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1- The first recommendations resulting from the feasibility study of a Mediterranean water observation mechanism were approved by the Euromed Water Directors in Athens (November 2006). On this basis the 2nd phase will be carried out in 2007 focusing on the potential development of a Mediterranean Water Information Partnership -**MedWIP**- with existing regional/international initiatives and complementary national studies with voluntary countries. The study Steering Group will meet in Paris, the 5th March to launch this 2nd phase with the involvement of 4 more countries: Cyprus, Malta, Libya and Morocco. See 1st phase reports [online](#). Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

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**IN BRIEF (Full news)**

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2- EMWIS National Focal Point in Egypt, the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation -MWRI-, organised, in Cairo last 10th February 2007, a national workshop to launch EMWIS National website project in Egypt. Dr. Mahmoud Abu Zeid, Minister of Water resources and Irrigation, opened the workshop stressing the importance of sharing water information within and outside the MWRI for the water stakeholders but also to use EMWIS to inform the general public. The development of the Egyptian EMWIS website is supported by the Italian cooperation. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

3- During the EU Water Conference (22nd March, [World Water Day](#)), Environment Commissioner Stavros Dimas will present the first implementation report for the Water Framework Directive. On the same day, the Water Information System for Europe ([WISE](#)) will be launched. Registration for the conference is now open and can be done [electronically](#). Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

4- The 3rd regional workshop on "Water demand management (WDM) in the Mediterranean, progress and policies" will be organised by the Plan Bleu, under the aegis of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development in Saragossa (Spain), 19, 20 & 21 March 2007. The workshop will be based on the presentation of national reports carried out in the voluntary countries, regional studies & papers. The local & national studies will aim to document concrete examples of good practices and to measure the progress actually made over the last years in terms of WDM in sectors such as agricultural water, drinking water, industrial water, factoring natural water needs for the ecosystems into policies and factoraing WDM into water and cooperation policies. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

5- An agreement for Turkey to host the 5th world water forum in March 2009 was signed last week by Energy Minister Hilmi Guler, World Water Council head Loic Fauchon and State Waterworks Authority (DSI) General Director Veysel Eroglu. Speaking at the ceremony held at DSI headquarters, Guler stated that over 15,000 experts and representatives of approximately 150 countries will attend the forum to be held in Istanbul in 2009 and that this will contribute to the promotion of Turkey. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

6- The Final Conference of the ISIIMM Project (MEDA Water Programme - implemented by a consortium led by Agropolis) will take place in Montpellier (France) from Wednesday 28th to Friday 2nd of March 2007. This conference will be focused on sharing the experiences of the ISIIMM partners and teams from the North and the South. The results of the ISIIMM Project's activities since May 2003, in the field of "social and institutional innovations in irrigation Mediterranean management" will be presented through a summary of the project activities and a general synthesis of the case studies. One of the key actions of the project was the exchange of experience during some fifteen seminars between the six partner countries (Egypt, France, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco and

Spain), complemented by field visits with farmers, managers of public organisations and canal managers. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

7- The International Conference on Sustainable Water Management of the Zer0-M Project (MEDA Water Programme) will take place in Tunis (Tunisia) from 21st to 23rd March 2007. The conference will focus on water saving, alternative water resources like rainwater harvesting and wastewater reuse after treatment, wastewater treatment technologies suited especially for decentralised sanitation in peri-urban and in rural contexts or tourism facilities located in remote areas. The conference will also provide an opportunity to celebrate the World Water Day 2007 on March 22nd and bring together professionals from government departments, private institutions, consulting firms, research-, education- and training-institutions. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

8- The Guidelines for Improved Local Water Governance, provided by EMPOWERS project (MEDA Water Programme) consolidate the experience gained over the past 4 years in developing and testing a range of participatory planning tools for local water development. These have been developed through action research with a wide range of stakeholders in Egypt, Palestine, and Jordan. The guidelines provide a practical and logical framework of activities that will lead to improved local water governance based on the involvement of those who use and manage water. Following them leads to the development (and implementation) of integrated water development plans for towns, villages, district and governorates. It also leads to a change in how water sector professionals and water-users work with each other: collaborating through dialogue. Comments and feedbacks are welcome before **March 15th**. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

9- The building and use of the multilingual EMWIS thesaurus based on an aggregation of existing water glossaries and thesaurus (e.g. GEMET from the European Environment Agency, the International Hydrology Glossary from UNESCO, French Water Thesaurus) is publicly available online now in 5 languages (Arabic, English, French, Spanish and Italian). Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

10- French President Mr. Jacques Chirac received on February 5, 2007 a Moroccan delegation, composed of the Minister of Interior Department, ministers delegated to the Foreign Affairs and the interior. During the meeting, Mr. Jacques Chirac was pleased with the success of the last french-Moroccan meetings on the level of the Prime Ministers, who illustrate the vitality and the density of the French privileged partnership with Morocco. The President of France in addition was delighted by the proposal of Morocco, at the end of [the Conference of Paris "Citizens of the Earth"](#), to accommodate the first meeting of the pioneer group of the "Friends of the United Nations for the Environment". Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

11- The National Agricultural Policy Center ([NAPC](#)) is a body of specialized research in the areas of applied economics analysis of Syrian agriculture. It is a center of excellence in research, training and advice for the sustainable development of Syrian agriculture. The NAPC promotes the establishment of a permanent policy forum to enhance dialogue on agricultural issues among stakeholders and policy makers. Within its mandate, the NAPC is committed to build and maintain the Syrian Agricultural Database ([SADB](#)) series. The 2006 edition of which has just been released. This resource is particularly useful in the context of water and there is a section specifically dedicated to the representation of [statistics on Land and Water use in Syria](#). The NAPC is one of the successful initiatives carried out in Syria within the framework of the FAO-Italian Government Cooperative Program. ([FAO Project GCP/SYR/006/ITA](#)), which has supported the NAPC since 1998.

12- The Dutch government has donated 4.2 million euro to Egypt for the carrying out of the second stage of a national plan for water resources which will last until 2017 and will cost 19.52 billion euro. This plan includes an irrigation project for 1,100 hectares in the western part of the Nile delta with

the contribution of the private sector. The area was damaged after the exhaustion of underground water resources and the worsening of water quality. Under the same project the villages in the area will be provided with a sewer system. Only 4% of Egyptian villages have a sewer system. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

13- On 29 January 2007 the African Development Bank (AfDB) hosted the First Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Initiative Multi-donor Trust Fund (RWSSI Trust Fund) Steering Committee, gathering donors, respectively Denmark, France and the Netherlands, and AfDB representatives to discuss and validate the RWSSI Trust Fund Indicative Budget, strategy and operations in targeted African countries for the year 2007. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

14- European countries must start preparing for the water shortages, floods and droughts likely to be brought on by climate change, the EU has warned. As representatives from member states met in Berlin to discuss the impacts of climate change on Europe's water sector this week, Environment Council president Sigmar Gabriel stressed the need to factor climate change into long-term water resource plans across the EU. The symposium precedes an EU Green Paper on adaptation to climate change that the European Commission is to publish by the end of the year. DG Environment director-general Mogens Peter Carl said: "We first have to make more efficient use of available water resources and reduce our consumption before we start tapping new sources." He said the Commission "is considering a range of additional measures, for example a Europe-wide initiative on saving water in all other areas such as private households and industry." Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

15- 'Coping with Water Scarcity' is the theme for World Water Day 2007, which is celebrated each year on 22 March. This year's theme highlights the increasing significance of water scarcity worldwide and the need for increased integration and cooperation to ensure sustainable, efficient and equitable management of scarce water resources, both at international and local levels. Equity and rights, cultural and ethical issues are essential to be addressed when dealing with limited water resources. Imbalances between availability and demand, the degradation of groundwater and surface water quality, intersectoral competition, interregional and international disputes, all center around the question of how to cope with scarce water resources. The theme was decided among all members of UN Water at the World Water Week in Stockholm in August 2006. FAO acts as coordinator, on behalf of all the UN Agencies and Programmes members of UN-Water. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

16- By 2100, water scarcity could impact between 1.1 and 3.2 billion people, says a leaked draft of an Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report due to be published in April 2007. The report focuses on the consequences of global warming and options for adapting to them. In February 2007 the panel released a report on the scientific basis of climate change. The IPCC predicts critical water shortages in China and Australia, as well as parts of Europe and the United States. Africa and poor countries would be most affected because they were least able to cope with drought. In France, forty-five nations called for the establishment of a United Nations Environment Organization (UNEO) to slow global warming and protect the planet, a body that potentially could have policing powers to punish violators. The effort is led by President Jacques Chirac of France, who also proposed an accompanying UN declaration of environmental rights, covering rights to water and clean air, and responsibilities, such as emissions reductions. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

17- At its [24th session](#) on 9 February 2007 in Nairobi, the Governing Council (GC) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) adopted [the updated water policy and strategy for 2007-2012](#). Various minor amendments, such as the removal of references to payments for ecosystem services, proposed by Argentina, were included. In relation to regional and subregional cooperation mechanisms, language was added on creating or strengthening capacity to evaluate, manage and

coordinate the environmental management aspects of transboundary resources. The GC requested the UNEP Executive Director to implement the water policy and strategy by intensifying partnerships with civil society, including the private sector. It also called for increased support to developing countries for integrated water resources management. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

18- "End Water Poverty" is a new international campaign that aims to change policy and practices according to some main keys: 1) Equity - by targeting services at the most marginalised groups, such as older people, the poor, disabled people and women 2) Poverty reduction, 3) Sustainability of services and water resources, and 4) Accountability, so that key decision-makers are held to account by the poor through transparent and open planning processes. The End Water Poverty campaign is demanding that governments provide sanitation and water for the world's poorest people, and calls for: 1) One global action plan for sanitation and water monitored by one global task force, 2) 70% of aid money for sanitation and water to be targeted at the poorest countries, and 3) Water resources to be protected and shared equitably. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

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## NOMINATIONS & VACANCIES

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19- Job Vacancy - Project Coordinator WaDImena: The incumbent will provide intellectual and professional leadership to Regional Water Demand Initiative for the Middle East and North Africa (Wadimena, project coordinated by the International Development Research Centre-Canada -IDRC-), further the project's vision, mission, and objectives through a range of projects and activities, synthesize and publish results of the project, manage its budget, prepare technical and financial reports, travel to selected countries of the region and develop and maintain systems of communications for the dissemination of information about the project. The deadline for application is **28th of February, 2007**. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

20- Call for nominations, GWP Chair position: The Global Water Partnership is seeking an outstanding internationally-recognized leader with proven abilities to serve as its Chair, guide the global Network of water partners, and serve as head of the GWP Organization. The deadline for submitting nominations or applications is **24 March 2007**. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

21- A visionary leader is required for the position of director general to guide The International Water Management Institute (IWMI) in its mission to overcome key challenges relating to: land, water, food, livelihoods and health. The IWMI is a non-profit scientific organisation engaged in collaborative research with partners in the north and south to develop tools and practices to help developing countries eradicate poverty and better manage their land and water resources. The position is based at Colombo, Sri Lanka. Closing Date: **15 March 2007**. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

22- Post-Doctoral Fellow - Transboundary Water Management: The International Water Management Institute (IWMI) is seeking an innovative, self-motivated, scientifically outstanding, and highly competent candidate for a postdoctoral fellow position in Transboundary Water Management. The successful candidate will initially be based in the Global Research Division at IWMI's Headquarters in Colombo, but may later be located in one of our offices in Africa. The Post Doctoral Fellow is expected to contribute to the transboundary waters program and provide insights into role and possibilities for transboundary water research. Closing date: **4 March 2007**. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

23- DHI Women's Water Fund - Call for applications. Advancing career opportunities in water management: The objective of the DHI Women's Water Fund is to support women in developing countries in advancing their career opportunities in the development and management of water

resources. The Fund's career programme will draw upon transfer of Danish expertise in water resources by offering capacity building visits to Denmark. The visits will include a combined career learning and mentoring program of two to four weeks duration. It is the intention that the Fund will contribute to a longer duration contact and support to the selected candidates. Applications shall be submitted to the Secretariat of the Fund at DHI, attention [Ms. Winnie Thrane](#), no later than **9 March 2007**. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

24- Job announcement: Water Sector Communication Specialist: Transparency International (TI) Secretariat in Berlin is seeking a highly motivated professional for the position of: Water Sector Communication Specialist. The Water Integrity Network, WIN, aims to fight corruption in water worldwide in order to reduce poverty. The main function of this job is to assist the setting up and functioning of the WIN Secretariat. The closing date for this position is 25 February 2007. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

25- Nominations Welcome for Stockholm Industry Water Award: Nominations are welcome by February 28 for the 2007 Stockholm Industry Water Award. The award stimulates business sector contributions to sustainable development in the water sector, and to minimised water consumption and pollution load on the environment. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

26- Two positions at CREHO: The Ramsar Regional Center for Training and Research on Wetlands in the Western Hemisphere (CREHO), located in the City of Knowledge, Panama City, aims to "promote research on the management and wise use of wetlands throughout the Americas, through training and the development of impact assessment tools, methodologies and economic assessment, and the establishment of communication mechanisms". The Center is presently recruiting an Institutional Development Officer and a Technical Officer. The deadline is: **March 15th, 2007**. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

27- EU-FP7 Call for proposals - Experts: The European Commission has published calls for proposals for the creation of a list of experts for the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7). One call addresses organisations in a position to propose experts, while a second is aimed at individuals who may wish to submit a proposal for establishing a database of experts. Experts will assist with the evaluation and monitoring of projects. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

28- EU-FP7 Call for proposals - Marie Curie Awards. It is intended to award five prizes per year. The prizes are awarded to individuals. Candidates for the prizes can apply directly or can be nominated by others. The candidates shall be among those who have been awarded a Marie Curie fellowship under the Sixth Framework Programme, or have participated in a training or mobility action of one of the previous Framework Programmes, for a minimum period of 12 months, and who have achieved excellent research results. **Deadline for application: April 26, 2007**. Further information on [EMWIS website](#)

29- Faculty Positions in Environmental Engineering, EPF Lausanne, Switzerland. EPFL plans a substantial strengthening of its School of Architecture, Civil and Environmental Engineering (ENAC). As part of this effort at EPFL, we are in the process of recruiting a number of new faculty members in Environmental Engineering. Junior faculty candidates are invited, specially with outstanding research records and potential in (1) Water Resources Engineering and (2) Environmental Process Engineering. To apply for two Assistant Professor positions (tenure track). **Deadline: March 1, 2007**. Further information on [EMWIS website](#)

30- Call for 10 guest researchers, University of Bergen, Norway. "Climate in the Nile basin area, with a particular reference to climate change and Climate and health": The Nile Basin Research Programme (NBRP) announced 10 vacant positions for guest researchers from the Nile Basin Region interested in

Climate Change and Climate & Health. **Application deadline: March, 1, 2007.** Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

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## PUBLICATIONS

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31- The News n° 17 of OIEau: The News (Les Nouvelles) is a publication of the International Office of Water ([OIEAU](#)), which aims at developing competences for better managing water. Last number 17 has just appeared in December 2006. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

32- The latest policy brief on IWRM published: Policy brief No 4, How IWRM will contribute to achieving the MDGs: The brief is part of a series of policy and technical briefs designed to help countries accelerate their efforts to achieve the action target for the preparation of IWRM and water efficiency strategies and plans set by the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) and reinforced by the 2005 World Summit. The series tackles key issues and potential stumbling blocks and attempts to give countries at the beginning of the process the benefit of lessons learned from those further down the path. The series complements Catalyzing Change: A Handbook for Developing Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Water Efficiency Strategies. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

33- "Take advantage of Irrigation and Drainage Online": The International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) announced the Journal : Irrigation and Drainage, Volume 56.1 to be published in March 2007. The ICID journal, Irrigation and Drainage is available online FREE via Wiley InterScience® for all ICID office bearers, work body members and subscribers. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

34- EurOcean -European Centre for Information on Marine Science and Technology- has just released a position paper entitled "Enhancing the Role of Information Management in Marine Science and Technology as a Key Component of a European Maritime Policy", which is a contribution from EurOcean to the Green Paper on a European Maritime Policy. Furthermore, EurOcean has released a paper entitled "A Statistical Overview: Marine Science and Technology Projects Funded under the 6th Framework Programme of the European Commission". Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

35- Predicting progress towards water and sanitation MDGs: The Millennium Development Goal of increasing access to safe drinking water could be achieved in many countries, but not in much of sub-Saharan Africa. Recent progress may not be sustainable and the goal for sanitation will be missed in most developing countries. Why do some countries perform better than others? Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

36- Spatial Data Infrastructure — Africa (SDI-Africa) is a monthly, electronic newsletter for people interested in GIS, remote sensing, and data management issues in Africa. Each issue highlights recent activities, provides details about available data and tools, and includes notices about upcoming training, employment and funding opportunities, and events. The aim is to strengthen national SDI initiatives and support synchronization of regional geospatial activities. The February 2007 SDI-Africa issue (Vol. 6, No. 2) is available now. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

37- Proceedings: 2006 Stockholm Water Prize Laureates Seminar: At the 2006 World Water Week in Stockholm, the Stockholm Water Foundation hosted the 1st-ever Stockholm Water Prize Laureates Seminar. The proceedings, entitled: "Challenges and Opportunities within the Water Sector", are now available and can be downloaded as a PDF document at SIWI website. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

38- FAO document on water scarcity and agricultural biotechnologies: The background document for the FAO e-mail conference entitled "Coping with water scarcity in developing countries: What role for agricultural biotechnologies?" is now available. The 16-page document gives an overview of the current status and future perspectives regarding water availability and use on Earth as well as a discussion of some major strategies that can be employed to deal with water scarcity. It then looks at the issue of water use in agriculture in more detail as well as some of the potential ways in which biotechnology could contribute to this area (e.g. increasing the efficiency of water use in agriculture; application of mycorrhizal fungi; or improving wastewater treatment). The moderated e-mail conference runs from 5 March to 1 April 2007 and is organised by the FAO Biotechnology Forum in collaboration with colleagues in FAO's water programme to coincide with the World Water Day, which is celebrated each year on 22 March. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

39- From Flood Control to Integrated Water Resource Management: This paper presents a historical analysis intended to seek insights that might guide current reconstruction efforts in the Gulf of Mexico coastal region of the United States in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. It examines four mid- to late-20th-century cases of severe flooding (including the Dutch province of Zeeland in 1953) to observe whether and how lessons were incorporated into water management, both before and after the disaster. In each of the four cases, the areas involved were subject to record rainfall or storms that overwhelmed the systems that had been designed to cope with these events. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

40- INFO/RAC has finalised Issue 7 of the EcoMedia Magazine, devoted to the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

41- MEDWAVES Electronic Newsletter, issue zero: MedWaves, the MAP quarterly magazine which comes out in Arabic, English and French, covers the latest MAP projects and key regional themes. This e-newsletter will provide updates on developments related to the Barcelona Convention, to UNEP/MAP and its components, UNEP and key environmental news in relation to the Mediterranean region. In addition, the full version of the MedWaves magazine (both electronic and printed versions) will continue to be published in 2007, coming out every 4 months. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

42- Publication of doctoral theses on water on the European Water Partnership (EWP) website, with the aim of bringing together different sources of information on the EWP website, including doctoral theses from various European Universities. So far, theses have been made available from the Dutch universities and universities from Germany and Spain. This section will be expanded shortly. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

43- Climate change and water adaptation issues (EEA Briefing No 1/2007 and Technical report No 2/2007): The impact of climate change on Europe's water resources is a critical issue for people's lives and the economy. Even if emissions of greenhouse gases were stabilised today, increases in temperature and the associated impacts, including water availability and flooding, will continue for many decades to come. Countries are aware of these impacts and have started to adapt to them but there is still much to do. The EEA (European Environment Agency) has published a briefing note (further information at [EMWIS website](#)) and a technical report that aims to evaluate the implications of the need to adapt to climate change for water resource policy and regulation across Europe, assess the strengths and weaknesses of current policies and regulations, and describe progress and activities in European countries. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

44- INSPIRE Draft Implementing Rules for Metadata: INSPIRE Draft Implementing Rules for Metadata have been made publicly available the 2 February 2007. Comments on this draft are

restricted to registered Spatial Data Interest Communities and Legally Mandated Organizations ONLY. A revised draft open to public comments will be made available towards the end of June 2007. Based on all the comments received, the Commission will submit a proposal for metadata implementing rules to the regulatory committee envisaged by the Directive towards the end of 2007 with a view to have them adopted by March 2008. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

45- Essential Environmental Health Standards for health care settings: Safe water supply, cleaning of the health-care setting environment, sanitation and waste management can significantly decrease the transmission of health care associated infections. The draft is being made available online to give experts in health-care settings the chance to make comments. Further information at [EMWIS website](#)

46- Chemical hazards in drinking water - Cyanide: Draft Chemical Background document on Cyanide to the Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality available for comments. In developing the second addendum to the third edition of the WHO Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality, Cyanide, a chemical background document has been prepared. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

47- Chemical hazards in drinking-water - Sodium dichloroisocyanurate: Draft Chemical Background document on Sodium Dichloroisocyanurate (NaDCC) to the Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality available for comments. In developing the second addendum to the third edition of the WHO Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality, Sodium Dichloroisocyanurate (NaDCC), a chemical background document has been prepared. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

48- Environment & Health Newsletter N°3 January 2007 - WHO Regional Office for Europe: Environment & Health Newsletter is a WHO/Europe electronic periodical on health and environment. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

49- Performance Indicators for Water Supply Services: Second edition of the IWA Performance Indicator System for water services manual, first published in 2000. The Performance Indicators System can be used in any organisation regardless of its size, nature (public, private, etc.) or degree of complexity and development. It contains a reviewed and consolidated version of the indicators, resulting from the real needs of water companies worldwide that were expressed during the extensive field testing of the original system. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

50- "Drinking water and sanitation": This book offers, for the first time, a synthetic vision of a very complex reality, that of the management of drinking water and sanitation in France. Written in a teaching way, it facilitates the comprehension of a world where many actors intervene and who remains a very significant subject for much of citizens. Further information at [EMWIS website](#). (Available only in French)

51- "Eco-technologies and innovation, a European dynamism": This guide constitutes a practical tool for assistance bound for all the carriers of Eco-innovating actions looking for EC assistances, or French national and regional authorities aids, for the implementation of their projects. Further information at [EMWIS website](#). (Available only in French)

52- "Rain water": The authors propose a better management and correct use of rainwater. It tackles a wide range of issues, including a world wide review of rain water uses and an analysis of the legal framework. Further information at [EMWIS website](#). (Available only in French)

53- "Parisian water stories": In this book, Maurice Paquier reconstitutes the history of water in Paris. In the time when only the Island of the City was inhabited, the water drawn from the river was of satisfactory quality. It became less and less salubrious in last decades. Then, the increasingly dense

population on banks was brought to move away from the Seine. Consequently, it is necessary to consider means of water supply out of the limits of the city. Further information at [EMWIS website](#). (Available only in French)

54- "Water and health": An assessment of the state of the art on the French "water and health" research activities is now available on line. It includes an inventory of all the active research teams ordered by themes of interest. On this basis a consultation will be launched to check and update the information listed in the report. Research teams active in this field are invited to contact the report publisher. Further information at [EMWIS website](#). (Available only in French)

55- Advances in Urban Flood Management: This book published very recently (launched at [Aquaterra, Amsterdam, 7-9 Feb. 2007](#)). It addresses a broad spectrum of relevant issues in the emerging field of urban flood management. It may act as a stimulus for further research and development in urban flood management while informing and engaging stakeholders in the promotion of integrated and cooperative approaches in water management. Advances in Urban Flood Management provides an interdisciplinary approach which will be of interest to all those who are active in water, risk and urban management. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

56- A New Approach to Sediment Transport in the Design and Operation of Irrigation Canals: These lecture notes present a detailed analysis of sediment transport in irrigation canals, together with physical and mathematical descriptions of the behaviour. It is published in cooperation with UNESCO-IHE. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

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#### **CALL FOR TENDERS and PROPOSALS**

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57- EU-FP7 Call for proposals - International Reintegration Grants (IRG): Call identifier: FP7-PEOPLE-2007-4-3-IRG, Indicative budget: 14.5 M€. This action consists of financial support during at least 2 and up to 4 years for professional (re)integration projects in the research area in a host organisation in a Member State or Associated country. The project can, amongst other things, address research activities, training, teaching, transfer of knowledge, commercial exploitation, diffusion, development of co-operation with the scientific and / or industrial sector of the third country from which the researcher is returning. **Deadline for application: April 25, 2007 and October 17, 2007.** Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

58- EU-FP7 Call for proposals - Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology (General Call 1): Call identifier: FP7-KBBE-2007-1, Indicative budget: 192 M€. This call includes a.o. the following topics: - Activity 2.1: Sustainable production and management of biological resources from land, forest and aquatic environments. **Deadline for application: May 2, 2007.** Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

59- EU-FP7 Call for proposals - ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grant: Call identifier: ERC-2007-StG, Indicative budget: 289 M€. The objective of these grants offered by the European Research Council (ERC) is to provide adequate support to the independent careers of excellent researchers, whatever their nationality, located in or moving to the EU and associated countries, who are at the stage of establishing and leading their first research team or programme. **Deadline for application: April 25, 2007 and September 17, 2007.** Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

60- EU-FP7 Call for proposals - Marie Curie Initial Training Networks: Call identifier: FP7-PEOPLE-2007-1-1-ITN, Indicative budget: 240 M€. The action will be implemented by supporting competitively selected networks of organisations from different countries engaged in research training. The

networks will be built on a joint research training programme, responding to well identified training needs in defined scientific or technological areas, with appropriate references to interdisciplinary and newly emerging supra-disciplinary fields. **Deadline for application: May 07, 2007 and September 25, 2007.** Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

61- EU-FP7 Call for proposals - Environment (including Climate Change): Call identifier: FP7-ENV-2007-1, Indicative budget: 200 M€. This call includes a.o. the following topics:

- Sub-activity 6.1.1. Pressures on environment and climate: Climate change impacts and adaptation strategies in water policies (ENV.2007.1.1.5.1); Climate change impacts on vulnerable mountain regions (ENV.2007.1.1.5.2); Effectiveness of adaptation and mitigation measures related to changes of the hydrological cycle and its extremes (ENV.2007.1.1.6.2); Impact and feed-backs of climate policies on land use and ecosystems in Europe (ENV.2007.1.1.6.3).
- Sub-activity 6.1.3. Natural Hazards: European storm risk (ENV.2007.1.3.1.1); Frame for better vulnerability assessment (ENV.2007.1.3.2.1); Investigating Europe's risk from droughts (ENV.2007.1.3.3.3); European (multi) hazard database analysis (ENV.2007.1.3.4.1).
- Sub-activity 6.2.1. Conservation and sustainable management of natural and man-made resources and biodiversity: Assessing the ecological status of water bodies (ENV.2007.2.1.2.1); River basin twinning initiatives as a tool to implement EU initiatives (ENV.2007.2.1.2.2); Temporary water bodies management (ENV.2007.2.1.2.3); Integrated resource management in international co-operation partner countries (ENV.2007.2.1.2.4).
- Sub-activity 6.2.2. Management of marine environments: Development of advanced ecosystem models methodologies for the management and sustainable use of resources (ENV.2007.2.2.1.1).
- Sub-activity 6.3.1. Environmental technologies for observation, simulation, prevention, mitigation, adaptation, remediation and restoration of the natural and man-made environment: Innovative technologies and services for sustainable water use in industries (ENV.2007.3.1.1.1); Technologies for measuring and monitoring networks (ENV.2007.3.1.1.2); Development of technologies and tools for soil contamination assessment and site characterisation, towards sustainable remediation (ENV.2007.3.1.2.2).
- Sub-activity 6.4.1. Earth and ocean observation systems and monitoring methods for the environment and sustainable development: Improving observing systems for water resource management (ENV.2007.4.1.4.2).

**Deadline for application: May 2, 2007.** Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

62- Catalogue of offers for collaboration in the research related to "WATER" from Czech Republic environmental research partners. These offers may interest all the research groups looking for partners in Czech Republic to present proposals for the FP7 calls. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

63- Catalogue of offers for collaboration in the research related to "WATER" from Hungarian environmental research partners. These offers may interest all the research groups looking for partners in Hungary to present proposals for the FP7 calls. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

64- Catalogue of offers for collaboration in the research related to "WATER" from Polish environmental research partners. This catalogue may interest all the research groups looking for partners in Poland to present proposals for the FP7 calls. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

65- Catalogue of offers for collaboration in the research related to "CLIMATE" from Polish environmental research partners. This catalogue may interest all the research groups looking for partners in Poland to present proposals for the FP7 calls. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

66- EU-FP7 Call for proposals - ERA-NET Plus Call 2007: Call identifier: FP7-ERANET-2007-RTD, Indicative budget: 28.9 M€.

This call from the ERA-NET scheme (European Research Area) covers a.o. conferences and other support actions.

**Deadline for application: 31 July 2007 at 17:00 (Brussels local time).** Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

67- EU-FP7 Call for proposals - European Reintegration Grants (ERG): Call identifier: FP7-PEOPLE-2007-2-2-ERG, Indicative budget: 9.5 M€. The action offers the opportunity to experienced researchers from Member States or Associated countries, to capitalise on their trans-national mobility period after having participated in a Marie Curie action either under the Seventh or the previous Framework Programme. The mechanism will assist the professional (re)integration of the eligible researchers in a research organisation in a Member State or Associated country, including in their country nationality. **Deadline for application: April 25, 2007 and October 17, 2007.** Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

68- LIFE+ calls set for autumn 2007: The conciliation procedure between the Council and the European Parliament to finalise the LIFE+ Regulation will begin at the start of 2007. The Regulation, which will cover the period 2007-2013, is expected to be adopted by September 2007. The first calls for proposals should be launched before the end of 2007, probably in the autumn. As long as the conciliation procedure is not concluded, the details of these calls are uncertain. However, the subjects covered will include nature, biodiversity and other environmental issues. More details will be made available as soon as possible. In the meantime, potential applicants are advised to begin preparing their proposals. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

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#### CALL FOR PAPERS

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69- Call for Applications for the International Workshop on the Use of Space Technology for Sustainable Development: The Morocco Royal Centre for Remote Sensing (CRTS), which has been using space information to provide solutions necessary for sustainable development, is interested in expanding its efforts to technology transfer and to develop international cooperation. The workshop will be held in Rabat (Morocco) in 25-27 April 2007, and will also build upon the work being carried out by the Office for Outer Space Affairs within its Space Application Programme. **Deadline for Submission of Applications: Friday 2 March 2007.** Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

70- Call for papers for the International Workshop on Numerical Modelling of Hydrodynamics for Water Resources

The international workshop on Numerical Modelling of Hydrodynamics for Water Resources will bring together in Zaragoza during 4 days (18-21 June 2007) a group of scientists specialized on water resources modelling. Modern simulation techniques will be discussed from a problem-oriented perspective. The scope of the presentations will include (among other topics) canal and river flow, riparian areas and aquifers. These topics are relevant to hydrology, civil engineering, the environment and agriculture. **Deadline for paper (4 pages) submission : April 1, 2007.** Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

71- Call for abstracts for the 3rd International Conference on Climate and Water: This conference will be held in Helsinki (Finland) in 03-09 September 2007. Climate change is likely to affect strongly on the hydrological cycle; some changes have already been observed. Water demand may grow due to climate change and water management faces a multitude of new challenges. The objective is to provide an opportunity for hydrologists, water managers and decision makers to exchange research results,

ideas and concerns on impacts, adaptation and mitigation in the water sector, facing climate change. Deadline for submission of abstracts: **1 March 2007**. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

72- Call for abstracts for HYDRO 2007: "HYDRO 2007- New Approaches for a New Era" will be held in Granada (Spain) in 15-17 October 2007. Abstracts of up to 800 words, in English, are now invited on the themes listed or related topics. Please mail, fax or email abstracts to the address below. A short CV of each author should be included. Your abstract should summarize precisely the scope and content of the paper proposed. No artwork or bibliography is required at this stage. In the case of any project described, its current status or date of completion should be mentioned. If the abstract is sent by email, please incorporate the author's name in the file name. Abstracts should only be submitted if the author would be able to attend the conference (or send a representative). The deadline for receipt of abstracts is **Friday 2 March 2007**. Authors will be notified in April 2007 whether or not their paper has been accepted for presentation at the conference, or for publication in the Proceedings. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

73- Call For papers for the Special Issue on: "Integrated Water Resources Management in Arid and Semi-Arid Areas": The purpose of this special issue is to better understand the key aspects of the sustainable management of water resources in arid and semi-arid area, to construct new mathematical and physical models using modern instruments of system engineering, management science, and information technologies, and to attempt to determine what is needed to improve effective water resources management in arid and semi-arid areas. Articles for consideration are invited for submissions; manuscripts may be technical, conceptual, case-studies, policy or practice oriented and can range from original research to overviews, assessments, and reviews. **Deadline for Submission: 15 May 2007**. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

74- The XIIIth World Water Congress to be held in Montpellier the days 01-04 September 2008, has announced a call for abstracts to be due on **31 March 2007**. Authors will be notified of acceptance by 30 June 2007 and will receive detailed instructions for presentation of their paper or poster. Deadline for submission of accepted papers (complete version) is 31 January 2008. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

75- The 4th international conference on the Water Resources in the Mediterranean Basin "WATMED 4" that will be held in Algiers (Algeria) in 22-24 March 2008, announced a call for abstracts. Deadline for submission of abstracts is: **15 March 2007**. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

76- Call for papers for the 4th European Conference on Contaminated Sediments: REUSED (Remediation, Recycling and Reuse of EUropean SEDiments), the organizing non-profit Foundation, promotes the remediation and recycling of contaminated sediments of European waters. REUSED organises the 4th European Conference on Contaminated Sediments in 20-22 June 2007 in Antwerp (Belgium), and it invites interested politicians, authorities, companies and persons to submit papers for this unique event. Papers can be submitted in categories such as: European & national political views, policies and legislation, International co-operation, National and regional consequences of the European Water Framework Directive, Innovative approach to contaminated (dredging) processing problem, Processes to re-use contaminated sludge, Product applications & case stories, and Research programmes, results and outlooks. Proposals for papers must be made no later than **March 1st, 2007**. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

77- Call for papers for the First International Conference on Water Resources Modeling and Simulation in the 21st Century:

The Egyptian Water Resources Association, EWRA invite you to participate in the First International Conference on Water Resources Monitoring, Modeling and Simulation from 25-27 December 2007,

Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt. Papers are invited on the topics outlined above and others falling within the scope of the meeting. Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted by mail, fax, and email or via our website as soon as possible. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

78- Call for abstracts for IFAT 2008: The European Water Association (EWA) has issued a Call for Abstracts for the 3rd joint conference on "Sustainable Water Management in response to 21st century pressures" during IFAT 2008 from 5 - 9 May 2008 in Munich, Germany. The theme focuses on how industry can develop practical responses to the changing pressures that will emerge, to among other things, climate change. The conference will examine the issues and suggest ways that some of the effects can be mitigated. Submission of abstracts by **26 March 2007**, Electronic versions of this submission form are available at EWA website. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

79- First Announcement and Call for papers for the International Conference on Technologies for Industrial Wastewater Treatment and Reuse in the Mediterranean Region: The Conference will take place in "Jerba", Tunisia the days 24-26 May 2007. The main Objectives of the Conference are: - To update and to discuss recent trends in industrial wastewater treatment and reuse technologies. Emphasis will be laid on those technologies which are adapted economically, and socially to Developing and Transition Countries in the Mediterranean Region; - To initiate international cooperative networks; - To identify key research projects for the ongoing EU 7th Framework Programme. The three day International Conference (24 - 26 May 2007) will consist of plenary lectures and round table discussions. In addition, a number of oral and poster presentations will be selected from the submitted abstracts. **15/03/07**: Deadline for the submission of extended abstracts (max. 1 page). Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

80- Call for abstracts for the 1st Thematic Workshop of the EU Coordination Action RISKBASE: Monitoring and assessment of river pollutants: This 1st thematic workshop within the frame of the RISKBASE Coordination Action (CA) will be held in Lisbon (Portugal) in 17-18 May 2007, and it is aimed to achieve an overview of the river basin characteristics, main monitoring activities, information transferred from researchers to river basin managers, and the opinion of the different stakeholders of the river basins (scientifics, managers, administration (agriculture, environment), unions, greens,...) focusing mainly on Portuguese river basins, but it will also include other European river basin cases. Deadline for Abstracts: **April 10th, 2007**. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

81- [FARM Seminar - Med Exchanges](#): "Management of water in situation of shortage in Mediterranean zone: An approach by basin". This seminar which will take place in 13-14 March 2007 in Paris, will be the occasion to give a progress report on the total situation concerning the water resources in the Mediterranean basin then to study certain steps engaged on a perimeter or basin scale for better controlling water consumption, particularly irrigation, starting from testimonies of persons in administrative, technical or professional charges, in particular agricultural. This seminar must contribute to facilitate the dialogue between the various actors, public and private, and the users. The deadline for the inscription is: **March 1, 2007**. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

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**TRAINING**  
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82- Call for application for **EMWater 5th Web based training**: This Web Based Training offers an advanced course for professionals in wastewater management, treatment and reuse from the Mediterranean Countries. It aims to inform about new appropriate technologies focussed on sustainability and water reuse in rural areas of the Mediterranean countries, e.g. Ecological Sanitation, to improve know-how transfer between the Mediterranean countries. The choice of the E-learning is due to the fact that it offers big advantages for professionals: Flexible timing, Independent from

locations, Contact to international experts from the fields via chats and forums. This Web Based Training offers an advanced course for professionals in wastewater management, treatment and reuse preferably from Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Turkey.

Deadline for application is **31 March 2007**. Further information at [EMWIS website](#).

83- UNESCO: Need for more water professionals: UNESCO-IHE has been a major player in water sector capacity building during its five decades of existence, be it by educating and training individuals, strengthening institutions in developing countries, or raising awareness for the need of capable professionals. But the increasing challenges in the water sector (water scarcity, pollution, floods, climate change, etc), demand increasing number of skilled professionals. Estimates indicate that if the MDGs on water are to be met, a 300% increase in the number of trained water managers is needed in Africa, Asia will need to double the number of trained professionals, and Latin America will require at least a 50% increase. This daunting challenge is one that UNESCO-IHE is willing to take up. Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

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[2007/03/27 - 2007/03/27] 1st Workshop on Water Resources in the University of Damascus, Damascus, Syria.  
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[2007/03/22 - 2007/03/24] The international congress on River Basin Management, Antalya, Turkey.  
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[2007/03/22 - 2007/03/22] World Water Day 22 March 2007: Coping with Water Scarcity.  
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[2007/03/21 - 2007/03/24] MEDA WATER International Conference on Sustainable Water Management, Tunis, Tunisia.  
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[2007/03/21 - 2007/03/23] 1st Joint Workshop Reclaim Water - Gabardine, Sabadell (Barcelona), Spain.

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[2007/03/19 - 2007/03/21] Meeting on Water Sustainable Management in the Mediterranean, Constantine, Algeria.

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[2007/03/19 - 2007/03/20] The International Mid Term SAND Conference: 'Towards sustainable mineral extraction along rivers aiming at flood damage prevention', Colonia, Germany.

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[2007/03/19 - 2007/03/21] 3rd Regional Workshop on Water and Sustainable Development in The Mediterranean: Monitoring progress and promotion of water demand management policies, Zaragoza, Spain.

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[2007/03/19 - 2007/03/22] International Conference on Secure and Sustainable Living: Social and Economic Benefits of Weather, Climate and Water Services, Madrid, Spain.

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[2007/03/17 - 2007/03/18] 4th Study day of GHZH "Humid Zones and Climate", Le Waast, France.

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[2007/03/16 - 2007/03/18] African Conference of Young Geotechnicals (CAJG), Hammamet, Tunisia.

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[2007/03/15 - 2007/03/18] Eleventh International Water Technology Confernece - IWTC 2007, Sham Elsheikh, Egypt.

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[2007/03/15 - 2007/03/15] International Conference: The New Member States in the FP7 Space Theme, Warsaw, Poland.

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[2007/03/14 - 2007/03/16] The 2nd Pool and Spa Conference 2007: 2nd International Conference on Health and Water Quality Aspects of the Man Made Recreational Water Environment, Munich, Germany.

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[2007/03/13 - 2007/03/14] FARM Seminar - Échanges Med: "Water management in scarcity situation in the Mediterranean zone": An approach by basin, Paris, France.

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[2007/03/12 - 2007/03/14] WFD Lille 2007 - Conference on Water Status Monitoring under the European Water Framework Directive, Lille, France.

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[2007/03/11 - 2007/03/14] The World Life Sciences Forum BioVision / BioVision.Nxt 2007: "The Contribution of Life Sciences to the Millennium Development Goals", Lyon, France.

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[2007/03/09 - 2007/03/09] Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) Steering Committee Meeting, Athens, Greece.

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[2007/03/08 - 2007/03/08] Round table on water in the French National Assembly: Assessment and Perspectives of the water management in Africa, Paris, France.

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[2007/03/07 - 2007/03/18] Today is the Future - Marking the launch of the 7th framework programme (FP7), Brussels, Belgium.

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[2007/03/07 - 2007/03/09] Water and Environmental Exchange 2007 (WEX), Seville, Spain.

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[2007/03/05 - 2007/03/08] The First Pan-Arab Conference on Environmental Science & Technology, Sharjah, UAE.

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[2007/03/05 - 2007/03/05] MedWIP Steering Group Meeting, Paris, France.

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[2007/03/05 - 2007/04/01] Electronic Forum on Biotechnology in Food and Agriculture: Conference 14 - Coping with water scarcity in developing countries: What role for agricultural biotechnologies?

Further information on [EMWIS website](#)

[2007/03/04 - 2007/03/07] The 3rd General Assembly of the African Network of Basin Organizations - ANBO, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Further information on [EMWIS website](#)

[2007/03/02 - 2007/03/03] 1st World Congress of MBA Alumni of the Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées de Paris: Innovation and Technology Management - A Strategic Lever for Sustainable Development, Marrakech, Morocco.

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[2007/03/01 - None] MSc in Managing Sustainable Mountain Development, Glasgow, Scotland.

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[2007/03/01 - 2007/03/02] WG on the application of the differentiated approach to pollution reduction, Barcelona, Spain.

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[2007/03/01 - 2007/03/02] Workshop on Transboundary Water Cooperation, Copenhagen, Denmark.

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[2007/02/28 - 2007/03/02] Final Conference of ISIIMM project, Montpellier, France.

Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

[2007/02/27 - 2007/02/28] Third Euro-Mediterranean Sustainable Development Forum - ECO MEDA FORUM 2007: Working together for Sustainability, Barcelona, Spain.

Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

[2007/02/27 - 2007/02/28] CP/RAC National Focal Points Meeting, Barcelona, Spain.  
Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

[2007/02/26 - 2007/02/26] Informal Consultative Donor Meeting on Water Supply and Sanitation, Washington DC, USA.  
Further information on [EMWIS website](#)

[2007/02/24 - 2007/02/28] Second International Conference and Exhibition on Geo-Resources in The Middle East and North Africa, Cairo, Egypt.  
Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

[2007/02/21 - 2007/02/22] The international workshop on Monitoring of saltwater intrusions in coastal aquifers: Groundwater, Flood Waters and Saltwater - Approaches to Risk Minimisation, Braunschweig, Germany.  
Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

[2007/02/19 - 2007/02/24] ESS2007 Conference: "The Environment: Survival and Sustainability", Nicosia - Northern Cyprus.  
Further information on [EMWIS website](#).

[2007/02/19 - 2007/02/23] A training on Geographical Information Systems (GIS), Rabat, Morocco.  
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