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Dear Customers and Colleagues,

After a long period of silence, we want to revive our newsletter and plan to report regularly on our activities and interesting topics in the future.

In September, the 13th International Swimming Pond Conference took place in Vienna, with approximately 250 participants from all over the world. It was organized by the Austrian Association under the motto "Quality Requires Qualification."

This year's main topic was biological rapid filtration, a form of biological water treatment in which nutrient binding is transferred to surfaces subjected to rapid water flow, i.e., into the filter. Hence the name.

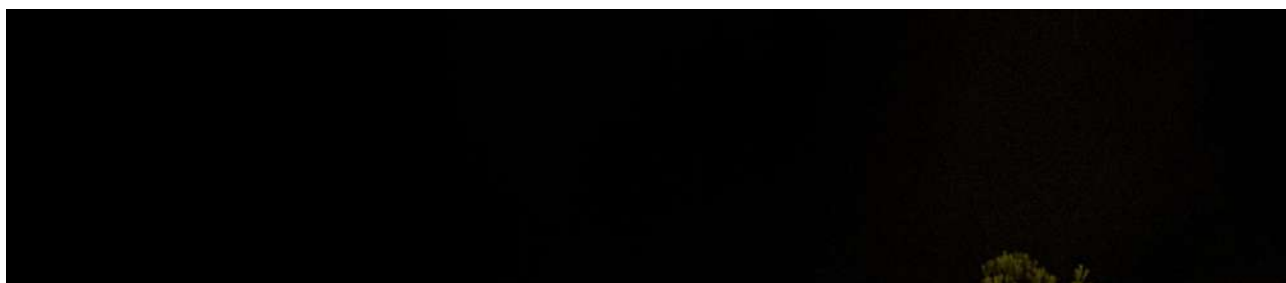
"Natural or bio-pools" compete with chemical pools in terms of transparency and appearance, but they require no chemical or physical disinfection and rely solely on biological water regeneration. They can be covered and heated like a chemical pool.

Until now, it was assumed that while these rapid filters worked very well for nutrient removal, they do not provide adequate hygiene, i.e., the elimination of potentially harmful germs. To investigate the biology and hygiene of rapidly filtered natural swimming pools, the three German-speaking associations joined forces and commissioned a corresponding study. The results were presented for the first time at the congress, accompanied by several lectures.

Life is barely visible to the naked eye, so low is the nutrient content and biomass in the pool water. But under the microscope, the countless life forms, from tiny algae and bacteria to their predators, the micro-zooplankton, are clearly visible. The significant role of micro-zooplankton in eliminating pathogens from pool water completely surprised the scientists. These new findings are now being incorporated into the revision of the German guidelines for public bathing waters, with the participation of the other German-speaking associations. The German guidelines already serve as a benchmark for almost all other national laws and regulations.

During the tour in the days leading up to the congress, we were able to visit many of these natural pools in addition to traditional swimming ponds.

The lecture program and further information and photos about the conference can be found on the website of the IOB (iob-ev.com) or the Austrian association (schwimmteich.co.at)





We are delighted to announce that our Can Lluqui project won third prize at the Pondy Award 2025! Category: Private Swimming Pond. The Pondy Award is the most prestigious international design competition in the swimming pond industry and is held every two years by the IOB. This pond was completed in 2022 and has become a biodiversity hotspot. Swimming fun in and with nature. To minimize the ecological footprint, sustainable bioarchitecture construction techniques were employed. Further information and images of the project can be found on our website.

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