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# European Centre for River Restoration

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### CHANGE OF THE ECRR SECRETARIAT

At the end of 2006 the Italian Centre for River Restoration (CIRF) took the secretariat of the European Centre for River Restoration (ECRR) and it will coordinate the activities of the Centre until the year 2009. This was possible thanks to a funding granted from the Italian Ministry of the Environment.

CIRF is a non profit technical-scientific association created in 1999 by a group of technicians with different background to promote the culture of river restoration and its related know-how. CIRF aims at:

- increasing the awareness about the benefits of river restoration, through educational activities, publications and dialogue with public authorities, professionals and researchers;
- coordinating, promoting and supporting pilot studies and innovative projects on river restoration and sustainable river management;
- developing and stimulating the involvement of all public and private subjects interested in the management of water and land.

### 4<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RIVER RESTORATION

One of the main tasks of CIRF's secretariat is the organization of the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on River Restoration, that will be held in Venice, Italy, June 16 to 21, 2008.

The first call is downloadable at <http://www.ecrr.org/conf08.htm> and in the next weeks the draft program with keynote speakers and other useful information on the event (deadlines, costs, practical information and connections to/from the island, etc.) will be announced.

The international *Scientific & Technical Committee* of the Conference has been formed and it is made up of:

**Bruna Gumiero** (Chairman), Italian Centre for River Restoration - CIRF, Italy  
**Jukka Jormola**, Finnish Environment Institute - SYKE, Finland  
**Martin Janes**, River Restoration Centre - RRC, UK  
**Ute Menke**, Institute for Inland Water Management and Waste Water Treatment - RIZA, The Netherlands  
**Peter Bakony**, Hungarian Water Research Centre - VITUKI, Hungary  
**Lidija Globevnik**, Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia, Slovenia  
**Diego García de Jalón**, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain  
**George Rast**, WWF Germany, Germany  
**Massimo Rinaldi**, Italian Centre for River Restoration - CIRF, Italy  
**Philippe Pypaert**, UNESCO  
**Devin M. Bartley**, FAO

For the organization and the logistics, the *Organizing Committee* is made up of:

**Francesco Pra Levis**, Italian Centre for River Restoration - CIRF, Italy  
**Giuseppe Baldo**, Italian Centre for River Restoration - CIRF, Italy  
**Paola Marangoni**, Italian Centre for River Restoration - CIRF, Italy

The location of the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on River Restoration will be San Servolo, a little island in front of S. Marco square, surrounded by the amazing scenery of Venice Lagoon.





A view of San Servolo Island (up) and St. Mark's Square (down)





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## NEW ECRR WEBSITE

The ECRR website has been recently renewed in its contents and graphics and it is constantly updated. It is possible to find news on River Restoration and Integrated Water Resource Management, upcoming events, reports on conferences and seminars, publications and a section dedicated to river restoration projects with a growing database of case studies (see next section). Please visit:

[www.ecrr.org](http://www.ecrr.org)

## PROJECT DATABASE

One of the key objectives of the ECRR is to enable wider and more efficient dissemination of information related to river restoration projects and techniques, we are therefore gathering information on projects and case studies on different topics carried out in European and extra European Countries.

They are currently summarized in a growing database (in Excel format) downloadable at the following webpage: <http://www.ecrr.org/prjdb.xls>. Links to other significant databases of worldwide Organizations are also provided.

The ECRR is basically a network, an open "platform" fed by all interested parties. Also the development and interest of the website strongly depend on the contributions given by ECRR members: they all have the opportunity to share their experiences and spread the results of their projects. This is why we warmly invite you to provide us with information on the most interesting projects and case studies related to river restoration, using the database form downloadable in our website.

**We look forward to receive news from you!**

## BIG JUMP 2007

The "Big Jump - European River Swimming day - Swimming for better rivers" is an international event carried out by the European River Network that have come in 2007 to its fourth edition (the previous were on 2002, 2005 and 2006).

On the Big Jump day everybody will swim in the rivers on the same day, at the same hour, in all the European rivers, from the sources and the glaciers to the oceans.

With over 250 000 visitors, the Big Jump 2005 was a success. Along 31 rivers in 22 countries, 216 official actions, 240 unofficial spontaneous jumps have been well organized!

This year the Big Jump will take place everywhere on:

**15th July 2007, 3 PM \***

\* GMT+2 (summer time in Paris, Brussels, Berlin...)

For more news about the Big Jump visit: <http://www.rivernet.org/bigjump/welcome.htm>



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## TOP NEWS (find more on the ECRR website!)

### **INBO 7th General World Assembly 2007: The Final Resolutions & the "Declaration of Debrecen"**

217 delegates from 46 countries met at the 7th World General Assembly of INBO (International Network of Basin organizations) that took place in Debrecen, Hungary, from 7 to 9 June 2007.

[http://www.riob.org/ag2007/index\\_eng.htm](http://www.riob.org/ag2007/index_eng.htm)

The Final Resolution is downloadable here:

[http://www.riob.org/ag2007/docs/AG\\_RIOB\\_DEBRECEN\\_2007\\_Resolution\\_finale-A.pdf](http://www.riob.org/ag2007/docs/AG_RIOB_DEBRECEN_2007_Resolution_finale-A.pdf)

The "Declaration of Debrecen" is downloadable here:

[http://www.riob.org/ag2007/docs/AG\\_RIOB\\_DEBRECEN\\_2007\\_DECLARATION\\_A.pdf](http://www.riob.org/ag2007/docs/AG_RIOB_DEBRECEN_2007_DECLARATION_A.pdf)

### **New issue of Danube News published**

Bulletin of the International Association for Danube Research (IAD)

[http://www.iad.gs/docs/danube\\_news/Danube\\_News\\_15.pdf?PHPSESSID=1ce673e21864](http://www.iad.gs/docs/danube_news/Danube_News_15.pdf?PHPSESSID=1ce673e21864)

### **EU reports on water quality**

WISE (Water Information System for Europe) offers a fully integrated picture of water quality along Europe's coastlines and inland waterways.

<http://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/get-wise-about-clean-bathing-water>

### **European Parliament and Council reach agreement on the new Floods Directive**

The European Parliament adopted a set of compromise amendments agreed with the EU Council of Ministers on the proposal for a directive on the assessment and management of flood risks.

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/07/565&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### **Presentations of EU Water Conference available online**

The video presentations of the EU Water Conference held in Brussels, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2007 are available at the following links:

Video day 1:

[http://www.managenergy.tv/me\\_portal/env/vi\\_wm\\_300\\_en/water\\_conference\\_2007\\_day1](http://www.managenergy.tv/me_portal/env/vi_wm_300_en/water_conference_2007_day1)

Video day 2:

[http://www.managenergy.tv/me\\_portal/env/vi\\_wm\\_300\\_en/water\\_conference\\_2007\\_day2](http://www.managenergy.tv/me_portal/env/vi_wm_300_en/water_conference_2007_day2)

For other documentation on the conference visit:

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-framework/2007conference/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-framework/2007conference/index_en.htm)

### **WFD Implementation Report 2007**

The First report on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC and other documentation are available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-framework/implrep2007/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-framework/implrep2007/index_en.htm)

### **LIFE+ text approved by Council**

The European Parliament has voted in favour of the LIFE+ text approved by the Council on 14 May. For all the news about LIFE+, visit:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/news/futureoflife.htm#greenwk>

### **WWF report: World's Top Rivers at Risk**

This report points out the widespread degradation the most important world's rivers are facing

<http://assets.panda.org/downloads/worldstop10riversatriskfinalmarch13.pdf>



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## EVENTS (July 2007 – August 2007)

### **Course "Principles and practice of stream restoration"**

16-20 July 2007 – Utah State University, Logan, USA  
<http://uwrl.usu.edu/streamrestoration/>

### **Still Battling the Inland Sea: Exploring Solutions for California's Complex Water Issues**

24-26 July 2007 – Sacramento, California, USA  
<http://samesacramento.org/calendar/2007leveeconference.html>

### **International Symposium on Fishways in South America**

29 July/3 August 2007 – Lavras, MG – BRAZIL  
<http://www.eventos.ufla.br/fishpassages/>

### **10th International Symposium on River Sedimentation**

1-4 August 2007 – Moscow, RUSSIA  
<http://isrs10.hydro-msu.ru/en/index.htm>

### **Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council Summit 2007**

9-13 August 2007 – Saint Mary's, Alaska, USA  
<http://www.yritwc.com/>

### **World Water Week**

12-18 August 2007 – Stockholm, SWEDEN  
<http://www.worldwaterweek.org/>

### **Course "Geomorphic and ecological fundamentals for river and stream restoration"**

13-17 August 2007 (with optional field training August 9-11) - Sagehen Creek Field Station near Lake Tahoe, California, USA  
<http://restoration.ced.berkeley.edu/shortcourse/>  
For questions please contact: [restoration\\_shortcourse@yahoo.com](mailto:restoration_shortcourse@yahoo.com)

### **2nd IASTED International Conference on Water Resources Management (WRM 2007)**

20-22 August 2007 – Honolulu, Hawaii, USA  
<http://www.iasted.org/conferences/home-578.html>

### **Course "Principles and Practice of Stream Restoration, Part II (Design Problem)"**

August 20-24, 2007 Utah State University, Logan, UT  
<http://uwrl.usu.edu/streamrestoration/>

### **Course "Sustainable water management & technology in urbanized areas"**

22-31 August 2007 – University of Antwerp, Belgium  
[http://www.ua.ac.be/main.aspx?c=\\*MILKND&n=38491](http://www.ua.ac.be/main.aspx?c=*MILKND&n=38491)

### **International Conference on Sustainable Development and Management of Water Resources in Palestine**

25-28 August 2007 – Amman, JORDAN  
<http://www.waterconference-ps.org/>



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## BECOME A MEMBER!

### **Joining the ECRR is FREE!**

Acting as an international network the ECRR is pleased to get contributions from its members: they are all very welcomed to provide us information on projects, events, news, training courses, etc.

The ECRR newsletter, for example, is thought as a tool (available to all members) for advertising to an international platform the outcomes of the project, important events worldwide, new publications, etc.

As a member of the ECRR, you will:

- keep on receiving a monthly newsletter with the most recent international information related to river restoration (conferences, projects, policy document, funding opportunities...);
- have the opportunity to share your experiences and spread the results of your projects;
- become a part of a network of people and institutions involved in river restoration and sustainable river management at European level, find partners for your project proposals and develop joint activities;

### **Become a member of the ECRR!**

Send an email/fax with your name, field of activity and contact information to:

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