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## 8–11 November 2004

**International Conference on the Evaluation and Management of Drinking Water Sources Contaminated with Arsenic, Universidad de Chile, Division de Recursos Hidricos y Medio Ambiente, Santiago, Chile.**

Topics: Transport and behaviour of arsenic in aquatic environments; analysis and specification of arsenic in water; conventional methods for arsenic removal in drinking water sources; advanced methods for arsenic removal in drinking water sources; small-scale treatment: case studies (Argentina, India, Bangladesh, Peru); large-scale treatment: case studies (Chile, Argentina); treatment costs of waters polluted with arsenic; arsenic exposure and impact on public health; water treatment sludge: management and final disposal; evaluation of populations exposed to environmental arsenic (air, soil, food and water); and contamination of food cultivated in areas rich in arsenic. The official language of the conference is Spanish with simultaneous translation in English.

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## 22–26 November 2004

**Global WASH Forum 2004 – ‘Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for all - Building coalitions for the Millennium Development Goals’, Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC), Dakar, Senegal.**

The overall aim of the forum is to accelerate action in water, sanitation and hygiene towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) Plan of Implementation. Focus areas: building coalitions and partnerships for the water supply, sanitation and hygiene MDGs; institutional and policy reform; finance mobilization at the local level; social marketing and the role of private sector partnerships; and scaling up. Expected outcomes: concrete political and practical directions for the collaborative council's future operations at national and regional level in selected countries of the council's focus regions; development of multi-stakeholder coalitions working towards the achievement of the water and sanitation MDGs; a roadmap of activities towards, and reporting at, the Commission for Sustainable Development 13 meeting (April 2005) and the United Nation's MDG progress review (Sept. 2005).

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## 16–18 March 2005

**Water Africa Sub-Sahara Exhibition, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.**

The show will be accompanied by the Mining & Electricity 2005 and East Africa Building & Construction 2005 exhibitions. Each of these events will be organized by ACE Event Management. Water Africa 2003 Sub-Sahara in Dar es Salaam was very well received by the local water sector and a large number of exhibitors. The 2005 exhibition offers an opportunity for companies to put their products and services before purchasers from central and local government, industry, agriculture, NGOs and other key players from the entire East Africa region. For further information visit: [www.ace-events.com](http://www.ace-events.com) or contact: Andra Durbin, ACE Event Management, UK, Tel: +44 1788 510824 Fax: +44 1788 510370; email: [info@ace-events.com](mailto:info@ace-events.com)

## 3–9 April 2005

**VIIth IAHS Scientific Assembly, Freshwater: Sustainability within Uncertainty, Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil.**

Many symposia and workshops will be included, such as on Sediment Budgets, Sustainable Water Management Solutions for Large Cities, Groundwater Resources Sustainability Indicators, Dynamics and Biogeochemistry of River Corridors and Wetlands, SYMPOSIUM on the Contribution from Glaciers and Snow Cover to Runoff from Mountains in Different Climates, Regional Hydrologic Impacts of Climatic Variability and Change with an Emphasis on Less Developed Countries, Prediction in Ungauged Basins (PUB): Promises and Progress. For information visit: <http://iahs.info>

## Coming up in the January 2005 issue . . .

**School Sanitation and Hygiene Education (SSHE). By 2015, the SSHE programme aims to educate 80 per cent of primary school children about hygiene and to have all schools equipped with suitable sanitation and hand-washing facilities. SSHE has important benefits for children's health, their education and for their families. This issue**

**covers lessons learned from the SSHE programme; gender and school sanitation and case studies from India, Somaliland and Swaziland. Plus regular features: Technical Brief, Waterpoints, Books and more.**

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