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Ph.D./Ecology-Limnology/University of Connecticut. 1981.  
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**RECOGNIZED EXPERTISE**

Water Resource Evaluation  
Limnology  
Lake Restoration

Water Resource Management  
Wetland Assessment  
Inventor

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Dr. Kortmann is the founder and principal investigator of E.C.S., Inc. and directs all research, consulting, and implementation projects. His undergraduate training included a comprehensive environmental science curriculum, advanced biological sciences, and education certification. While at Rutgers University, Dr. Kortmann conducted an honors research project dealing with the chemistry of aquatic systems in agricultural watersheds, research regarding intertidal zonation as effected by navigation, and coral reef studies at the West Indies Laboratory, St. Croix. Dr. Kortmann was a George H. Cook Scholar and graduated with high honors from Cook College-Rutgers University in 1974.

Dr. Kortmann completed his graduate training at the University of Connecticut. His master's and doctorate programs were interdisciplinary, with work in the Department of Biological Sciences, School of Engineering, and Natural Resources. Dr. Kortmann's research focused on the chemistry of lake-watershed ecosystems, mathematical models, and eutrophication. While at the University of Connecticut Dr. Kortmann invented a device for sediment sampling which uses dialysis technology, and he developed an analytical methodology to assess the biochemical energy content of sediment-water systems.

Dr. Kortmann and E.C.S., Inc. have conducted cooperative research projects with Environmental Engineering Companies, Water Utility Companies, University of Connecticut, Kent State University, Canada Ministry for the Environment, and Regulatory Agencies. Dr. Kortmann has taught aquatic biology and chemistry at the Hartford Graduate Center (R.P.I.), published a handbook on lake management (IWR-US Department of the Interior) and a variety of journal articles, and made presentations at international professional meetings.

Under the direction of Dr. Kortmann, the research performed by ECS, Inc. has led to the development of new diagnostic techniques and innovative lake-reservoir restoration methods including three US patents.

**Major Research Grants Awarded**

- \* **USEPA Research Grant:** Section 314: Clean Water Act -- Research into Trophic Interactions, Microbiological Processes, Enhanced Interflow, Withdrawal, and Withdrawal-Treatment-Injection Restoration Technologies.  
Research Participants: Kent State University, University of Connecticut, Ecosystem Consulting Service, Inc.  
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- \* **Institute of Water Resources** - University of Connecticut *In vitro* florimetry for water supply reservoir monitoring.  
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- \* **USEPA** Research Grant: Section 314: Clean Water Act Phase III Mechanisms of Restoration at Lake Waramaug, CT, Innovative Hypolimnetic Management Approaches. (in progress)  
**EPA Region I Clean Lakes Project Award 1992**

### Patents

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- Kortmann, R.W. 1988. Apparatus and Method for Conditioning Stratified Water Bodies. U.S. Patent No. 4,724,086.
- Kortmann, R.W. 1998. Pneumatic Bubble Aeration Reactor and Method of Using Same. U.S. Patent No. 5,755,976
- Kortmann, R.W. 2011. Wind, Solar, and Hybrid Wind-Solar Water Circulation and Aeration Methods and Apparatus. U.S. Patent No. 8,651,766.

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- Kortmann, R.W. 1988. Aeration Technologies for Reservoir Management. *AWWA-WQTC Conf. Proceedings*. St. Louis, MO.
- Kortmann, R.W. "Raw Water Quality Control: An Overview of Reservoir Management Techniques". *Journal New England Water Works Association*, April 1989.  
**Awards:** **Dexter Brackett Meritorious Paper Award**, *New England AWWA Quarternary Transatlantic Award*-1990; An award for best Water Supply Publication made by the *Institution of Water and Environmental Management* (England) every four years.
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**Professional Memberships**

American Water Works Association (AWWA)

Sections: Connecticut, New England, New York, Chesapeake, Virginia, New Jersey

North American Lake Management Society (NALMS)

Program Chairman, 1990 International Conference

Liaison to AWWA and AFS

American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO)

Sigma Xi Research Society, University of Connecticut

State Advisory Board - Institute of Water Resources - CT

Chairman 1991-1993

American Fisheries Society