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Early Bird Registrations for International Riversymposium & Environmental Flows Conference

Delegates of the 10th International Riversymposium and Environmental Flows Conference in Brisbane are being urged to submit their registrations now to take advantage of the early bird rate on offer until June 30.

The four day event will be held in Brisbane from 3 – 6 September 2007 and promises to be the largest to date with an inspirational and diverse program for all involved.

Riversymposium Chair, Professor Paul Greenfield, said they were proud to be working in partnership with The Nature Conservancy for the first time this year.

“This partnership will provide a better understanding of the topic of environmental flows with some of the world’s top river management experts across science, institutions, business and community here to share ideas, new science and best practice,” Professor Greenfield said.

“Good water management is difficult, and with urban populations steadily increasing, it is more urgent than ever to improve the situation. “

Over the four days experts will benefit from a number of changes to the symposium format including three sessions by the Federal Government on securing water for the environment through knowledge, policy and implementation.

Other special features include training sessions before and after the symposium, allowing delegates access to a variety of national and international experts, and key note speakers who will lead discussions on drought, floods, climate change, water quality and dams.

Professor Gerald Galloway, previously Brigadier General of the US Army Corps of Engineers will be one of the key note speakers and will discuss the problems in developing engineering and environmental solutions to a complex water resources problem.

“Dams are one solution to water problems but they aren’t the only answer, we must look at the impact they will have on people and their homes and also it’s impact on the environment. At the end of the day you must ask yourself if dams are the best option.”

The 10th International Riversymposium and Environmental Flows Conference will be held from 3 – 6 September 2007. More information on the Riverfestival program is available at www.riverfestival.com.au

Registrations for the conference are now open and an early bird rate applies for all delegates who register before the 30th June. Visit www.riversymposium.com for more information on registration and programming schedule.

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