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19–26 November 2007

Latin America Regional Sanitation Conference, Cali, Colombia.

This event, organized by Water and Sanitation Program – Latin America and the Caribbean (WSP-LAC), Colombian Vice Ministry of Water and Sanitation, CINARA (Colombia) and UNICEF, is one of a series of regional sanitation conferences in support of the 2008 International Year of Sanitation Proposed programme:

- panel discussions on achieving the sanitation MDGs
- thematic sessions and presentation of best practices regarding various aspects of sanitation, hygiene and wastewater treatment
- the signing of a declaration by the ministers of the participating countries.

For further information, contact: Francois Brikké and Martin Gauss, WSP-LAC, wspandean@worldbank.org and read http://www.wsp.org/filez/newsletter/3302007122620_Access40.pdf

19 November 2007

World Toilet Day, worldwide.

This day, organized by the World Toilet Organization (WTO), is aimed at encouraging people in all countries to take action, increasing awareness of the toilet users' right to a better toilet environment, and to lobby for increased access to toilets and sanitation for all. Various sanitation-related events are planned for this day around the world.

For further information, visit <http://www.worldtoilet.org/> and contact: WTO, Singapore, info@worldtoilet.org

25–28 November 2007

Brazil International Conference on Sustainable Sanitation 'Food and Water Security for Latin America', Fortaleza, Ceara, Brazil.

This is being organized by: ECOSANLAC Saneamiento Ecologico en Latinoamérica y Caribe, Federal University of Ceará (UFC), and the IWA specialist group on reuse-oriented sanitation. The aim of the conference is to increase the communication and exchange between practitioners and researchers. In particular, the conference intends to provide a forum for Latin American representatives to share their experiences, while providing direct exposure to the state-of-the-art in other regions of the world.

For further information, visit <http://www.ecosanlac.org/>

18–21 December 2007

International Conference on Water, Environment, Energy and Society (WEES), Roorkee, India.

Organized by: National Institute of Hydrology (India) and Texas A & M University (USA)

Themes include:

- Water and environment (incl. water resources development, management and conservation; water resources management under uncertainty; climate change; integrated watershed management; pollution of water bodies and sanitation)

- Water for energy
- Water for other uses (irrigation, industry, rural development, ecosystems and forestry)
- Water for society (incl. water demand management; municipal water supply systems; privatization, conflict resolution; capacity building; policy analysis; water politics, law, and public apathy; economics)

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For further information, contact: National Institute of Hydrology, India, fax: +91-1332-277281, wees2007@gmail.com or visit <http://www.cig.ensmp.fr/~iahs/conferences/2007Roorkee.pdf>

3–4 December 2007

Asia Pacific Water Forum Summit, Oita, Japan.

This event is organized by: Asia Pacific Water Forum and Japan Water Forum (JWF), and is sponsored by: Asian Development Bank (ADB) and JWF.

Expected participants include heads of governments and water ministry representatives of the 49 countries and regions in the Asia Pacific region; representatives of parliaments, local governments, private sectors, academics, civil societies, development agencies and media

Themes include:

- water financing (lead organization - ADB)
- water-related disaster management (ICHARM)
- water for development and ecosystems (IUCN, FAO)

For further information, contact: Japan Water Forum (JWF), office@apwf.org or visit <http://www.apwf.org/project/index.html>

Coming up in the January 2008 issue ...

we got to in reaching the sanitation target of the millennium development goals? Can the national coverage statistics be relied upon? What are the most promising programmes for bringing sanitation and hygiene to all?

Sanitation. The January 2008 edition of *Waterlines* is the first in *Waterlines'* new format: more pages and including longer, peer-reviewed articles (see p5). To mark this change, and with regard to the International Year of Sanitation, *Waterlines* will ask, where have

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