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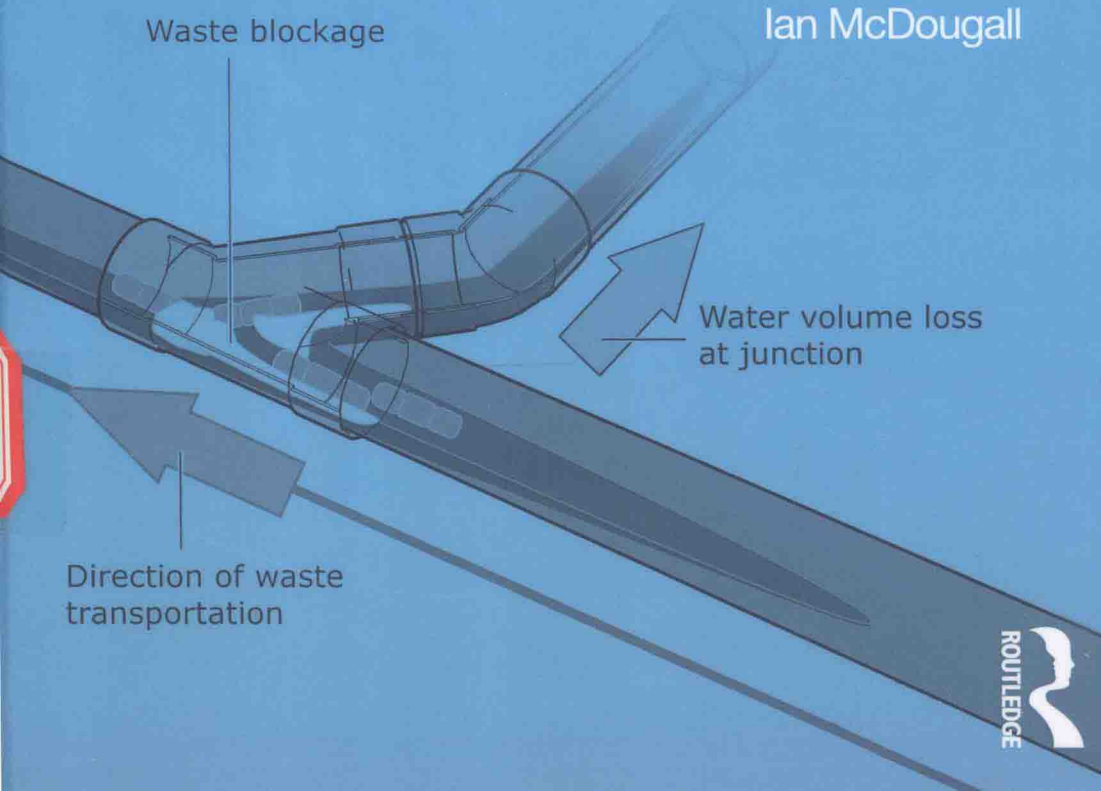

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Foreword

My husband John died before this book was completed, and I am grateful that members of the Drainage Research Group (DREG) at Heriot-Watt University agreed to take on the task to complete and publish it. I am indebted to them.

John was always a 'research fellow' at heart and wanted to leave his research and books based on his life's work as a legacy to his new found knowledge. This has now been secured. But not only has he left his research to posterity – he has also left a team of researchers that have been inspired by his work and will take this forward in the future. I hope this book will also stimulate your interest in fluid mechanics applied to drainage systems as well.

Dr Jean Swaffield
February 2014
Edinburgh

Contributors' Foreword

When John Swaffield conceived this work it was intended to be a companion book *to 'Transient Airflow in Building Drainage Systems'*, which dealt with building drainage ventilation and system design from an air flow and air pressure point of view. Taken together, these two books were to encapsulate John's work in building drainage research spanning over 40 years. It is safe to say that John Swaffield was the leading academic authority on building drainage system research, and these two books were intended as his legacy to future generations of researchers.

It was with great sadness that we undertook to complete this book after John's death in 2011; however, it was felt that this book needed to be finished in order to complete the pair.

We are in little doubt that this book would have been different had John finished it himself. His unique perspective and experience in this field of study would have given the conclusions a very personal flavour. Having said that, we have tried to be as faithful to his views as much as possible, drawing on his writings as much as possible, but also on personal conversations and correspondence with him.

John is sorely missed by all who worked with him. We hope that we have done his work justice in this book and that his legacy will continue to shape the work of other researchers in this field for years to come.

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