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The IWRA was established in the early 1970s by the legendary visionary Ven Te Chow to improve water resources management worldwide through dialogue, knowledge, education, and research. One of the most important ways the Association has achieved its objectives has been through its triennial World Water Congresses, which have provided excellent platforms for knowledge information and dissemination in different parts of the globe.

The last congress, in 2005, was held in New Delhi; the next one will be in Brazil in 2011. This year, we are meeting in Europe, in beautiful, historic Montpellier, France, to enjoy the early days of a Mediterranean September. The XIII IWRA World Water Congress, with the timely theme of Global Changes and Water Resources, will provide a unique platform for members and non-members alike to discuss technical, economic, social, environmental and cultural water-related issues – what they are, what they are likely to be, and what we can do to address them.

The world’s water problems pose changing, multidimensional and multidisciplinary challenges to development, policy, society, and, I should say, to the intellect. Global changes, especially, but not exclusively those of climate, are on everyone’s mind. Yet, even in the 21st century the immense potential of water management for development and improvement of humankind and the environment are too frequently underestimated. We hope you will join us in Montpellier to discuss, question, and propose alternative solutions for current and emerging water problems.

Through events such as the Montpellier Congress, IWRA seeks to fulfil its duty as a well-established organisation to take a leading international role in influencing water policy and governance through knowledge generation and dissemination. In fact, it was IWRA who conceived the idea, and made it a reality, of the World Water Council as an organisation committed to global water policy.

As the President of IWRA for the 2007-2009 period, let me encourage all our members to continue playing proactive roles to further the goals and objectives of our Association and to join us in the IWRA Congress. Non-members are more than welcome as well, to share with us your views, knowledge, concerns and expectations. Ours is an open-door, open-dialogue Association. I would also note that we do have one of the most modest membership fees around, that also provides you access to our journal, *Water International*.

Individually, each one of us can accomplish limited results. Together, we can bring synergy, and a much richer pool of knowledge. Together, we can make a visible impact, and help to ensure a water secure world for the future. Do join us in Montpellier!

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Cecilia Tortajada

Atizapan, Mexico and Zaragoza, Spain
Following the success of the congresses in Melbourne (2000), Madrid (2003) and Delhi (2005), we are greatly honoured to organise in Montpellier, France the XIIIth World Water Congress in September 2008, under the auspices of the International Water Resources Association (IWRA).

The ongoing interest of Montpellier and its region, Languedoc Rousillon in water issues began many centuries ago. Impressive witnesses to this heritage that has sculpted the landscape and the hearts and minds of the region’s inhabitants are still visible today: the Pont du Gard, built by the Roman Empire to supply water for the city of Nîmes; the Aqueduc du Peyrou (early 18th Century) built by the world famous engineer, Pitot, in the heart of Montpellier; the complex development planning of the Camargue wetlands within the Rhône River delta (19th Century); and more recently, the construction of the Bas-Rhône Languedoc canal and its associated hydro-agricultural infrastructure.

Today, Montpellier offers diverse and complementary expertise in the field of water sciences and related research. Thanks to strong local links between the scientific community, local authorities and private companies, Montpellier is undoubtedly one of the most significant skill centres in Europe in the field of water. Its scientific community specialises in studies on the improvement of water management in the context of environmental sustainability under the constraints of global climate change.

The various calls to participate at the Congress are a promising success: we have now received over 1200 pre-registrations from 125 countries. 400 abstracts have been selected for oral presentation and 400 for the poster sessions during the Congress. 16 special sessions are planned, dealing with pressing and topical subjects. 4 side-events and 18 technical visits are available to congress participants. Several distinguished international personalities have accepted to deliver the keynote lectures and the French government has given its support through the Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Planning and Development and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs. The Congress is officially labelled by the French Coordination for Water and is a part of the French contribution to the 2008 International Year of the Planet Earth.

We thank the sponsors who are supporting this event: together they represent the large family of the water world: government agencies, local authorities, education and research establishments, associations, and large and small companies.

The Congress will also be an event for the citizens, including the youngest, of Montpellier and its region, with numerous public events (film festival, shows, exhibitions, etc.). It is an excellent opportunity to meet and get to know water specialists from all over the world, hopefully with fruitful future exchanges.

We look forward warmly to greeting you at the XIIIth World Water Congress.

Welcome to Europe,
Welcome to the Mediterranean border,
Welcome to the south of France,
Welcome to Montpellier!

Dr. Pierre Chevallier
Director Languedoc Research Institute for Water and Environment

Dr. Bernard Pouyaud
President Association VERSeau Développement

Dr. Eric Servat
Director Hydrosciences Montpellier Laboratory
The City

Venue and Dates

VENUE
The XIIIth IWRA World Water Congress will take place at the Corum at the heart of the Mediterranean city of Montpellier, France.

CONGRESS DATES
1-4 September 2008

FRANCE – THE HOST COUNTRY
France, the largest country in Western Europe, girt by four seas (North Sea, the Channel, Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea) and flanked by mountain ranges (Pyrenees, Alps, Jura and the Vosges) offers to visitors a real diversity of landscapes and climates from one side to the other of the "Hexagon".

With its rich historical tapestry passing from royalty and divine right to the Republic and democracy, the passage of time has profoundly marked the nation politically and has given rise to its rich culture and impressive architecture. France's heart lies very close to the diversity of her regions where the joining of traditional heritage and modern culture has always inspired excellence in creativity, whether in art and fashion, gastronomy and wine, and across industry, including leading-edge aeronautics and other high-tech sectors.

ABOUT MONTPELLIER
Montpellier is one of the very first Western European cities to establish universities, in the 13th Century. Montpellier and its environs possess a richness in quality and diversity and a critical mass in the field of water sciences and related fields.

This renders it uniquely positioned in France and probably in Europe as the host of the XIIIth IWRA World Water Congress. Montpellier is geographically situated as an open portal between the developed countries of the North and the Mediterranean and tropical nations where the improvement of the conditions for water resources usage remains a mandatory requirement for sustainable development.

Montpellier provides world-class congress facilities at a place where the climate, the history, the southern French landscapes of coastlines, vineyards, "garrigue", and mountains combine with the famous Mediterranean quality of life to make this Congress a unique event.

For more information about Montpellier visit: www.enjoy-montpellier.com

HOW TO GET THERE

AIR
Montpellier's international airport has connections to 60 destinations across France, Europe and worldwide. It is serviced by main airlines and low-cost companies. Visit the airport website for more information: http://www.montpellier.aeroport.fr

For other air options, you may also consider nearby regional airports such as Barcelona, Lyon, Marseille, Beziers, Carcassone, Nimes or Perpignan.

TRAIN
With 11 daily services from Paris aboard France's famous TGV, the centre of Montpellier is only a 3.5 hour train ride away. Direct fast train services (TGV) to Montpellier are also available from key European cities such as Brussels, Geneva, Lyon or Marseille. Visit www.sncf.fr for more information.

ROAD
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The objective of the XIIIth World Water Congress is to enhance the world’s knowledge and raise global consciousness of the impact of global changes on water resources. The Congress contributes to the study of our planet’s water resources by bringing together wide-interest participation, conferences and communications. This Congress is an important occasion on a global scale for open dialogue between public and private partners, between users and decision makers and between developing, emerging and developed countries. To achieve these objectives, the Congress will organise numerous debates, presentations and exhibitions among key water stakeholders.

The interactions between water resources and global changes are numerous and complex. Much is at stake for the future. The global change concept is made of three interdependent fields:

1. **The intrinsic natural variability** of the environment is a permanent characteristic today as it has been in the near and the distant past. Water is a key player in this variability, acting all over the Earth’s surface as a medium of matter transport, a sculptor of landscapes and a source of life and evolution.

2. **The impact of human societies** that modify their environment to their needs, particularly for crop and animal production, industrial activities as well as urbanisation. The monitoring and the integrated management of water resources represent decisive factors in these vital priorities for humanity.

3. **Current climate change**, visible since approximately one century ago, and its predominantly anthropological origins today receive general consensus from the scientific community. Global warming, a premier instance of global change, is strongly impacting the extent of glacier and snow cover; it also has a probable effect on precipitation and water flow regimes; and on the frequency and intensity of extreme events such as floods and droughts.

These three fields of climate change are undoubtedly inseparable. Recently however, tendencies have surged to set apart the third domain, climate change, from the two other fields, imputing that this alone is the cause of the adverse effects of global change. This is oversimplification. At a global scale, the water cycle is a complex system, where exchanges are always in flux, and where it is not possible to separate the impacts due to natural or anthropological influences, since a true state of equilibrium never exists. In reality, the stated dysfunctions of the water cycle and other related cycles are attributed to imbalances whose causes are varied and not just linked to climate change. The gap in the appreciation of water usage between the North and South is a real concern where perception and understanding of water uses differs. In the richest and most developed countries, water use issues relate to industrial needs and to the private consumer demands for leisure and domestic water. On the other hand, in less-developed countries, where economies and development are based mainly on agriculture, water uses and challenges relate mainly to crops and livestock.

In the future, water resources and the demands placed upon it at the local and regional scales, will become increasingly complex and disparities in access to water resources will grow. More than ever before, water will be a key issue for society and will drive mankind to undertake new initiatives to invent new approaches. However, the fundamental objective remains identical – to ensure that every human being has sufficient access to good quality water resources in the coming decades.
GLOBAL CHANGES AND WATER RESOURCES: confronting the expanding and diversifying pressures

1. WATER AVAILABILITY, USE AND MANAGEMENT
   • Integrated water resources management
   • Water quality management: surface and ground water
   • Hydrological diagnosis and forecasting
   • Regional sessions (Africa, Mediterranean Basin, North America, Latin America, Asia, Australia and Pacific Islands, Europe; water management for monsoon countries)

2. TOWARDS THE FUTURE: WATER RESOURCES AND GLOBAL CHANGES:
   • Implications of assuring water, energy and food security
   • Impacts of trade and globalisation on the water sector
   • Technological development (biotechnology, desalination, etc.)
   • Population growth, urbanisation and economic development
   • Information and communication revolution
   • Human development, economic changes and water
   • Urbanisation, megacities, towns and rural areas
   • Expanding slums and informal sectors

3. CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTERS
   • Post-2007 IPCC Report: implications for the water sector
   • Linking climatology, hydrology and water resources management
   • How good is our knowledge base?
   • How to manage water under increasing climatic fluctuations
   • Earthquakes, cyclones, hurricanes and tsunamis
   • Forced migration

4. DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE
   • Food security, irrigation, food trade and markets
   • Urban infrastructure
   • Data, monitoring and information technology
   • Risk management: linking structural and non-structural approaches for flood and drought management
   • Environmental investments

5. WATER GOVERNANCE AND WATER SECURITY
   • Water governance: best practices
   • Managing water under conflicts and cooperation: Security threat implications
   • Multiple and multisectional uses
   • Transboundary river basins and shared aquifers
   • Instruments for water quality management
   • Water access as a human right
   • Improving legal and institutional frameworks
   • Role of local authorities and civil society

6. WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT
   • Economic instruments and water pricing
   • The social aspect of water
   • Water reuse and conservation technologies
   • Roles of the private sector
   • Education and public awareness

7. FINANCING WATER DEVELOPMENT
   • Private: Public Partnerships
   • Use of economic instruments
   • Roles of bilateral and multilateral institutions and donors
   • Innovative financial approaches
   • Role of micro-credit and local financing mechanism

8. CAPACITY BUILDING
   • South-South knowledge and experience transfer
   • New and innovative ways to build capacity at all levels
Around 400 Oral Presentations have been selected for the Congress to deal with the various issues surrounding Global Changes and Water Resources. The presentations will be spread over several parallel sessions and organised by theme over the four days of the Congress. Simultaneous translation between French/English and English/French will be available for two of the parallel sessions. Registered Congress participants have access to all the oral sessions.

ARTICLE FORMAT

- All articles should preferably be in PDF format or in exceptional cases MsWord may be accepted.
- The file size must be less than 10Mb and the article no more than 15 pages.
- Articles must be written in single-spaced, with figures and tables included.
- Footnotes are not allowed. All material must be incorporated into the text.
- References should be double-spaced and in alphabetical order. Cite references in the text by author(s) and date; for example, White (1998) or (White, 1998). Do not use a numbering system with your references.

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR ORAL PRESENTERS

- Each oral presentation has been allocated 15 minutes (10mins presentation / 5mins questions). Presenters are particularly asked to respect the time limits.
- Presentations must be made by one of the authors of the accepted paper. Note that papers not represented by an author at the Congress will be rejected.
- All presenters shall bring their own presentation material (eg powerpoint slides) stored on a USB memory stick or CD. Own laptops may not be used to make the presentation.
- An LCD data projector and computer will be available for all presentations.
- We strongly recommend all presenters to adhere to the instructions in the following link on how to make a successful computer presentation http://wwc2008.msem.univ-montp2.fr/resource/RES133.pdf

CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS AND ARTICLE SUBMISSION

In order to harness the knowledge generated and shared during the Congress, all Oral Presentations are accompanied by a full article that will be published in the XIIIth World Water Congress – Congress Proceedings. This will be an official publication in electronic format, which will be distributed to all Congress participants.

All presenters must upload their full article into our online database for it to be published in the Congress proceedings. The deadline for article submission has been extended to 15 April 2008. To do so please follow the steps below:

2. Login with your username and password
3. Click on “My abstracts”
4. Click on “Upload or Update” for the corresponding accepted abstract.
Poster sessions

Approximately 400 Poster Presentations have been chosen by the International Scientific Committee for their quality and importance to global knowledge sharing. These represent the showpiece of the Poster Sessions of the World Water Congress. One full day Poster Session will be organised at the heart of the Congress over each of its four days.

POSTER FORMAT FOR PRESENTATION

• The poster must be A0 in size (841 mm x 1189 mm) and in portrait / vertical format.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR POSTER PRESENTERS

• Poster sessions will have a duration of one day.
• Presenters should accompany their poster during their session and are encouraged to bring flyers for distribution to fellow congressists.
• Presentations must be made by one of the authors of the accepted paper.
• Disposable material will be provided by the Congress for putting up the posters (velcro, adhesive gum).
• Presenters are responsible for printing and bringing their own poster to the Congress. The Organising Committee will not be providing any printing services.
• Please do not send your poster to the Organising Secretariat - storage services will not be provided.

CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS – POSTER AND ARTICLE SUBMISSION

In order to be published in the congress proceedings, all presenters must upload their full poster to the website database. The final submission date has been extended to 15 April 2008. So as to make the most of the work and knowledge generated by the posters, we encourage all presenters to complement their poster with a full written article that will also be published in the Congress Proceedings. These proceedings will be an official publication in electronic format, which will be distributed to all Congress participants. Presenters can submit their work by following the steps below:

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In order to further promote knowledge sharing and cooperation in, amongst and between water organisations and stakeholders to tackle the emerging issues surrounding Global Changes and Water Resources - the Congress will be hosting multiple special sessions organised by various international and national organisations. You are warmly invited to participate in these special sessions that will be held at the same facilities as the Congress from 1-4 September 2008. Access is free for all registered Congress participants. Confirmed special sessions to date are listed below. Additional special sessions will be announced in due course on the Congress web site.

Special sessions

- **10 years of the Brazilian Water Law: achievements and new challenges**
  Organised by - Agência Nacional de Águas (ANA), Brazil

- **Assessment of climate change impact on the Arab Region**
  Organised by - Arab Water Council

- **Challenges and current trends in agricultural research for improving water use and management in cropping systems**
  Organised by - Agropolis Foundation for agronomy and sustainable development, France

- **Challenge Program on Water and Food: Water, agriculture and poverty alleviation in basin focal projects**
  Organised by - International Water Management Institute, Challenge Programme Water and Food

- **Transboundary Aquifer Systems**
  Organised by - Académie de l’Eau, France; University Partners for Transboundary Waters, USA; Kings College, London, United Kingdom

  Organised by - Agences de l’Eau, France

- **Future trends of water and food security in Central Asia**
  Organised by - Altera, Netherlands

- **Imagining future waterscapes in the Mekong region**
  Organised by - Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), France; Mekong Program on Water Environment and Resilience (MPower); Finnish Environment Institute, Finland

- **Water in mountains**
  Organised by - Institut de la Montagne, France

- **Normalisation and innovation / Research in the water sector - the bridges required in the European context**
  Organised by - Association Française de Normalisation (AFNOR), France

- **Towards More Effective Water Governance: Laws and Institutions for Adaptive Water Management**
  Organised by - Environmental Law Institute, USA

- **Risk management for water in the Mediterranean region, an example of actions in research/development**
  Organised by - Pôle de Compétitivité Risques: Gestion des risques et vulnérabilité des territoires, France

- **Scientific and technological innovation in water management in Japan and promotion of international collaboration**
  Organised by - Japan national committee of International Water Resources Association

- **Sustainable financing to ensure affordable access to water and sanitation: lessons from the OECD**
  Organised by - Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

- **Integrated and participative water management in the Mediterranean area: implementing the move towards demand side management**
  Organised by - NECEC; CIRED

- **Hydropolitics in the Middle East: equitable sharing for the appropriate utilisation of water masses**
  Organised by - Université Notre Dame, Lebanon; Université de la Sagesse, Lebanon
Angel Gurría, *OECD Secretary-General*
Angel Gurría took up the post of Secretary-General of the OECD on 1 June 2006 following a distinguished career in Mexico’s public service, including: Minister of Foreign Affairs (1994 – 1998) and Minister of Finance and Public Credit (1998 – 2000). Mr. Gurría developed a close relationship with the OECD, overseeing the initial years of Mexico’s membership and chairing the OECD’s Ministerial Council Meeting in 1999.

He served as Mexico’s Permanent Representative to the International Coffee Organisation, based in London, from 1976 to 1978, and held various roles in the financial area of Mexico’s Federal Electricity Commission, National Development Bank (Nafinsa), Rural Development Fund, and the Office of the Mayor of Mexico City. Following a 14-year tenure at Mexico’s Finance Ministry from 1978 to 1992, he became President and CEO of Mexico’s export-import bank, Bancomext in 1992. In 1993, Mr. Gurría was appointed President and CEO of Mexico’s national development bank, Nacional Financiera.

Michel Jarraud, *OMM Secretary-General*
Michel Jarraud was appointed Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organisation by the Fourteenth World Meteorological Congress and took up his post on 1 January 2004. He was re-appointed by the Fifteenth World Meteorological Congress for a second four-year term starting 1 January 2008. Before joining the WMO Secretariat as Deputy Secretary-General in January 1995, Mr Jarraud devoted part of his career to the internationally renowned European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF). He was appointed Deputy Director of the Centre in 1991, having been Director of the Operational Department since 1990. From June 1978 to December 1985, he was a Researcher in numerical weather prediction at ECMWF. Mr Jarraud started his career with the French National Meteorological Service, Météo-France, as a researcher (September 1976-May 1978). He joined Météo-France again in January 1986 as Director of the Weather Forecasting Department, until December 1989.

Sanjit “Bunker” Roy, *Founder of the Barefoot College and the Global Rainwater Harvesting Collective*
Since founding the Social Work and Research Centre in 1972, Roy has been living in Tilonia, a village in one of India’s largest, driest and poorest states and devoting his life to bettering the conditions of the rural poor. Better known as the Barefoot College, the centre has trained two generations of villagers without any formal paper qualifications to become health-care workers, solar engineers, hand-pump mechanics and teachers in their communities. Thanks largely to its efforts, over 100,000 people in 110 villages now have access to safe drinking water, education, health and employment.

Luis Carlos Guedes Pinto, *Former Brazilian Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply*
Luis Carlos Guedes Pinto graduated in Agronomy Engineering in 1965 and earned his PhD in Agronomy in 1973 at “Luiz de Queiroz” Agricultural College, University of São Paulo (ESALQ/USP). Between 1973-1982 he participated in the creation of EMBRAPA (Brazilian Agency for Agricultural Research), became Chief of Staff to the President and Head of the Technical Advising Unit, among other responsibilities. In 2003-2004 he was president of CONAB, Brazil’s crop supply agency. He held the post of Vice Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply in 2005-2006. He was Brazilian Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply for the period 2006-2007.
Water related events organised by other distinguished organisations will be held in the days before or following the World Water Congress. All registered Congress participants are invited to attend these events free of charge, depending on availability. Interested participants are requested to confirm their participation in advance; an online form will soon be available on the Congress website to do so. The confirmed side events to date are listed below. Additional side events will be announced in due course on the Congress website.

- **GOVERNANCE OF WATER CONFLICTS POLICIES BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL AND TERRITORIAL LEVELS**
  Organised by: Centre d’Études du Politique en Europe Latine UMR CNRS 5112
  Date: 4-5 September 2008
  This event is based on several research programs (ECOS North and South; Federative Program “Agriculture and sustainable development”,….) and will involve several scientific networks in Europe, Southern and northern America and Middle East (SMART, LEA CNRS ETAPES,….).
  Five key topics will be addressed: 1/ Conflicts of uses and territorial integrated management of resources; 2/ Multilevel and territorialised configurations policies in water management; 3/ Translations by the local configurations (actor systems) of public action of imported devices and international regulations; 4/ Democratic management of water and users participation to the policy process; 5/ “Water’s war” approaches and theory.

- **AQUASTRESS - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN WATER MANAGEMENT**
  Organised by: AquaStress consortium represented by Cemagref
  Date: 5 September 2008
  AquaStress will be an opportunity to provide to the international community feedback about the achievements of the AquaStress European Integrated project (6th PCRD). The main goal of the project (2005-2009) is to develop stakeholder driven, European scale, comprehensive integrated approaches to the diagnosis, prognosis and mitigation of water stress. This event will present the main results of the 6 Work Blocks (field activities and stakeholder forums; Characterisation of systems and water stress; Water stress mitigation options; Infrastructure to support solutions processes; Testing, Validation and Evaluation; Dissemination and Training) and the 8 test sites (Portugal, Netherlands, Sardinia, Poland, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Tunisia and Morocco).

- **XXIst SEMINAR OF INTERNATIONAL CLIMATOLOGY ASSOCIATION CLIMATE AND CLIMATE RISKS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION**
  Organised by: GESTER (Gestion des Sociétés des Territoires et des Risques) of Paul Valéry University, Montpellier and the International Climatology Association in partnership with Météo- France.
  Date: 9-13 September 2008
  Over half of the expected 250 participants originate from other countries in Europe, Africa and South America. The objective of this side event is to promote Francophone research in the fields of fundamental and applied climatology. The event will provide a forum for networking and sharing the latest knowledge in the fields relating to climate: global warming, water resources, renewable energies, climate and tourism, climate and risks.

- **SOCIETY, WATER AND HEALTH IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION**
  Organised by: Mediterranean Agronomic Institute, Montpellier (IAM.M) and University Montpellier 1
  Date: 5 September 2008
  Population increase and pressure on natural resources has been rising rapidly in the Mediterranean region. Water as a rare resource, is used for agriculture (80% in Mediterranean regions), but also for domestic, tourist and industrial purposes. Current and potential conflicts show the importance of multi-thematic and inter-institutional approaches for:
  - Identification of zones and where shortages are critical, and how management policies can solve these problems; and
  - Water access rights and how global health policy can regulate diseases linked to water quality.
Public events and youth involvement

Cultural events will be held throughout Montpellier and its environs under the banner of the XIIIth World Water Congress. Regular updates and information are available on the Congress website.

- **THE STREETS OF MONTPELLIER ALIVE WITH WATER**
The fountains of Montpellier city will be honouring the occasion with colour water shows throughout the duration of the Congress.

- **EXHIBITIONS**
Educational events, photos and contemporary art exhibitions are programmed for Montpellier during September.

- **FILM FESTIVAL**
The first edition of the International Spot Film Festival for the Environment will be held in Montpellier during the Congress.

- **WATER AND ART**
The Fabre Museum of Montpellier proposes special guided visits linking water and art, including a unique exhibition of the famous French artist, Gustave Courbet and a tour of the museum’s permanent collections related to water.

- **CONFERENCES**
Several conferences open to the public will be organised during the Congress.

- **EDUCATIONAL EVENTS**
Centres for associations and associations themselves will organise events about water throughout the year, in Montpellier and in its surrounding regions.

- **INVOLVING SCHOOLS**
The students involved in the Montpellier JRD club for Water, Soil and Climate will present their works to the Congress participants (A Lycée Jules Guesde and IRD joint project).

A special leaflet will detail the programme of events open to congressists.
Technical visits

The Congress will provide the opportunity for you to experience some of the Mediterranean region’s water management highlights. Technical visits of short and full day duration will be conducted from 5-7 September 2008 at an additional cost (including transport and lunch where appropriate). A service for you to reserve these visits will soon be available on-line. They may also be reserved in Montpellier during the congress depending on remaining availability. To date, the following technical visits are confirmed and available. The Congress website contains more detailed information on each visit and will announce any additional visits in due course.

■ VISIT N°1
Management of agricultural impacts on water resources in rural areas. Visit to the Roujan and Neffiès catchment basins. (Full day)

■ VISIT N°2
L’Etang de l’Or. Lagoon and wetland, water quality and management of natural environments. The RAMSAR and Natura 2000 site, “birds” and “habitats”. Management: lagoon contract. (Full day)

■ VISIT N°3
Hérault river catchment basin. Concerted management of a typical Mediterranean catchment basin and water sharing. Water infrastructure management plan. (Full day)

■ VISIT N°4
Impact of Mediterranean rainfall events on karstic systems. Karstic systems in Nimes and Aumelas. Taking underground reservoirs into account in flood alert systems. (Full day)

■ VISIT N°5
Flood risk management. Operational demonstration (Forecasting Services). Real-time flood risk management tools. (Half day)

■ VISIT N°6
Water transfer infrastructure in the Rhone. Key installations in the regional hydraulic network. Visits to capture, transfer, pumping and management infrastructure. Regional perspective – Aqua 2020. (Half day)

■ VISIT N°7
Nimes, urban flood warning system: ESPADA. Warning centre of the city of Nimes: forecasting tools and flood management in urban areas (Grand Prix of French Engineering 2006). (Half day)

■ VISIT N°8
Thau Lagoon. From the fight against erosion in marine environments to qualitative management of the catchment basin. An example of integrated management of coastal zones. Governance tools that enable holistic integrated management (biodiversity, shell fish centre). (Full day)

■ VISIT N°9
Water and energy. Infrastructure development along the Rhone River. The hydro-electric station in Vallabrègues. Hydraulic infrastructure and protection of the environment. Visit to the Pont du Gard. (Full day)

■ VISIT N°10
La Narbonnaise. Actions in governance for a sustainable environment. Water management programme « Eau’Dyssee »: composting plant and re-utilisation of waste water. (Full day)

■ VISIT N°11
The Lez spring. The capture, treatment and supply of drinking water for the city of Montpellier. One of the largest karstic sources in Europe. (Half day)

■ VISIT N°12
Waste water treatment in the Agglomeration of Montpellier – the latest in technology. Working together to manage the waters of the Lez catchment basin. The restoration of the river and its ecosystem. (Half day)
VISIT N°13
The Camargue: vast wetlands declared of National Interest which include the Rhone delta and periphery zones. Camargue National Reserve. Infrastructure and water management (fresh water / salt water). Visit to Aigues Mortes. (Full day)

VISIT N°14
Le Grau du Roi – waste water treatment and reutilisation project. Utilisation of tertiary lagoon treatment in wetlands and water reutilisation project for green spaces in urban areas. (Full day)

VISIT N°15
Public information and awareness raising about the environment and the management of the water environment. Restinclières Departmental Domaine. Infrastructure and water management plan for the Lez, Mosson and the Etangs of Palavas. (Half day)

VISIT N°16
Hydraulic infrastructure and water re-utilisation in the Orb catchment basin. Seasonal variations due to tourism and seasonal resource protection (Geoassev process in Sérignan). (Full day)

VISIT N°17
From the identification to the management of water resources in Mediterranean karstic environments. Karstic systems of the Lez river and of Cent Fonts. (Full day)

VISIT N°18
Coastal karstic systems. Underwater karstic resurgences (la Vise) and coastal resurgences (Fontestramar). Complex systems that require specific techniques and approaches (autonomous underwater vehicles). (Full day)
Technical exhibition (stands)

The Congress is a unique opportunity for your organisation to access world leading water professionals, researchers, scientists, decision makers, users and stakeholders.

The available exhibition space, located at the heart of the Congress facilities, is highly visible and accessible during the entire Congress. It represents an excellent opportunity to communicate with public and private organisations, decision-makers, water stakeholders and the general public. Organisations are warmly invited to reserve an exhibition space during this global occasion.

SALE CONDITIONS
The costs for the stands are:

Surface Area Cost (ex. tax)
• A space of 9m² 4.000 €
• Additional modules of 3m² 1.300 € per module
• Exhibitors may purchase multiple additional 3m² modules to optimise their stand.

FREE ACCESS TO THE CONGRESS
In order to enable your organisation to make the most of the Congress, two free passes (valued at 1000 €) for your organisation to participate during the entire 4 days of the Congress will be included in the sale of each stand.

RESERVE YOUR STAND
To reserve your stand or for more information about the stands please visit:

or contact us at:

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**Local and regional tourism**

To discover Montpellier and the region, three organised local and regional tours are proposed by Enjoy Montpellier for an additional fee. These tours may be reserved from our internet site during the registration processes. They can also be reserved “on-site” during the Congress depending on availability.

### ST. GUILHEM LE DESERT – CLAMOUSE’S CAVES
**HALF-DAY TOUR LUNCH INCLUDED**

Departure from Montpellier’s Corum in the morning, then through the vine growing villages of Gignac and Aniane to the Devil’s Bridge - France’s oldest romance structure. Arrival to St-Guilhem-le-Désert. This picturesque village is built around an old abbey. Guided tour of the 11th century abbey. Walk through the lanes and discover the village. Departure for a guided tour of the caves of Clamouse. You will be struck by the abundance and dimensions of the cave’s formations. Lunch and return to Montpellier.

### AIGUES-MORTES
**HALF-DAY TOUR**

Departure from Montpellier’s Corum in the afternoon. Sight-seeing bus tour of sea-side resort, La Grande Motte, famous for its pyramid shaped buildings. Continuation onto a guided visit of the town of Aigues-Mortes, the French kingdom’s first Mediterranean port. When the Edict of Nantes was revoked in 1685, the ramparts and towers of Aigues-Morts were turned into a large prison for Protestants. This port remains one the most extraordinary and most well-preserved medieval fortifications in Europe. Also from here is a unique panoramic view over the Camargue wetlands.

### GUIDED TOUR OF MONTPELLIER
**2 HOUR WALKING TOUR**

Taking a walk in Montpellier is to discover a city of a thousand facets: La Place de la Comédie, an unmissable destination in Montpellier, one the vast pedestrian spaces of Europe overlooked by the Opéra Comédie and filled with street artists as well as numerous outdoor cafés and restaurants. The historical centre, Ecusson, is known for its shopping and old stone structures. Saint Pierre cathedral that shares its walls with the oldest still functioning Medical University in Western Europe. Peyrou Esplanade with its royal place in which sits the immense statue of Louis XIV. The medieval mikvés (ritual Jewish baths).

### OTHER VISITS

will be made available such as the roman city of Nîmes and the Pont du Gard, Larzac plateau (renowned Roquefort cheese) and the Viaduc of Millau. These will be announced on the website in due course.

### MORE ABOUT MONTPELLIER AND ITS REGION

Montpellier is located in the south of France with its celebrated Mediterranean lifestyle. Taking advantage of the long summer days, you can explore its old medieval town or just travel a short distance after the Congress day to nearby Mediterranean beaches and regional seaside towns. Travelling about Montpellier and its environs is easy with its world class tram system. Buses, car hire or taxis are also available to get out and discover the region.

To learn more about Montpellier and the region, please visit the Tourism Office of Montpellier: [http://www.ot-montpellier.fr/en/](http://www.ot-montpellier.fr/en/)
WELCOME COCKTAIL
All Congress participants are invited to attend the welcome cocktail on the inaugurating evening of the Congress. It will be held at the Corum in the Congress facilities, and be an opportunity to meet other participants and discuss in a relaxed environment. The welcome cocktail is free of charge for all registered participants.

CULTURAL EVENT
One of France’s top art galleries, Fabre Museum will hold special evenings linking art and water. “Courbet and water” showcases one of France’s finest 19th century artists, Gustave Courbet and his works about water. The evening includes guided visits of a special and unique exhibition of Courbet’s works and the museum’s permanent water collections.

The event is free for all registered congress participants, however reservations are mandatory. The main event will be held on 3 September and additional evenings will be organised in accordance with demand. An online service will soon be available to reserve your place.

GALA DINNER
The gala dinner is the premier social and networking event of the XIIIth IWRA World Water Congress. It will be held on the evening of the 3rd September 2008, following the Cultural Event (described above). With fine French cuisine and light entertainment, it will also be the occasion for the awarding of IWRA prizes.

To ensure availability, reservations for the Gala Dinner should be made in advance. The cost is 60 Euros (incl. tax) and reservations can be made through the normal Congress registration process either directly online or by completing and returning the Congress registration form (visit wwc2008.msem.univ-montp2.fr/index.php?page=registration).

PRESS/MEDIA CENTRE
Press relations
During the congress, a « Press Point » and a Press Room will be available for all journalists at the Corum.

A « Press Space » will also be available to Press professionals on the web site of the Congress. In this space you will find:
• Press kits in French and in English;
• A choice of photos selected from the photo libraries of partner organisations
• Other key press information
• A review of suggestions for reports and articles involving scientists or professionals specialized in water resources.

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MEETING ROOM
A meeting room is available for reservation in 2 hour blocks during the Congress at the heart of the Congress facilities. We encourage participants to use this service to organise any significant meetings with other participants during the Congress. The room is free of charge to all participants according to availability and has a capacity of 15-20 people. Please contact the Secretariat of the World Water Congress for more details on how to reserve: wwc2008.msem.univ-montp2.fr
Registration: cost / options and accommodation

Registration is mandatory to attend or present at the Congress. Until May 31st 2008 you may benefit from the early registration fees of 500 € for non-members, 400 € for IWRA members** and 250 € for students. A daily tariff is also available at 200 € per day.

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION includes
• Admission to all of the main sessions of the XIIIth World Water Congress from 1-4 September 2008;
• Admission to all related special sessions and side events;
• Congress proceedings;
• A welcome kit with programme and documentation;
• Morning and afternoon coffee/tea breaks during the four Congress days;
• Welcome reception and cultural event.

SPOUSES AND PARTNERS are also encouraged to attend the event for a special tariff of 150 €. This includes:
• Welcome cocktail
• Congress cultural event
• A guided visit of Montpellier
• Tram and bus travelpass
• Entry to the Fabre Museum

The National Organising Committee is endeavouring to make the Congress a pleasant and convenient experience. Additional services have been organised for a supplementary fee and may be reserved during the standard Congress registration process including lunches and accommodation.

LUNCHES
For those who would like to discover the Montpellier’s culinary choices, the Congress is located a short walk to the city centre where a wide range of dining is available to suit all budgets from international fast food to high quality French dining.

For those who want to make the most of the Congress, buffet style lunches with quality foods from our Mediterranean caterers are available daily at the Congress facilities. Note that these buffet lunches must be reserved in advance during the participant registration process and are at an additional cost of 25 Euros per day. http://wwc2008.msem.univ-montp2.fr/index.php?page=registration

ACCOMMODATION
A range of accommodation options have been made available from 2 star to 4 star comfort levels at selected hotels within a short distance and with easy access to the Congress site. Please reserve these as soon as possible to ensure availability either directly on our website or by returning a completed reservation form by fax, post or email. http://wwc2008.msem.univ-montp2.fr/index.php?page=registration

PAYMENT METHODS

■ To PAY ONLINE using credit card (except American Express and Diners Club) please visit our website: http://wwc2008.msem.univ-montp2.fr/index.php?page=registration

■ To Pay by Post or Fax, please complete and return the registration and/or accommodation forms to us. The forms are downloadable from our website: http://wwc2008.msem.univ-montp2.fr/index.php?page=registration

■ For questions about any other payment options or registration, please contact: gestion@enjoy-montpellier.com

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* After 31 May 2008, the registration fees will rise by 100 € for all categories.
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IWRA aims to build and strengthen partnerships and mechanisms to address water resource problems worldwide. Its unique role is to serve as a bridge in providing information and networking people and organisations across geographical, disciplinary, sectoral and professional boundaries. The Association strongly endorses and promotes water resources education and research based on sound scientific, social and ethical principles, worldwide and for all sectors of society. In brief, it seeks to be international, interdisciplinary, and interesting.

Specifically, the Association aims to:
• Provide international, regional and national fora for water resources issues;
• Enhance the quality of knowledge used for decision-making;
• Promote cutting-edge research that improves understanding of water resource issues and policy options;
• Improve global access to water-related information;
• Facilitate exchanges of information and expertise between countries and professions; and
• Network with complementary organisations.

IWRA activities to achieve these aims include:
• Sponsorship of the triennial World Water Congress;
• Publication of Water International, the official journal of the Association (from 2008, co-published with Taylor & Francis);
• Publication of definitive books on different aspects of water management;
• Co-sponsorship of major conferences, symposia, seminars, workshops and training courses; and
• Maintenance of an interactive website.

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