



Montpellier France: 1-4th September 2008

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GLOBAL CHANGES and WATER RESOURCES:

confronting the expanding and diversifying pressures

CHANGEMENTS GLOBAUX et RESSOURCES EN EAU :

face à des pressions toujours plus nombreuses et diversifiées



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A shared organization

➔ ILEE, Languedoc Research Institute of Water and Environment

- The main French research organization in water sciences (600 scientists, 13 research units)
- A federative group of 11 government institutions under the wardship of the French Ministry of Research and High Education



➔ VERSeau Développement

- A 30 years old association working on water research enhancement for public authorities, international partnerships and private companies

➔ Enjoy Montpellier

- A company specialized in organization of events
- Manager of the CORUM, the convention center in Montpellier



Main topics

→ 8 topics:

- 1. Water availability, use and management
- 2. Towards the future: water resources and global changes
 - 3. Climate change and disasters
- 4. Development of water resources and infrastructures
 - 5. Water governance and water security
- 6. Water conservation and demand management
 - 7. Financing water development
- 8: Capacity building in developing countries

DEADLINE: 31 AUGUST 2007

[143 abstracts submitted on 05/06/07]



Key note lectures

➔ Based on only 4 key notes lectures by important figures

[For visibility reasons, it's important to announce as soon as possible the names of the chosen lecturers]

- The laureate of the Ven Te Chow Award (nomination under progress)
- Michel Jarraud, General Secretary of World Meteorological Organization
- - Angel Gurria, General Secretary of OECD,
- - Luis Carlos Guedes, former Minister of Agriculture of Brazil

Note: the Congress will be open by a high French personality



Special sessions

→ Special Sessions already identified and under development:

- Basin Focal Projects. Analysis and identification of the global condition of water, food and poverty at the basin scale in tropical basins.
 - Organisation: IWMI – Challenge Programme Water and Food.
Coordinator: Simon Cook. Contact: J. Lemoalle

→ Special Sessions currently under consideration:

- Aral Sea, dialogue of generations. Organisation: SIC-ICWC Tachkent.
 - Contact: Victor Dukhovny
 - Subject to be defined.
- Organisation: Global Water Partnership. Contact: Michel Soulié
 - Subject to be defined.
- Organisation: OECD. Contact: Cecilia Tortajada



Side events

→ Side Event already identified and under development:

- Governance and water conflicts. Results of an ECOS multinational project.

→ Organisation: Universities of Montpellier 1 and Aix-Marseille.
Contact: Pierre Valarié.
2 days: Thursday 4 and Friday 5.

→ Side Events currently under consideration:

- Water Saving in Mediterranean Agriculture and Future Research Needs.

→ Organisation: Consortium Aquastress / EU Project.
Coordinator: Roberto Passino. Contact: Dominique Rollin

- Franco-Chinese cooperation and research in water sciences.

→ Organisation: ARCUS Programme.
Coordinator: Michel Roustan. Contact: Claude Casellas.





Cultural and sensitization events for the local community (already identified)

→ One “night conference” (in French)
by a prestigious panel of lecturers for an open public

→ The exposition “water for everyone / l’eau pour tous”,
produced by “La Cité des Sciences et de l’Industrie” – Paris ©2005

→ A special action for the young people
(sponsored by Mrs Hélène Mandroux, Montpellier Mayor):

- A design contest between all the primary schools of Montpellier
- An all year educational work (concluding by a presentation during the Congress) by high school section of Montpellier

→ Special artistic events in the city of Montpellier
dedicated to the water :

Dance, movies, photography, music,...

For all those events, we received the label and support of the French Committee for the International Year of the Planet Earth - 2008



Finance

- ➔ Global estimation (Feb 2007) : 760 724 € (incl. VAT)
 - Registration fees (based on 750 participants): 224 000 €
 - Exhibition: 120 000 €
 - Sponsors: 416 724 €

[This estimation don't include extra costs due to side-events and social or cultural events]

- ➔ Registration fees
 - 400 € for IWRA members
 - 500 € for others
 - 600 € for a “late registration”
 - 200 € for a “one day” entry





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