

2019 Annual Report

Rotary Scholarship Program

IHE Delft Institute for Water Education



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Executive Summary

The Rotary-scholarship program at IHE Delft Institute for Water Education that was established in 2011 has gone from strength to strength in 2019. Highlights of the year were:

Jan 2019	Completion major Rotary Eco-sanitation project in Bolivia by IHE Delft Alumni
April 2019	IHE Delft Graduation ceremony at which all 12 Rotary-sponsored IHE Delft students from the 2017-2019 cohort successfully graduated.
May 2019	Establishment of the “Water Education Fund” intended to secure the long-term sustainability of the partnership.
May 2019	Signing of the “declaration of intent” between IHE Delft, the 7 Dutch Rotary Districts, and 4 other organizations to collaborate on water-related topics.
Oct 2019	15 new Rotary-sponsored MSc students arriving, selected from over 100 applications and all financed with Global Grants.
Oct 2019	Establishment of the IHE Delft Rotary Alumni network.
Nov 2019	2020 Rotary Scholarship application process has gone live, aiming for 14 scholarships.
Dec 2019	5 new Rotary-sponsored tri-partite program “Water Cooperation & Diplomacy (WCD)” students arrived at IHE Delft.

The Rotary program has now sponsored well over 100 IHE Delft students, as can be seen below.



A major highlight in 2019 was the well-managed change of the funding model. All Rotary-students from 2012-2018 were funded by a centrally funded “Packaged Grant”. In 2019, the 15 new students were all funded by individual “Global Grants”, receiving financial support from many Rotary Clubs & Districts as well as Directed Gifts; a major achievement of making this happen.

Each of the above highlights is described in chronological order in a bit more detail below.

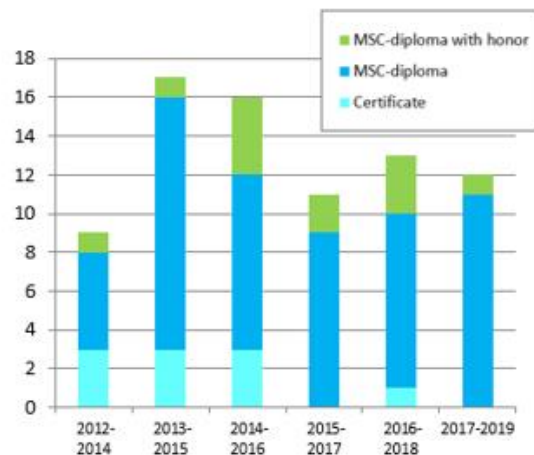
January 2019 – Completion Phase 1 Rotary Eco-sanitation project in Bolivia by IHE Delft Alumni

In 2018, the Comanche Eco-sanitation project in West-Bolivia was kicked-off, initiated by three Rotary-sponsored IHE Delft alumni. The main objective of the project was to provide eco-sanitation services in 5 communities part of the Municipality of Comanche for some 200 families. To ensure sustainability, educational workshops were organized, and community-based committees were formed for maintenance. In total, 175 eco-latrines (including a solar shower device) will be constructed. Phase 1 of the project (67 latrines) has been completed financed by Global Grant GG1745942 supported by Dutch and German Rotary Clubs & Districts. The remaining latrines will be built in Phase 2, supported by Canadian Rotarians.



April 2019 - IHE Delft Graduation Ceremony

IHE Delft Graduation ceremony at which all 12 Rotary-sponsored IHE Delft students from the 2017-2019 cohort graduated. 18% of the Rotary-sponsored students have completed their MSc-studies “with distinction”, which is well above the IHE-average.



Dutch National Rotary Water Seminar

The 7 Dutch Rotary districts organized a National Water Seminar on 15th May 2019. Two important milestones were achieved:

- 1- The setting up of a “Water Education Fund” to ensure the longer-term sustainability of the very successful Rotary Scholarship Program at the IHE Delft Institute for Water Education in support of Water and Sanitation projects worldwide.



- 2- The signing of a “Declaration of Intent” between seven organizations active in “water and sanitation” to bundle forces, coordinate activities and to align on communications. These organizations are: IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, Amref Flying Doctors, Water for Life, SIMAVI, MAX Foundation, Plan International as well as Rotary International.



October 2019 - IHE Delft Opening Academic Year & launch of Rotary IHE Alumni network

The opening of the 2019-2021 academic year at IHE Delft took place on 17th October 2019. 15 new Rotary-sponsored MSc students arriving, selected from over 100 applications and all financed with Global Grants. With these new students arriving, Rotary has reached the milestone of sponsoring over 100 IHE students, many of which have completed their studies and returned to their home countries.

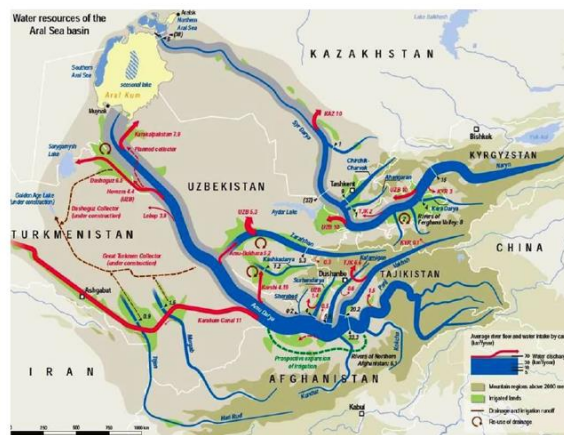


These Rotary-sponsored IHE Delft alumni are part of the IHE Delft alumni community, one of the biggest networks of water professionals in the world with more than 23.000 members from over 190 countries. IHE Delft alumni are considered partners for life of the Institute. The alumni policy of IHE Delft is to stay connected with its alumni, facilitate networking among them, provide information and lifelong learning activities, and organize social-networking events worldwide. As the number of Rotary alumni has exceeded 100, it warrants its own sub-group. The launch of this network took place on 17th October 2019: <https://www.un-ihe.org/news/rotary-ihe-delft-scholarships-exceed-hundred-mark>



December 2019 – Arrival of Rotary-sponsored tripartite “Water Cooperation & Diplomacy” program

As follow-up on the 2014 & 2016 Rotary-sponsored Central Asia workshops on “preventive diplomacy for transboundary aquifers”, Rotary has sponsored a 16 month tri-partite program on “Water Cooperation & Diplomacy”, jointly organized by three universities (University of Peace (Costa Rica), IHE Delft (The Netherlands) and the Oregon State University (USA). The objective is to provide critical analysis skills of water security within the broader context of peace and stability. Rotary has sponsored 14 students to date in 2018 & 2019. Participants are water-leaders from Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Iran & Kyrgyzstan.



2019 - Rotary host-counselor support in the Netherlands

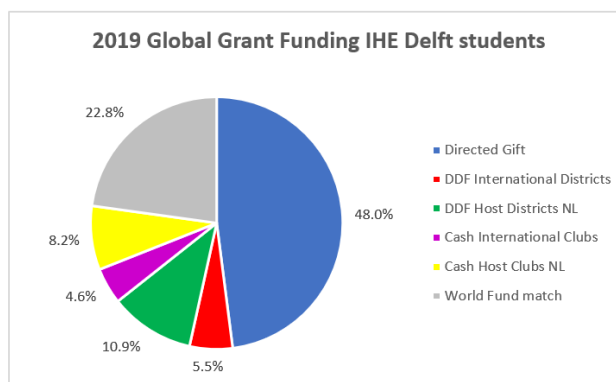
Since the inception of the program in 2012, each Rotary-sponsored student has been assigned to a Dutch Rotary host-counselor for non-academic support and to ensure the connect to the broader Rotary organization. To date, some 70 Dutch Rotarians from 20 different clubs in the Netherlands have been host-counselor and many close friendships and connections have been made this way.



2019 – Change of funding model

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Directed Gift	\$335,675
DDF International Districts	\$38,513
DDF Host Districts NL	\$76,200
Cash International Clubs	\$32,500
Cash Host Clubs NL	\$57,324
World Fund match	\$159,625
TOTAL	\$699,836



To organize and carry this out was a major effort. Nevertheless, we are grateful and would like to thank all of you who provided the (financial) support to make this a reality!! We will heavily rely and depend on similar financial support in the years to come. The application process for 2020 Rotary Scholarship application process has gone live, aiming for 14 scholarships:

<https://www.un-ihe.org/rotary-scholarships-water-and-sanitation-professionals>

We strongly advocate as much as possible that Rotary Clubs & Districts fully sponsor their own candidate, that way there is no further selection by us. But at the same time, we are more than happy to facilitate the Global Grant application process to make it easier for all involved.

If it is not possible to provide full funding, we expect the sponsoring Rotary Club to fund \$ 3,000 and to secure DDF-funds in their district of at least \$ 5,000. In this case we will have to apply our selection process and will arrange for the additional funding. Please note that the total costs of each scholarship are \$50,000.

With the help from all of you, we can make this happen again and sustain the future of this very successful partnership. Do not hesitate to contact us!!

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