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IHE Delft ALUMNI COORDINATORS in the World initiative seeks:
● to position as a valuable resource, the knowledge acquired by Alumni at IHE Delft, and then built on and expanded through lifelong learning experience earn at IHE Delft. This expertise should not fade and we believe that today, more than ever, the theme of water and its role in the environment is fundamental.
● to strengthen the role of ‘ambassadors’ that all alumni have. This role, developed by the alumni spontaneously, has always been of great importance to position and make the Institute known in other countries. Many alumni have facilitated new professionals going to study at IHE Delft, by having shared their ideas and experiences. Others have helped the Institute in collaboration agreements with entities in their country, yet others work on projects with staff from IHE Delft or as guest lecturers etc.
● to get alumni organized and take an active role, with the support of IHE Delft, to face and give answers in their countries to problems related with climate change, water scarcity and floods etc.

Objectives
The main objectives of these coordinators are:
● to create an active group of IHE Delft alumni in their country, to be able to contribute to water and environmental issues in the country and the region through awareness raising, training and knowledge and experience transfer.
● to act as a link between the country and the Institute to promote IHE Delft in the country, search for new students and new scholarships opportunities, as well as possibilities of projects and collaborations among other initiatives.
● to provide information to the Institute about the situation of the country and possibilities of cooperation and financial opportunities.
● to facilitate the relationship between the Institute and influential people at the governmental, educational, investment, etc. level.

Assignment of coordinators and members
All IHE Delft alumni in the country can be members of the group. The Alumni Relations Officer at IHE Delft will identify the alumni in the country.

IHE Delft will appoint the first coordinators from each country and future coordinators will be elected by the group. The selection of the coordinator will be based on the individuals who are most suited, willing and available. The period of the coordinators position will be two calendar years, with the possibility of a coordinator being re-elected, but preferably lasting not more than two periods.
Responsibilities of Coordinators
For greater efficiency and to share the work, a minimum number of two and a maximum of three delegates is recommended, depending on the size of the alumni group. The coordinators will assume the following proposed and not limiting responsibilities (this can be agreed to or modified by each country group):

- to coordinate and promote the creation or reactivation of the IHE Delft alumni group with support of IHE Delft;
- to generate a database with the experience and place of work of the IHE Delft alumni in each country and update the IHE Delft alumni database;
- depending on the alumni’s field of work, promote the education and other services IHE Delft in public and private sectors, including: technical support in water and environmental issues, project supervision, institutional strengthening, support and contribution to research, specific training for individual clients (Tailor Made Training) according to the demands of the regions or countries;
- to maintain constant coordination and communication in the search of student fellowship opportunities, or other financial and joint working agreements, with IHE Delft Country coordinators and Alumni Relations Officer;
- promote the group among IHE Delft students;
- organize at least one annual meeting and a workshop, congress or course, on specific water and environmental topics, relevant for the country. These will be organized with members of the alumni group and participation of professional colleges, public institutions, private universities and other organizations where water and environment issues are treated responsibly and sustainably.
- prepare an annual action plan, together with IHE Delft, to evaluate possibilities, needs and actions to be developed in the year and costs of the actions to be taken and financial possibilities.
- On a regular basis, participate in videoconference meet up of alumni coordinators to present achievements, exchange ideas and best practice. Make a report per meeting and actions held in the country
- create at least one report/article about the activities organized and planned annually by the group, to be published at IHE Delft website and included in alumni e-newsletter for promotion.

Remuneration
The alumni coordinators will NOT receive any salary or remuneration, it is an ad honorem assignment.

To finance the expenses of operational and logistical actions taken by the coordinators, an annual membership collaboration fee of US$ 10 per alumna/us is proposed, to be agreed or modified by each country. To collect the contributions, a bank account with national / country coverage must be opened for the deposits of the alumni.

Contributions from IHE Delft
IHE Delft, will provide:

- information regarding the projects and experience of IHE Delft in different regions and countries and promotional material of the Institute;
- elaborate an official letter per selected alumnus/a recognizing the coordinators’ assignment, as an endorsement to be recognized and to be able to organize official events and meetings on behalf of IHE Delft and the Alumni group in the Country;
- provide an official business card for each coordinator;
- create a place on IHE Delft website/alumni, to inform about the alumni groups and delegates. Including contact details, the actions and events organized or planned per country.
- IHE Delft Alumni Relations Officer will help to create an official group on LinkedIn or other platform if it does not already exist. Where a group already exists the Alumni Relations Officer will help strengthen the link between the alumni in the country and the coordinators. Once the alumni coordinators have been chosen, they will be announced using these online platforms and other channels.
- Promote the groups among IHE Delft students.
- IHE Delft Country Coordinator (if it exists or another staff member interested in the country/region) will support and coordinate the actions of the coordinators of the country, together with the IHE Delft Alumni Relations Officer.
- Support the groups and look for rewarding initiatives for alumni coordinators and groups as an incentive and appreciation for the work done.