseminate information
- Cooperate with national and international institutions and private agencies
- Facilitate exchange of information among scientists, consultants, designers, researchers, engineers and operators
- Promote training and education in desalination and membrane sciences
- Act to respect the environment and encourage the use of membrane and desalination technologies.

The following Board was elected at the general meeting: Mr Azzeddine Elmidaoui, President, Mr. Mahmoud Hafsi, Vice President, Mr. Mohamed Rafiq, Vice President, Mr. Khalid Tahri, Vice President, Mr Ahmed Iraqi, Vice President, Mr. Abdelhaq Kabbabi, Vice President, Mr. Younssi Saad Alami, Treasurer, Mr. Mohamed Bouhria, Vice Treasurer, Mr. Lahcen Messaoudi, Secretary General, Mr. Mohamed Taky, Vice Secretary General, Mr. Mehdi Chaouch, Committee Member, Mr. Abdelhadi Lhasani, Committee Member, Mr. Mohamed Ouammou, Committee Member, Mr. Abderrahim Khalidi, Committee Member, Mr. Abderrahman Albizane, Committee Member, Mr. Karim Jaafari, Committee Member and Souad Chemlal, Committee Member.

The four working groups of the board are :

1. Research and development
M. Hafsi (Cordinator), M. Chaouch, A. Albizane and R. M'Hamdi
2. Transfer of technology and expertise

- K. Tahri (Coordinator;), A. Boughriba, M. Taky and A. Kabbabi, K.El Boury, K.Benkhouja
3. Public action
A. Khalidi (Coordinator), L. Messaoudi, K. Jaafari, M. Amine
 4. Training, information and Communication
S.Y. Alami (Coordinator) M. Bouhria, A.Lhasani, M. Ouammou, N. Tijani,

Four Regional Sections are created :

1. Central and East (Meknes, Ifrane, Errachidia, Fes, Taza, Oujda, Nador, Al-Hoceima, Settat)
M. Chaouch (Coordinator) L. Mesoudi,
2. Grand South (Marrakech, Agadir, Layoune...)
H. Bari (Coordinator) Moklisse, S. Bouchtala, H. Bari, K. El Boury
3. North Atlantic Coast (Rabat, Kenitra, Tanger, Tetouan...)
I. Laaziz (Coordinator);Mr. Zidouri, Mr. Stitou, M. Taky,
4. Central Atlantic Coast (Mohammadia, Casablanca, Eljadida, Esaouri....)
K. Jaafari (Coordinator), M. Amine, A. Albizane.

The actions of the MMDS in 2006 will be numerous, amongst other :

- to carry out an inquiry on the potential of research on the membranes and desalination in universities and research centre;
- to carry out a inquiry on the potential of use of membranes and desalination in Moroccan industries;
- to organize with the MEDRC the next (four) training course on desalination;
- to support scientifically the known Moroccan Association Research and development in the organization of its meeting University-Company on water and cleansing in favor of the engineers and the researchers;
- to organize a day of regional sensitizing on water and the environment in one region of the centre of Morocco in favor of the public and especially the pupils of the colleges;
- to consolidate and to develop collaboration with international associations such as the European Desalination Society (EDS), The Middle East Desalination Research Centre (MEDRC), The French Club of Membrane (CFM), the International Desalination Institute (IDI)....

Thanks are due to the European Desalination Society (EDS), Middle East Desalination Research Center (MEDRC), French Membrane Club (CFM) and International Desalination Institute (IDI) for encouraging Moroccan scientists and technologists and their institutions to join the international community for exchange of information and partnerships in the fields of membrane and desalination science and technology.

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Azzeddine Elmidaoui
President of MMDS

Some Realizations since 2005

- Structuring.
- Intensive International course on desalination, in collaboration with MEDRC and CERPHOS (OCP), June 12-15 2006, Casablanca.
- Third Franco-Maghrebine School on Technology and membrane sciences, November 18-20, 2006, Algeria with the UNESCO Membrane Chair.
- Workshop on water resources in the Center of and Morocco and the place of the unconventional water resources in water supply January 27, 2007, Meknès.
- Workshop on “Against water shortage”, March 27, 2007 Mohammedia.

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Some Realizations since 2005

- A Day Debate on the treatment of industrial effluents by membranes processes sponsored by Pall Corp, June 28, 2007 Casablanca.
- Workshop on water resources in the south of Morocco and the place of the unconventional water resources in water supply November 23-24, 2007, Layoune.
- A Day Debate on the use of membrane processes in the food industry sponsored by STI Véolia Corp, December 2007 Casablanca.
- Forth Franco-Maghrebine School on Technology and membrane sciences, June 2007, Dakar – Senegal with the UNESCO Membrane Chair.
- Intensive course (two weeks) on water and energy and citizen action in favor of poor locality for water supply, in collaboration with French Academic Groups, February 2008, Morocco.

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