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8–11 November 2005

5th International Symposium of Wastewater Reclamation and Reuse for Sustainability, Jeju Island, Korea.

This symposium is organized by: International Water Association (IWA) Water Reuse Speciality Group

Topics of interest include:

- Natural system technology (SAT, river/lake bank)
- Filtration technology (membrane, GAC/PAC, sand)
- Biofilm and microbiology
- Disinfection and oxidation for pathogens and micropollutants
- Health and risk assessment.

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13–17 November 2005

EMPOWERS Regional Symposium: 'Water is everybody's business: end-user ownership and involvement in integrated water resources management', Cairo, Egypt.

Organized by: Euro-Mediterranean Participatory Water Resources Scenarios (EMPOWERS Partnership), the aim is to discuss: how to involve rural communities in managing their local water resources, and the need to actively involve government and NGO staff working at intermediate decision and implementation levels (district and municipalities) in water management.

Working languages: English and Arabic.
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22–25 November 2005

XII World Water Congress of IWRA, New Delhi, India.

Organized by the International Water Resources Association (IWRA) and Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP), the theme is: Water for Sustainable Development – Towards Innovative Solutions. Main topics:

- integrated water resources management (incl. multi-stakeholder participation)
- water and sanitation infrastructure development
- water governance
- economics and financing of water

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25–26 November 2005

9th International IWWA Conference – Ecosan, Mumbai, India.

Organized by: Indian Water Works Association (IWWA) in collaboration with the Government of Maharashtra (GoM), International Water Association (IWA), GTZ Germany and All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG)

Topics include: ecological sanitation (ecosan) solutions in rural and peri-urban areas; decentralized wastewater treatment systems (DEWATS); creating demand and promotion; education and training; regulatory framework; financing; socio-economic aspects; hygienic agro-reuse; and decision-making tools.

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12–14 December 2005

Regional Workshop on Microfinance and Innovative Mechanisms to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals in the Water and Sanitation Sector in Sub-Saharan Africa, Dakar, Senegal.

Organized by: CREPA, ENDA, Streams of Knowledge and IRC; the themes include:

- microfinance in the water and sanitation sector
- innovative, pro-poor and low-cost technologies to increase access to sustainable services and
- institutional approaches and mechanisms which contribute to an increase in flows of local finance to achieve the MDGs.

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1–4 February 2006

International Conference – Groundwater for Sustainable Development : Problems, Perspectives and Challenges (IGC-2006), New Delhi, India.

Themes for this conference include:

- sustainable water resources assessment (remote sensing/GIS, geotechnical methods, monitoring, Geo-statistical techniques, ICT)
- recharge process and artificial recharge
- water and environment
- modelling and its application in soft and hard rock aquifer systems
- arsenic and fluorine in groundwater
- management aspects of groundwater (inter-basin water transfer, community participation, gender, awareness raising).

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Coming up in the January 2006 issue . . .

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