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- practical experiences with LA in projects and programmes
- LA on different levels
- documentation and dissemination in LA
- power issues in LA
- and tools and methodologies for setting up LA

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23–27 May 2005

3rd International Ecosan Conference, CSIR, Durban, South Africa

This conference, organized by CSIR, has the following themes: (1) optimizing choices for urban and rural settings and (2) health issues for urban and rural settings, including O&M, re-use and environmental conservation. Contact: Carla de Jager, Conference administrator, South African Institution of Civil Engineering, cdejager@saice.org.za

6–10 June 2005

Learning alliances for scaling up innovative approaches in the water and sanitation sector, Delft, The Netherlands

This is organized by IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre and Unesco-IHE Institute for Water Education. Learning Alliances (LA) typically consist of a group of individuals or organizations with a shared interest in innovations in a certain area and in the scaling-up of these innovations. Topics include:

- rationale for LA as a way to scale up innovations
- mode of organization of LA, including networks and partnerships
- learning and sharing within LA

8–10 July 2005

International Conference on Water Economics, Statistics, and Finance, Rethymno, Crete, Greece

This is organized by: International Water Association (IWA) Statistics & Economics Specialist Group and University of Crete, Department of Economics. Topics include Integrated water resources and wastewater asset management; Economics; Statistics and benchmarking; Finance.

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10–15 July 2005

IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition, Singapore

Organized by the International Water Association (IWA) – Asia Pacific Regional Group (ASPIRE). Topics include: Project financing; Human resource development, training, benchmarking and skill competency; Diffuse (non-point) source pollution; Sewage and industrial wastewater collection, treatment, and management; Drinking-water

quality, treatment, and distribution; Innovative treatment technology; Instrumentation and control; Environmental remediation; Environmental sanitation and health related issues; Sludge management and disposal; Water reclamation, reuse and recycling. Contact: Integrated Meetings Specialist, Singapore, aspire@inmeet.com.sg or visit <http://www.aspire2005.org/>

21–27 August 2005

World Water Week including Stockholm Water Symposium, Stockholm, Sweden

Organized by, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), this conference includes the Stockholm Water Symposium, independently organized seminars and side events, exhibitions, and award ceremonies for the Stockholm Water Prize, Stockholm Junior Water Prize, Stockholm Industry Water Award and Swedish Baltic Sea Award. The theme of the Stockholm Water Symposium is 'Drainage basin management – hard and soft solutions in regional development'. The plenary sessions and workshops will focus on three areas:

- Water resources development, conveyance, allocation and environmental flow;
- Water supply and sanitation to cater for household requirements; and
- Water management, including pollution abatement, in industrial and food-producing sectors.

One of the workshops is on 'Tailoring water and sanitation solutions to reach the Millennium Development Goals'. Contact: SIWI, sympos@siwi.org

Coming up in the July 2005 issue . . .

Catchment management. Continuing the theme of water-quality management, the best way to ensure that drinking water is fit to drink is to prevent contamination entering the groundwater or surface water from which the water supply is drawn. This issue looks at source protection for groundwater in Zambia, efforts to reduce fluoride in groundwater in India, mobilizing community support to clean up the Tamar catchment in the UK, and persuading American farmers to adopt catchment-protection measures. Plus our regular features: Waterpoints, Book reviews, Technical Briefs, Conference call and more.

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