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2–4 February 2006

CWG – WASH Workshop 2006 – Solid Waste, Health and the Millennium Development Goals, Kolkata, India

This is organized by the Collaborative Working Group on Solid Waste Management in Low-and Middle-income Countries (CWG), Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC), and Sulabh International Academy of Environmental Sanitation. The workshop aims to show especially decision-makers how improved solid waste management (SWM) can help achieve the MDGs. Issues include SWM indicators, community involvement, private sector involvement, working conditions and health risks, environmental and financial sustainability, reuse, and transparency.

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New Delhi, India.

Themes include: sustainable water resources assessment; recharge process and artificial recharge; water and the environment; modeling and its application in soft and hard rock aquifer systems; arsenic and fluorine in

groundwater; and management aspects of groundwater.

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6–10 March 2006

7th Specialised Conference on Small Water and Wastewater Systems, Mérida, Yucatan, Mexico.

Themes include: decentralized wastewater collection and treatment systems; anaerobic treatment systems; upgrading/operating and monitoring wastewater treatment systems; wastewater reclamation and reuse; low tech/appropriate systems; wetland systems and stabilization ponds.

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16–22 March 2006

4th World Water Forum, Mexico.

Organized every three years in close collaboration with the authorities of the host country, this is the largest event aimed at placing water higher on the international agenda.

Theme: 'Local Actions for a Global Challenge'.

For further information contact: worldwaterforum4@cna.gob.mx or visit: <http://www.worldwaterforum4.org.mx>

3–7 April 2006

7UDM & 4WSUD: 7th International Conference on Urban Drainage Modelling and the 4th International Conference on Water Sensitive Urban Design, Melbourne, Australia.

Joint conference dealing with modelling of urban drainage systems and the interfaces to other parts of urban water cycle; and current achievements and problems in Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD), also known as Low Impact Development Design.

For further information contact the Secretariat: UDMandWSUD@icms.com.au or visit <http://www.icms.com.au/UDMandWSUD>

20–24 July 2006

As 2006: Natural Arsenic in Groundwaters of Latin America – Occurrence, Health Impact, Remediation, Management, Mexico City, Mexico.

Identifying research needs for: the occurrence and mobility of arsenic in groundwater, the health impacts and risks when using this water for drinking or irrigation purposes, and remediation methods.

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Coming up in the April 2006 issue . . .

experience of mainstreaming rainwater utilization in India. Finally, Crossfire questions whether rainwater harvesting is always benign.

April 2006 issue: Rainwater harvesting. From rooftop catchment for domestic supplies to rainwater harvesting to boost groundwater levels, these techniques promise to make the most of each drop where it falls. Articles will include the 1–2–1 programme in Gansu, China, the feasibility of domestic RWH in East Africa, and CSE's

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