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For the first time, the iconic River*symposium* moves out of Brisbane to Perth, Western Australia

"Rivers are quite literally the lifeblood of the living planet. History has shown that we must protect them, for in doing so we protect our very civilisation"
Tim Flannery, Chair Copenhagen Climate Council

The 13th International River*symposium* is a significant world event for water and river management, it contributes to global awareness and promotes the exchange of ideas, knowledge and technology between industry, science, community and environmental organisations. It addresses the many critical issues important to managing rivers from the protection of wild rivers to the human health implications of polluted rivers, governance and water markets, economics and water front celebrations.

Leading international scientists, industry experts, community groups, NGO's, lawyers economists, bureaucrats and corporations will gather to discuss all aspects of this limited and essential resource, exploring the challenges and solutions associated with attaining healthy rivers. Over 48% of those who attend the River*symposium*, are senior decision makers which ensures that the messages delivered can be incorporated into future action plans.

The 13th International River*symposium* will be held from 11-14 October 2010 for the first time since its inception, the event will move from Brisbane and be held at the Burswood Entertainment Complex in Perth, Western Australia. From now on the event will be held every second year in a capital city outside of Brisbane, so it will not be held in Perth again for many years to come.

The strength of the River*symposium* lies in the breadth and quality of its program content. The 2010 program will feature presentations on innovative practices and case studies from all over the world and a wide range of perspectives on river management for both people and ecosystem health.

Keynote speakers for 2010 include –

- Dr Leon Braat, The Netherlands
- Korean Representative of Office of National River Restoration, Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Korea
- Professor Richard Weller, University of Western Australia
- Roger Pulwarty, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA
- Dr Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt, Australian National University

Case studies to be presented include –

- The Drim River, Europe
- The Senegal River, Africa

Critical issues for 2010

Managing our rivers has revolved around altering the movement of water — obviously through dams, extraction for irrigation, mining, water supplies, industry and water transfers and more cryptically when we consider groundwater use, virtual water, water sensitive urban design, water recycling and adjustments to environmental flows.

The critical issues that will be discussed at the 13th International include -

Water for Industry

- Mining - best use of water, recycling water
- Agriculture - crops and efficiencies
- Manufacturing
- Virtual water
- Economic development

Rivers and Catchments

- Salinity
- Wild Rivers - challenges and achievements
- Rehabilitation
- Environmental flows - how much is enough
- Droughts - how we manage

Community

- Engagement - staying inspired
- Water supply
- Indigenous
- Urban - water sensitive urban design

Policy and Regulation

- Water transfers - achievements, opportunities and challenges
- Water markets - effects and challenges

Water Sources

- Desalination - impacts
- Storages
- Groundwater
- Ecosystems impacts
- New technology
- Estuaries

Climate Change

- The future

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