











## Restoring Europe's Rivers

### **RESTORE Bulletin**

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## Call for submissions: RESTORE's final conference - 5th European River **Restoration Conference 2013**

Vienna 11-13 September 201

The RESTORE partners for river restoration in Europe are inviting submissions for our European River Restoration Conference in 2013. Join us as we share and learn about the successes, challenges and opportunities for river restoration in Europe.

The conference, organised by ECRR and RESTORE together with their European partners, will feature the 1<sup>st</sup> European River Prize for excellence in river management. awarded by the International River Foundation.

You can provide your river restoration case study summaries and session proposals until 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 on the conference website

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## WIKI tool promotes river restoration in Europe

Policy makers, river restoration practitioners and other stakeholders now have a new online tool at their disposal, providing them with hundreds of river restoration case studies. The River WIKI database holds over 300 river restoration case studies from 24 countries in Europe and is found on http://riverwiki.restorerivers.eu.



This interactive system is a Wikipedia for river restoration projects. It allows users to build a knowledge base by adding their own case studies and sharing information and experiences. Anyone with an interest in river restoration can now make use of a growing number of case studies to discover the breadth or restoration activity across Europe. With this tool policy makers, river basin managers, practitioners and experts will be empowered to further develop the skills and best practices to restore rivers and create sustainable river environments.

Case studies include narrative summaries and a wealth of information such as project costs, measures undertaken, monitoring, results achieved and images, pin-pointed to coordinates on a map. Users can search for case studies selecting a variety of criteria, including the name of a river, country, distance from a specific location, or pertinent themes such as: economic aspects, fisheries, flood risk management, hydropower, hydromorphology, land use management, social benefits, spatial planning and water quality. A map of case studies allows users to quickly view the location and browse by project name.

# **Publication of Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Report for England**

The Environment Agency's first annual flood and coastal erosion risk management (FCERM) report for England has now been published.

It highlights the achievements of all risk management authorities who have worked together to reduce the risk to people and properties.

The highlights include:

- FCERM schemes that have reduced the risk to households and businesses
- advice provided on the risks of building in the flood plain
- developments in innovative flood forecasting and warning approaches

It also reports on the environmental benefits achieved in flood and coastal erosion risk management schemes.

The report can be downloaded here

## Engineering Nature's Way: A guide to SUDS in the urban landscape

A free e-guide to **SUstainable Drainage Systems** (SUDS) in the urban landscape has been published by Engineering Nature's Way, a website dedicated to SUDS and flood risk management in the UK.

The guide outlines the opportunities for SUDS to help make the urban environment a more balanced, healthy and enjoyable place to live and can be downloaded <a href="here">here</a>

### **RRC 2013 Annual Network Conference**

The RRC 2013 Annual Network Conference will take place at Whittlebury Hall Spa and Leisure Club in Northamptonshire on the 30th April and the 1st May.

Featuring a range of oral presentation, poster and workshop sessions as well as optional site visits, the programme and booking facility will be available online from Wednesday (5th December) with early-bird rates available.

Another date for your diary is the **5th European River Restoration Conference**: Restoring Rivers in Europe: Celebrating Successes and Addressing Challenges, which will mark the end of the LIFE+ RESTORE project. This will take place in Vienna between the 11th and the 13th September 2013.

Please contact the RRC by email: rrc@therrc.co.uk or call +44 1234 752979.

## **RESTORE International Conference, European river prize and ECRR International Conference**

### Vienna, Austria 11-13 September 2013

See above call for submissions. RESTORE will end in 2013 and the final conference of the project together with a conference on river restoration practices will take place in September 2013 at the 5<sup>th</sup> European River Restoration Conference.

#### 5th European River Restoration Conference

Celebrating successes and addressing challenges, the event will also feature the Awarding of the International River Foundation's 1st European River Prize: click here

This event will focus on how the gathering and transfer of knowledge has benefited the practical work of those involved in river restoration during the course of the project. In particular we will discuss the ways to communicate river restoration.

The event will include a presentation of work, networking events, site visit and post conference report. The announcement of the first European river prize will be held in association with the conference.

5th European River Restoration Conference

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