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1. EMWIS Technical Unit announces the organisation of **the 5th Coordination seminar of the EMWIS National Focal Points**, that will be held in **Amman (Jordan)** the days: **27-29 September 2005**. The aim of this co-ordination seminar is: to analyse the current progress of EMWIS and its National Focal Points, to review the organisation of the Euromed conference of the 35 Water General Directors (Italy, November 2005), including strategic plan for future EMWIS developments, and to plan the joint activities for 2006. See [the page](#) of this event.

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2. At their last meeting (Athens, June 2005), the members of the EMWIS Steering Committee agreed on the organisation of a conference addressing **the water general directors of the 35 EuroMed countries and the European Commission**. This event will be held the **24 and 25 November 2005 in Rome** within the framework of the celebration of the 10th birthday of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership. It will aim to inform the Water Directeurs on EMWIS progress; to reaffirm the validity of the system, the commitment of the countries to implement it, to adapt it and to take the ownership; to define the strategy for the 10 next years, in particular integrating of the monitoring for the Mediterranean of trends towards the Millennium Goals relating to water and sanitation, as well as the implementation of the water section of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development validated; to analyse the involvement of the Mediterranean countries not signatory of the Barcelona declaration: Libya and Balkan countries; and to renew the presidency and the composition of the Steering Committee. See [preliminary information](#) at our website.

3. During the last meeting of **the Board of Governors in Stockholm** on August 20th and 21st, the subject of **the World Water Council's next General Assembly** was discussed at great length. One important concern that was raised related to the continuity of the Council's governing bodies and leadership six months prior to [the 4th World Water Forum](#). It was agreed that a change in the Board and Bureau so close to the Council's main event could have negative consequences on the preparation and the success of the Forum and the prosperity of the Council. In addition, postponing the General Assembly to coincide with the 4th World Water Forum would be much more convenient for many of our members, both logistically and financially. The governors thus decided that the elections and, consequently, the General Assembly, should take place during the two days directly preceding the 4th World Water Forum in Mexico, rather than in [Marseilles in November](#). Thus, the next General Assembly will take place in **Mexico City** tentatively on **March 14th and 15th**. Any useful information will be continuously available on [the website](#).

4. The **IIED's** (The International Institute for Environment and Development) research project, **Markets for Watersheds** is highlighted in BBC TV's Earth Report-Hands On series (17-23rd Sept 2005). Well-managed watersheds provide valuable services to downstream residents, such as an adequate supply of good quality water. These services are in jeopardy if land, in upstream areas, is poorly managed. This can have serious impacts and cost for downstream water users. Shed Loads looks at the potential and problems for payments for watershed services in South Africa, India and Bolivia. "Shed Loads" will be broadcast on BBC World from 17-23rd Sept 2005. See [the website](#) of IIED.

5. The plenary **WGC** (Working Group C) is organised in Brussels on 12 October. Participants from this group are called to confirm their attendance before the 30th September to Mr. [Philippe Quevauviller](#) who is in charge of the meeting. See here [a draft agenda](#). This workshop will discuss the update on the negotiation process of the GWD (Groundwater) proposal, and GWD monitoring through **SWIFT-WFD project**, etc. It will be also an opportunity for the different Monitoring groups to present and discuss their proposals and activities. For those who are not able to come to Brussels, we remind you that [the electronic forum](#) will be shortly available.

6. Heavy and long lasting rain falls led to a **disastrous high water situation** in large parts of the Alps. In order to support the cleanup efforts in the region, ZKI produced high-resolution satellite maps in cooperation with **European Space Imaging**, kindly supported by the German Joint Information and Situation Centre (GMLZ) and the Bavarian Ministry of the Interior. See [ZKI website](#) for further information.
7. 60 scientists from ten countries returned to the parched heart of Spain to complete testing a new type of sensor intended to yield new insights into global vegetation growth, as well as gather data for the design of a next-generation ESA Earth Observation mission and support efforts **to use satellite data for irrigation management**. See [ESA website](#) for more details.
8. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is in collaboration with Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) launching a new programme – **The UNDP Water Governance Facility at SIWI (WGF)** - to support developing countries to improve water governance. It will promote South-South collaboration and exchange of experiences and best practices, through for example multi-stakeholder dialogues. The Facility is focussing on multiple thematic areas that range from integrated water resources management, transboundary water and water supply and sanitation to climate variability, gender and capacity building. See [Water Governance website](#).
9. Under the “**Innovative Financing to Accelerate Solar Water Heating**” initiative, Green Markets International is working to boost solar water heating applications. The project’s purpose is to identify, develop, and advance mechanisms to increase the adoption of solar water heating technologies, with an emphasis on financial and commercial innovations. Some results may be relevant for the Mediterranean. See [the website](#) for more details.
10. The **Star project** (Standardisation of River Classifications: Framework method for calibrating different biological survey results against ecological quality classifications to be developed for **the Water Framework Directive**) is a research project supported by the European Commission under the Fifth Framework Programme. This project was the continuation on the [AQEM project](#). After a six-month extension the STAR project has ended by the end of June 2005. Among the projects' [results](#) (18 deliverables) published: outline of EU standards, Decision Support System, etc.
11. The **EMPOWERS Partnership** invites you to join its six- weeks **e-consultation**. The e-consultation's main objective is to share approaches, practical experiences, and lessons learnt in participatory implementation and planning for local water resources management and development, focusing on the involvement of end-users and the mechanisms by which their involvement is allowed and supported. [The background](#) will be used to start off discussion in the e-consultation. All information and postings will be available at [the EMPOWERS e-consultation site](#). To register go to [EMPOWERS website](#), and contact [Ms. Mona Barghout](#) for any further information.
12. Once more, the [World Water Week](#) held in Stockholm, August 21-27, 2005, has drawn attention to the essential role of water for life and development. Scarcity and lack of access to safe water are also addressed by the [MDGs](#) (Goal 7- environmental sustainability), the [UN Water for Life Decade](#), the [European Commission](#) and the [EU Water Initiative](#). NGOs have called upon the UK Presidency to [secure more aid for water and sanitation](#). Check [Euforic website](#) for more background information.
13. **WaterAid** has gained a new status within the United Nations giving it more opportunities to participate in UN activities. This new, consultative relationship recognizes WaterAid's expertise in providing some of the world's poorest people with access to clean water and effective sanitation. This relationship formally acknowledges WaterAid with the title 'NGO with Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations' (UN ECOSOC). See [WaterAid website](#) for further details.

14. Mr. Lucio Guerrato, chief of the EC Delegation in Algeria, revealed the approval of **€20 million EC program** for the sector of water resources. Engagements of the EU in Algeria currently rise to **€380 million**, which are mainly devoted to the application of the agreement of association, whose entry into force is envisaged since this month. See [the website](#) for further information. (Only in French)

15. The members of the Scientific Council, an independent body of the European Research Council (ERC), have been recently announced by the European Commission. Conducting frontier research, as proposed by the EC under **the 7th Research Framework Programme (2007-2013)**, the Scientific Council will define strategic issues promoting European scientific excellence. See [EC website](#) for additional information. In the same context, The EC Directorate General for Research is organising its second conference on "Communicating European Research" (Brussels, 14-15 November 2005). The main focus is oriented towards science communication considering relevant aspect of the ongoing FP6 as well as future perspectives and preparatory actions within the FP7 context. [Check here](#) for additional information, and you can also [register](#) on-line.

16. Conservation group WWF is calling on EU leaders to heed the lessons learnt from the recent **floods** across central Europe and work with nature rather than against it. The call comes as the public consultation on a package of flooding measures - **the EC's Flood Risk Management Action Programme** - reaches its final weeks. While only 20 per cent of Europe's natural floodplains are estimated to be still functional and thus able to store water, the global conservation organization says that the only sustainable solution to reduce the risk of further devastating floods is to work with nature, rather than against it. See [EDIE website](#) for additional information.

17. **WaterAid and Tearfund** have launched a campaign calling on the UK government to use its presidency of the EU to immediately secure more and better aid for water and sanitation. The NGOs warn that without improved aid, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for safe water and sanitation will be missed in the poorest countries. To promote their campaign, the NGOs have developed an online game to show how EU aid fails to reach the poorest. The game and full details of the campaign can be found at [WaterAid Website](#) or [Tearfund website](#).

18. The **World Bank** has earmarked **4 million USD** for **Tunisia** to get rid of obsolete pesticides accumulated in the country over the years, the organisation announced. The money has been granted through the 'Africa Stockpiles Programme' which aims at cleaning up Africa from all obsolete pesticide stocks that have been piled up in the continent over the last four decades. "The Africa Stockpiles Programme is an unprecedented partnership between private industry, non-profit organisations and governments which have agreed to cooperate in a comprehensive effort to eliminate the accumulation of obsolete pesticides," the WB said. See [ANSAMED](#) for additional information.

19. The **European Union** is set to cement relations with **Morocco** and other Mediterranean countries after it has given priority for a long time to countries of eastern Europe, said visiting speaker of the European parliament. Josep Borrell, who arrived in Morocco on a two-day visit, expressed hope that his talks with Moroccan officials would give a new impetus to the extraordinary summit, scheduled for November 27-28, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of launching the Euro-Mediterranean Process. Borrell, who is also president of the Euro-Mediterranean parliamentary assembly that groups European parliamentarians and their counterparts in the south bank of the Mediterranean, will meet with Prime Minister, Driss Jettou and other officials. See [ANSAMED](#) for additional information.

20. The **MED Committee meeting** on 11 July in Brussels gave favourable opinions on **MEDA National Financing Plans 2005** for seven Mediterranean Partners: **Algeria (€80 million); Egypt (€110 million); Jordan (€60 million); Lebanon (€27 million); Morocco (€148 million); Syria (€22 million); and Tunisia (€118 million)**, as well as the Regional Financing Plan 2005, Part II (€59.9 million). The objective of the project related to the water sector in Egypt (€80M/36months) is to support the reforms undertaken by the Egyptian government, while ensuring the promotion of a

decentralized, sustainable and economically viable management of this resource. The objective of the project related to the water sector in Algeria (€20M/48months) is contributing to the sustainable satisfaction of water demand of the consumers and to modernize water resources management while ensuring their conservation. The project will allow the provision of the actors of the water sector by instruments and systems of administration and management to facilitate the identification of the priorities of the sector and to modernize water resources management. The indicative ventilation of the budget by major components of the project will be as follows: €4M for the actualization of the national plan of water and the definition of the priorities of the sector; €8M for the consolidation of an institutional, lawful, legal, financial and human framework; €8M to illustrate through concrete cases the use of the decision-making aid tools. The objective of the project related to the water sector in Lebanon (€5M/36months) is guaranteeing a better quality of water services and sanitation to the populations, ensuring the protection and the renewal of the natural resources and guaranteeing the financial autonomy of the water sector. The objective of the project related to the water sector in Syria (€5M) is to improve quality of drinking water and its access to the populations of south-west of Damas, and guaranteeing the conservation of this resource. The [EIB](#) (European Investment Bank) will grant a loan (20 years duration) to low interest rate to the Syrian authorities for the financing of the activities related to the modernization of the water sector. Meanwhile, activities of technical aid will be financed by the **FEMIP** (The Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership). On the other hand, The common activities between MEDA countries and EU members states in terms of cooperation are actually carried out under transnational programs of cooperation: [MEDOCC](#) and [ARCHIMED](#) (IIIB), and also under the transboundary cooperation programs between Spain & Morocco, and Gibraltar & Morocco (IIIA). The programmes ARCHIMED (centralised management) and MEDOCC (decentralised management) will be granted by €6,5M, and the target fields include: environmental protection, natural resources conservation, natural catastrophes prevention, information society, etc. Meanwhile, the transboundary programmes Spain/Morocco and Gibraltar/Morocco will be granted by €1,8M and €0,7M respectively. The duration of this programme is of 3 years. See [Welcomeurope](#) for additional information.

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21. **Drome River Project Wins International Thuess Riverprize:** A 20-year project to restore the Drome River Valley in the Department of Drome, southeastern France, won the 2005 International Thuess Riverprize at the eighth international Riversymposium being held in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Flows in the Drome River, which was once rank with pollution and sucked dry by irrigators, were monitored regularly and local sewage treatment plants were upgraded. As a result, water quality has improved significantly, along with the condition of wetlands, and flood risks have dropped. Judges at Riversymposium called the project "a model for European river management." See [SAHRA website](#) for additional information.

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PUBLICATIONS

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22. The Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza is currently the coordinator of the **MEDROPLAN project** (Mediterranean Drought Preparedness and Mitigation Planning), that is funded by the EC within the framework of the MEDA Programme (Euro-Mediterranean Regional Programme for Local Water Management). The objectives of the MEDROPLAN project are to provide guidelines for drought preparedness plans and the framework for the setting up of a drought preparedness network for the Mediterranean countries. Some results of the researches of the MEDROPLAN project have been published by the CIHEAM's journal «**Options**

Méditerranéennes»: "[Options Méditerranéennes, Série : B, No. 51: Title: Drought Preparedness and Mitigation in the Mediterranean: Analysis of the Organizations and Institutions](#)".

23. The following report has been released on the EEA (European Environmental Agency) website: **European Environment Outlook (EEA Report No 4/2005)**. Issues of particular concern in this report are water and air pollution, man-made disasters, and climate change. In addition, new challenges arising from diffuse sources of pollution, changing consumption patterns, and the possibility of sudden extreme environmental changes all need to be addressed.

24. **IDRIS**, the [IDRC](#) (International Development Research Centre) Development Research Information System is a database of IDRC project information. Content includes project titles, abstracts and funding information for all IDRC projects since 1970. Search in this [database](#) by keyword, subject, country, region, project number and recipient.

25. The U.S. National Academies of Sciences has just announced the launch of its **Water Information Centre**, a portal of more than 100 peer-reviewed reports from the National Academies on water-related issues. [The website](#) aims to assist the work of water scientists, engineers, managers, policy-makers, and students throughout the world. These reports represent independent and objective consensus among experts from academia, industry, and other entities. The website features the following major topics: Water Supply and Sanitation, Water and Soil Remediation, Hydrologic Hazards, Water Quality in the Natural Environment, River Basin Systems Management, Environmental Assessment, Management, and Restoration, Water Science and Research. If you are from [a developing country](#), the full reports can be downloaded for FREE. A large number of reports are also available to free download for residents of other countries.

26. Professor Malin Falkenmark explains in his last publication the problems and opportunities related to securing water for our global food supply, achieving safe domestic **water supply and sanitation**, abating pollution, balancing all water water-related activities and interests in a catchment, and overcoming today's water management complexity. Download [here](#) this publication.

27. "**Resilience: Going from Conventional to Adaptive Freshwater Management for Human and Ecosystem Compatibility**" This new policy brief highlights the need for water management to incorporate complexity and uncertainty and introduces the concepts of "resilience" and "adaptive co-management." It emphasises the need to go from conventional to ecosystem-oriented adaptive freshwater management. Download this policy brief [here](#). SWH, together with SIWI and the Stockholm Environment Institute, has also just published a new policy brief entitled "Rain: The Neglected Resource." It elucidates how a shift in thinking can change how we view the world's water resources. Click [here](#) to download this policy brief.

28. "**Rain: The Neglected Resource**". The water necessary to produce the food required for an expanding human population is usually discussed only as an issue of blue water for irrigation (the water we use from rivers and aquifers). This discussion neglects that most food production is from rain fed farming. Download [here](#) this publication.

29. For Outstanding Achievements: **The Story of the Stockholm Water Prize and its Laureates**. What began with the valuable but modest aim of rewarding efforts to safeguard water has grown into one of the world's most respected and important water prizes. "For Outstanding Achievements" tells the story of the Stockholm Water Prize and its distinguished Laureates. Download [here](#) this publication.

30. In its recently launched version, **the new website of MedWet** offers a wealth of new information in a welcoming design with many interactive features, images and maps that make navigating simple and fun. The website of MedWet aims to serve as a dynamic source of

information helping to bring knowledge generated through the work of MedWet to all interested audiences in the Mediterranean and beyond.

31. "**Health and the Millennium Development Goals**" report by WHO ([World Health Organization](#)), 2005, is a joint production of the Department of MDGs, Health and Development Policy (HDP) and the Department of Measurement and Health Information Systems (MHI). [Click here](#) to download it.

32. The Geosciences review of the [BRGM](#) (Bureau de recherches géologiques et minières) has just published its second issue, dealing with different themes (**Water Framework Directive, Sustainable management of water resources, the European response to the challenges of water and sanitation in developing countries, etc**). See [the website](#) of this review to download the different themes.

33. "**Water, Time and European Cities - History Matters for the Futures**" is a study that explores the historical aspects of 29 case study cities in Europe, looking at the long-term historical consequences of decisions made on these cities' water and sanitation systems. The book is [available](#) in pdf-format.

34. "**Water safety plans: Managing drinking-water quality from catchment to consumer**". This WHO publication is aimed at practitioners at all levels. It is especially relevant to water quality managers, regulators, auditors, consultants and international organizations. This document describes the water safety plan approach and further substantiation is provided in a set of companion volumes addressing source protection, treatment processes (at supply and household level), distribution of drinking-water and selection of parameters and analytical methods. See [WHO website](#) for further information.

35. "**Drawing Water**", is a resource book of illustrations on water and sanitation in low-income countries. This book of black and white line illustrations contains over 200 images concerning water supplies and sanitation in low-income countries. Covering subjects from handpumps, standposts and community wells to pit latrines and solid waste disposal, it will prove an invaluable resource for teachers, project managers, fieldworkers, and health professionals active in communication, education and other development work. [Click here](#) for further information.

36. "**The Business of water and sustainable development**" is a new publication, edited by Jonathan Chenoweth (University of Surrey, UK) and Juliet Bird (University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia). Visit [the Greenleaf website](#) to see it. You can also request a review copy or inspection copy from this site - see [the home page](#).

37. Revised catalogues of **FP6 selected projects** are available now. The synopses of the Global Change and Ecosystems contracts (calls 1 and 2), can be downloaded from the CIRCA server: [1\) All Global Change and Ecosystems projects](#); [2\) Water and Soil related projects](#). The abstracts of the proposals selected for funding after the third call for proposals within the area Water and Soil related aspects is also available: [Global 3 Water and Soil related projects](#).

38. The conclusions of the **FP5 EU project SOWA** are published: With the document entitled "Integrated Soil and Water Protection: Risks from Diffuse Pollution, the [SOWA](#) project has defined new research needs. The document contains five thematic chapters giving an overview, a state-of-the-art characterisation, and an identification of research questions. Most input was drawn on the identification of the most relevant scientific questions for future research needs in the area of integrated protection of soil and water. Finally, the document gives a perspective for implementing the identified scientific research needs in a European context. Contact [Dietrich Halm](#) for further information.

39. "**The European policy of development co-operation**", is a new report by Corinne Balleix, and published by Robert Schuman Foundation, on the occasion of the Summit of the United Nations on the achievement of the objectives of the millennium for the development which will be held from the 14 to September 16 in New York. See [the website](#) of the foundation to check it.

40. The last issue of **Neighbourhood Programmes 2004-2006** Electronic Newsletter is already [online](#).

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CALL FOR TENDERS and PROPOSALS
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41. The Stockholm Water Prize is presented annually to an individual, institution or organisation for outstanding water-related activities. The activities can be within the fields of aid, awareness building and education, engineering, management or science. Nominations for **the \$150,000 Stockholm Water Prize 2006** are welcome and will be accepted until **September 30, 2005**. See [SIWI website](#) for further information.

42. The call for proposals for **LIFE 2005-2006** has been published in the EC Official Journal on the 21 June 2005 (OJ 149 of 21.06.2005). The EC invites organizations legally constituted in the eligible Third Countries, to present proposals for the LIFE selection round 2005-2006. The deadline of submission to the national competent authorities is **31 October 2005**. For the list of the national contact points see [the following link](#). On the other hand, the deadline of submission by the national competent authorities to the EC is: **30 November 2005**. Detailed information on how apply for funding and the application files for **LIFE-Third countries projects** are available on [LIFE web site](#).

43. The [Call for proposals for Marie Curie Research Training Networks](#) has been announced. Deadline: **28 September 2005**. For full information see [CORDIS website](#).

44. [The EC's fourth call](#) is linked to the FP6 budget's 6.3 sub-priority known as 'Global Change and Ecosystems'. Officially launched on 19 July, it sets the clock ticking until its closure date of **3 November 2005**. The call encompasses an ambitious range of environmental research goals. The programme contains several environmental topics relevant to the SMAP programme, MEDA Countries entities are highly invited to participate. A total indicative budget of **205M €** is to be made available for different types of actions. The complete Information package including: the Call Text, the Work Programme and the Guides for Proposers for each type of action is available on the Cordis FP6-2005-Global-4 call [web page](#).

45. Nomination period for **the King Hassan II Great World Water Prize** is now open until **September 30, 2005**. The King Hassan II Great World Water Prize for an amount of **\$100.000** will be awarded at the 4th World Water Forum in Mexico in March 2006. Either an organisation or an individual may receive it in honour of outstanding achievements in the water sector. The theme for the Prize is "Cooperation and solidarity in the fields of management and development in water resources". For detailed information on the procedure, please visit the [WWC's website](#) or write to [World Water Council](#).

46. The World Water Council, the City of Kyoto, Soroptimist International of Kyoto and the 4th World Water Forum invite individuals and organizations to submit their candidatures for the first Kyoto World Water Grand Prize. An award of **JP¥5.000.000** (or approximately **US\$45.000**) will be given to the winning individual or organisation whose grassroot-level activities address critical water needs of communities and regions, corresponding to the overall theme of the 4th World Water Forum, "Local Actions for a Global Challenge." The application form is available only

through the Prize's [webpages](#). Electronic submissions will be accepted until **October 31st, 2005**. For full information, see [the prize announcement](#).

47. [RSPB](#) and [CIWEM](#) are calling for entries for the 2006 Living Wetlands Award. The Award was established in 2003 by the two organisations to recognise and reward projects that demonstrate the multiple functions and sustainable use of wetland habitats. The prize includes **1500 GBP** to enhance the winning scheme's impact and the closing date for entries for the 2006 Award is **25 November 2005**. This year, CIWEM's East Midlands Branch is sponsoring the new category of best Small Living Wetland. See [the call for entries](#) for more information.

48. **Grants for Strengthening Capacity in Water Resources Research Citizens** from Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia and Uganda are eligible for grants of up to **US\$12.000** (€9.600) for work on various water issues from the Inter-Islamic Network on Water Resource Development. Apply before: **Saturday 31 December 2005**. See [IFS \(International Foundation of Science\) website](#) for further information.

49. **The Challenge Program on Water and Food** is a research-for-development program that seeks to identify ways in which agricultural water productivity can be improved at the basin scale (for more information, see [the website](#)). This program invites to submit a proposal "**Small Grants Program**" conceived to develop innovative ways in which research on water productivity might be followed through to achieve developmental impact. The proposals that this invitation seeks to attract will aim to bridge the gap between research and development, and emphasise impact and innovation. NGOs are particularly invited to submit proposals. For these reasons, in 2005, the Challenge Program on Water and Food (CPWF) intends to make available up to **US \$800.000** to support impact-related projects formulated within these guidelines, and selected through a competitive assessment process. The expectation is that 10 - 15 projects will be funded within a budget range of **US\$25.000** to **US\$75.000**. Closing Date: **15 October 2005**. See [the call for proposals](#) for further details.

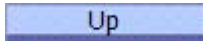
50. The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (**JRC**) has published a **call for tenders** for studies on integrated environmental impact assessment, targeting rural development AGRI-ENV measures, as well as the collection and structuring of large scale soil data. Data collection and development of methods and tools will be based on case studies in different geographic regions focusing on relevant environmental problems. These will include erosion, land degradation, desertification, soil conservation, agricultural water use, nitrogen leaching, Natura 2000 sites and High Nature Value farmland. The deadline for submitting tender documents is **7 October 2005**. See [CORDIS website](#) for further details.

51. The last call for proposals "**Scientific Support to Policies**" is in preparation by the EC. Expected to be launched before **mid-October 2005** - deadline early 2006, the SSP5 call for proposals will address issues of interest such as: 1) Water Framework Directive - Ecological status assessment, and 2) Water Framework Directive - Linking scientific knowledge and policy development and implementation. Detailed information will be available soon at the relevant pages on [Cordis](#).

52. With regard to the current **Life Environment call for proposals** (deadline **30 September 2005**), the Abruzzo Region (Italy) is looking for partners interested in participating in a demonstration project concerning the monitoring and treatment of runoff first flush waters. See [our Forum](#) for further details.

53. Provision of Service contract for the development of a European flood geographic information system (**EU-Flood-GIS**) in support of the research activity on early flood alerts on European scale of the JRC. The EU-FLOOD-GIS will provide the European Flood Alert System (EFAS) with

hydrological and meteorological data and corresponding metadata from all trans-national European river basins. The EU-FLOOD-GIS will follow as much as possible the principles that have been outlined in the INSPIRE proposal (COM(2004) 516 final). In particular, the service foresees i) the creation of catalogues with metadata about existing hydrological and meteorological data, including terms of acquisition and of data or data access licenses, from all trans-national river basins, ii) the design of the system architecture and its implementation, and iii) collection of data and/or data access rights. It is anticipated that according to Article 126 paragraph 1. lit. f) and paragraph 3 of the implementing rules, Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No. 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002, the JRC could use the option of using the negotiated procedure for additional contracts consisting in the repetition of similar services or works entrusted to the contractor awarded. Deadline for submitting tenders: **25/10/2005**. See [JRC website](#) for additional information.



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CALL FOR PAPERS

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54. **The 2nd seminar on Algerian wetlands** that will be hosted in Béjaia (Algeria) the days 20-22 November 2005, has announced a call for paper to be due by **September 30th, 2005**. View [EMWIS news section](#) for more information.

55. The 22nd International Congress on Large Dams to be organised by [the International Commission on Large Dams](#) (ICOLD) in Barcelona (Spain) on 18-23 June 2006, has announced a call for papers. Authors should submit an abstract in English, maximum 300 words, of their proposed paper to the Organizing Committee before **30th September 2005**. Authors of the papers selected will be notified before October 31st, 2005, and the final paper should be submitted before February 1st, 2006. View [ICOLD website](#) for further information.

56. With the aim of ensuring the openness and fairness of the process, and of allowing all stakeholders interested in the process to have their voice heard, and due to the great interest shown, the Secretariat of **the 4th World Water Forum** is pleased to announce the extension of the deadline for expressions of interest in convening topic-sessions at the Forum. Applications will now be considered up to **September 30th, 2005**, through the online registration form. After this deadline, sessions will be selected through an ongoing process, until the final deadline of **November 15th, 2005**, by which time the final list of around 150 topic-sessions will be known. Please don't miss this opportunity to have a say in the future of our world's most precious resource. view [the 4th World Water Forum website](#).

57. The International symposium about "**New water policies - The Water Framework Directive**" which will take place in Barcelona (Spain) on the 17th and 18th May 2006, announced a call for papers to be due on the **1st October 2005**. Selection will be made before 1st November 2005 and the speakers will receive information before December. Papers should be sent by mail, before 1st April 2006. This event is organised by **ADECAGUA** (Spanish water Association) and **EWA** (**European Water Association**). See [EMWIS news section](#) for further details.

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58. **A Short course on Water recycling for urban applications** will be organised the days **13th & 14th December 2005** by the School of Water Sciences, Cranfield University, UK. This 2-day short course will provide delegates including design engineers, process scientists, researchers, operators, regulators, interested citizens and water managers with core information on the practical

aspects of reuse scheme planning and management. The programme includes sessions on water quality standards, technology selection, public perception, and the economic analysis of reuse schemes. Discounted registration is available to a small number of delegates from developing countries. Further information available at [the website](#) of Cranfield University.

59. The Algerian ministry of higher education and scientific research gave the green light to Dr. Derradji ZOUINI for the opening of a post-graduation course entitled "**Water resources, its integrated management, its environment and the sustainable development**" for the year 2005/2006, and will start in **October 2005**. In this course, cycles of conferences on the integrated management of water, the right to water and others themes will be organised. For further information, contact [Dr. Derradji ZOUINI](#).

60. **SIWI**, together with **Sida and Ramboll Natura AB**, announced a two-part course, "**Integrated Transboundary Water Resource Management**" set to take place in South Africa, March 6 – 17, 2006, and in Sweden, May 29 – June 2, 2006. To reach international water goals requires that transboundary water is managed in an efficient and equitable manner. This programme aims at strengthening the capacities of the people and organisations involved. Application Deadline is **November 14**. See [SIWI website](#) for further information.

61. The **SWIFT-WD project** is organising a Laboratory Training Course and a Policy Workshop (**1-4 November 2005**). In the framework of the EU FP6 project "Screening Methods for Water Data Information in Support of the Implementation of the Water Framework Directive (SWIFT-WFD)", a series of 2-day Training Courses and Workshops will be organised. It will focus on the "Quality assurance and quality control of monitoring river basins involving screening methods". The Laboratory Training Course [#T03, 1-2 November 2005] is intended for laboratory staff working in monitoring. The separately organised Policy Workshop [#W02, 3-4 November 2005] addresses participants from the environmental water policy area. Both events will be hosted by the Institute for Inland Water Management and Waste Water Treatment (RIZA), Lelystad, Netherlands. For further information see [the project's website](#) or [the leaflet and application form](#).

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2005-09-30/10-02 - Firsts Mediterranean economies meeting, Marseille, France.

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2005-10-21/23 - International Conference on new water Culture of SE European Countries, Athens, Greece.

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2005-10-25 - The 7th International Conference on the Mediterranean Coastal Environment / MEDCOAST 05, Kusadasi/Aydin, Turkey.

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2005-10-25 - The first annual Brussels Conference: European River Basin Management Policy, Brussels, Belgium.

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