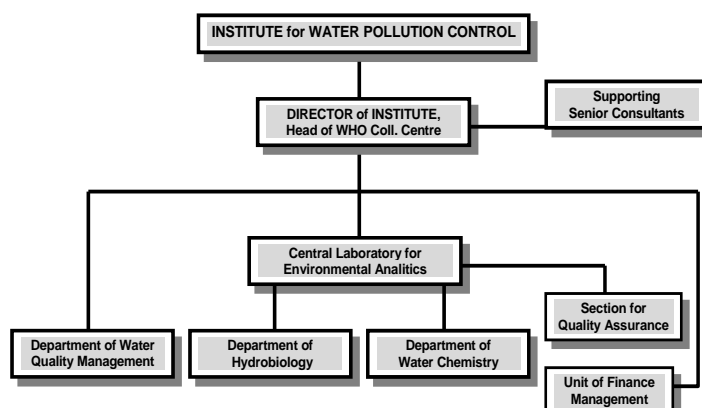


**WHO Collaborating Centre  
for the Protection and Control of Drinking Water Resources  
Water Resources Research Centre (VITUKI Plc.)**

The Institute for Water Pollution Control of VITUKI Plc. was first designated as a WHO Collaborating Centre (CC) in 1970, and since that time has contributing to the work of WHO worldwide. The recent redesignation extended the activities of the Institute as Collaborating Centre until the year 2006.

The Institute for Water Pollution Control of VITUKI Plc. is a leading research and development body in Hungary in the field of pollution control, water management and environmental protection, with special attention on the protection of drinking water resources and supply. The capabilities of its accredited Central Laboratory for Environmental Analytics – specially equipped with up-to-date instrumentation for the

investigation of organic and inorganic micropollutants – is widely utilised for these activities. The Institute has close operational contacts with other Institutes and organisations in Hungary acting in the same fields, and due to its good international reputation, there is a wide co-operation with different foreign Institutions and scientific bodies too. The working contact with the bodies of the ICPDR (Convention for the Protection



Organisational chart of the CC operations

of Danube River) has also important role in the activities of the Institute.

The main issues of the CC activities are outlined in the corresponding Terms of Reference as follows:

- To identify and highlight those priority water and health problems, which are related to environmental pollution of drinking water resources, its health effects, prevention, remediation and control, in partnership with other WHO collaborators;
- To support WHO in preparation of expert guidance materials on environmental pollution of drinking water resources;
- To support WHO in water-related assessment activities, and also technical co-operation through provision of expert advice, materials and assistance in training and information exchange, seminars and conferences on water related themes;
- To co-ordinate and collaborate, on regular basis, with different offices of WHO and other Collaborating Centres in activities concerning environmental protection of drinking water resources and health.

The Work Plan of the Collaborating Centre activity of the Institute has been already accepted for implementation and forms a basis for further actions.

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