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4th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RIVER RESTORATION, 16-21 JUNE 2008, Venice-San Servolo Island, Italy

The 4th International Conference on River Restoration was held in Venice the 16-19 June 2008, followed by a field trip to the Tagliamento (Italy) and Drava (Austria) rivers the 20-21 June.

All five continents were represented in the conference, with more than 300 participants arrived in San Servolo Island from 36 Countries.

During the four days event 12 sessions were organized covering many different fields: from flood risk to biodiversity, from fisheries management to hydromorphological processes, from evaluation and monitoring to Decision Making Processes.

Also, 12 workshops were organized in the afternoon of the 17 and 18 June, in cooperation with many international organizations, universities and research centres.

Two choices were available for the excursion of the first day: one along the Zero river in the mainland around the city of Mestre and one in the central Lagoon of Venice. The journeys are available in the ECRR website, together with some useful documentation, also related to the field trip to Tagliamento and Drava rivers (<http://www.ecrr.org/conf08/fieldtr.htm>).

During the conference the partnership between ECRR and INBO was formalized and was also discussed the role of the ECRR within the participatory process for the 5th World Water Forum di Istanbul, that will be held in Istanbul on March 2009. The ECRR conference of Venice has been as step included in the agenda of the topic 3.1 "Basin management and transboundary cooperation", coordinated by INBO and UNESCO.

The complete list of all the speeches given in the ECRR conference is available below.

In the next weeks the PDF versions of both oral presentations and posters will be available in the ECRR website as well as the volume of proceedings and some other documentation related to the event.

SESSION 1 - Biodiversity and restoration of hydromorphological processes

Chairmen: B. Gumiero, K. Boyer & S. Gregory

Author (s)	Title
B. Stammel	Restoration of river/floodplain interconnection and riparian habitats along the embanked Danube between Neuburg and Ingolstadt (Germany)
D. Corenblit, J. Steiger, E. Tabacchi, A. Gurnell	The 'niche construction' by pioneer vegetation within fluvial corridors: implications and perspectives for biodiversity and river conservation
P. Negri, V. Casotti	The Mosaic Evaluation System (MOS.E.S): a GIS based tool to support floodplain restoration
J. Elso, F. Urra, F. Mendoza, S. Moreno	Biodiversity conservation and river restoration: from planning to execution through a LIFE project in Aragon river, Navarra, Spain
P. Davies	Spatially optimising riparian re-vegetation at a catchment scale
L. Vietto, A. Vanden Broeck, M. Tautenhahn, P. M. Chiarabaglio	Matching the needs for the European Black poplar (<i>Populus nigra</i> L.) gene conservation and river restoration: case studies in Italy, Belgium and Germany
T. Vehanen, A. Huusko, A. Mäki-Petäys, H. Mykrä, T. Muotka, P. Louhi	Restoration of rivers to increase juvenile salmonid densities: are there any benefits of in stream physical habitat restoration?
J. Kail	The positive effect of adjacent, near-natural reaches on local ecological status: Using the "spreading effect" in stream restoration



A Elozegi, A Antón, L Aristegi, JR Díez, ML García-Arberas, L Ruiz, A Rallo	Restoring stream channel complexity with large wood. Effects on ecosystem structure and functioning
W. Reckendorfer, G. M. Witschnig, G. Klasz	Large river restoration: the significance of bank restoration for benthic invertebrates
B. Kronvang, A. Baatrup-Pedersen, H. Thodsen, E.A. Kristensen, P. Wiberg-Larsen, and J. Skriver	Ecological effect documentation following remeandering of Danish rivers: an overview
M. L. Pedersen, B. Kronvang	Long term effects of re-instating spawning gravel in Danish lowland streams
I. Rodríguez Muñoz	Project for ecological improvement of River Negro and tributaries (Zamora-Spain)

SESSION 2 – Basin Scale Restoration for fisheries rehabilitation: planning and monitoring

Chairmen: P. Roni, G. Marmulla

Author (s)	Title
S. Schmutz, A. Melcher, A. Zitek, C. Trautwein, M. Poppe, S. Muhar, M. Jungwirth	Using pressure-response models to identify hydromorphological restoration needs from local to catchment scales in Austrian rivers
M. Poppe, S. Muhar, S. Schmutz, A. Melcher, A. Zitek, C. Trautwein	The prioritisation of restoration measures in multiple-affected rivers. An Austrian approach.
G. Giannico, J. Souder	Public Involvement in Setting Priorities for River Restoration Actions: a case study from Oregon, U.S.A.
H. O. Hansen, J. S. Jensen	The Houting-project - Denmark's second largest nature restoration project
J. Parish, A. Corr, D. Van Dusen	Basin scale assessment to restoration sites: a necessary link
M. Ovidio, P. Orban, F. Lambot, J.C. Philippart	The restoration of the longitudinal connectivity in Southern Belgian rivers. Synthesis of a 10-years study and perspectives
E. Pini Prato	River rehabilitation for fish: fish passes management in the Arno river watershed
R. N. B. Campbell, J. H. Hunt, (A.Maltby)	Development of tools for planning and monitoring Salmonid juvenile stocks in relation to habitat quality in the River Tweed, UK
A. Maltby, L. Dugdale	Planning and monitoring the restoration of the River Eden, Cumbria
L. M. Martinez Rivera, Angel Aguirre G., José L. Olguin, J. Jesus Sandoval L., C. Ortiz	Integral Watershed Management for the Ayuquila River Restoration
M. F. O'Grady	Salmonid Riverine Enhancement in Ireland - Our Experiences over 20 Years
P. Roni	Basin scale monitoring of river restoration: guidelines and case studies from the Western United States

SESSION 3 – River restoration and EU Directives

Chairmen: T. M. Iversen, G. Neveu

Author (s)	Title
J. Yagüe, F. Javier Sánchez	The national strategy of river restoration
T. Nebot, N. Mondéjar, A. Cavallé, R. Morillo, V. Garófano-Gómez, F. Martínez-Capel	Environmental assessment and restoration of the river Mijares according to the Water Framework Directive.
J. Wheeldon	Demonstrating strategic management and restoration: STREAM
M. Ramirez, F. Lazzeri, B. Maiolini	Headwater management under the Directive 2000/60/EC
S. Muhar, S. Preis, M. Poppe, M. Jungwirth	Restoring riverine landscapes: corresponding requirements and synergy effects of Water Framework Directive, Birds and Habitats Directive
A. Magyarics	Restoration project of the Branch Soroksári of Danube River

SESSION 4 – Flood Risk and River Restoration

Chairmen: H. Nijland, U. Menke

Author (s)	Title
G. A. Fassetta, M. Fort	The integration of space of good functioning in fluvial geomorphology, as a tool for mitigating flood risk (Aude catchment, Mediterranean France)
N. Gilligan	Hydromorphology and River Enhancement for Flood Risk Management in Ireland
Sandra Schneider	Identification of potential riparian forest planting areas along federal waterways
U. Menke, H. Nijland	Nature development and Flood Risk Management combined along the River Rhine – Experiences from a transnational co-operation within the SDF project
M. Ferri, C. Benedetti, F. Baruffi	Urban restoration of Valstagna town relating to hydraulic risk problem
S. Dufour, M. Provansal, G. Raccasi, E. Doutriaux, G. Collillieux, C. Moiroud, B. Barale	Can flood risk management restore eco-geomorphologic functioning of fluvial margins along the Rhône River (France, SE)?

SESSION 5 - Restoration and management of physical processes and sediments

Chairmen: M. Rinaldi, G. Grant, M. Kondolf, P. Downs & H. Piegay

Author (s)	Title
G. Brierley, K. Fryirs	Don't fight the site: Geomorphic considerations in catchment-scale river rehabilitation planning
Andrew Simon	The Controversy in Approaches to River Restoration in the United States process vs. form



R. Hornich, N. Baumann	River restoration at the River Mur along the border between Austria and Slovenia
A.-J. Rollet, H. Piégay, G. Bornette, H. Persat	Sediment dynamics, channel morphology and ecological restoration downstream a dam: the case of the Ain river (France)
J. Kail, D. Hering, S. Muhar, M. Gerhard, S. Preis	The use of large wood in stream restoration: experiences from 50 projects in Germany and Austria
A. P. Brooks, T. Howell, J. G. Shellberg	Large wood reintroduction in SE Australia: A synthesis from a decade (almost) of river rehabilitation projects
G. Grant, J. O'Connor, J. J. Major, J. R. Wallick, B. Burkholder	Dramatic geomorphic response of a gravel-bed river to dam removal
M. Kloesch, M. Tritthart, M. Liedermann, H. Habersack	Sediment input and self-initiated riverbank erosion to mitigate channel incision: Methods to monitor the effectiveness of a new management technique
F. A. Comin, A. Calvo, M. González, R. Sorando, B. Gallardo, A. Cabezas, M. García, E. Gonzál	If flooding is the answer, what is the question?
K. Fryirs, G. Brierley	A response gradient of river adjustment and recovery in the upper Hunter catchment: Managing geomorphic process and sediments at the catchment scale
V. D'Agostino, A. Vianello	The rapids of mountain streams: their implications in the fluvial reconstruction criteria
M. Rinaldi, C. Simoncini, F. Pittaluga	Sediment and channel mobility management: the Magra River project (Central Italy)

SESSION 6 - Evaluating and monitoring success in river restoration plans/projects

Chairmen: M. Janes

Author (s)	Title
J. Mant, A. Gill, A. Peter	Why and when to appraise river restoration projects: guidelines on integrated approaches for project managers
J. Parish, C. Cummings, M. Tilston	Monitoring of Stream Restoration Projects – Sensitivities and Tolerances
K. Hubert, E. Schludermann, H. Hoyer, C. Fesl, T. Schopf;	Restoration Project "River Wien": Findings after 15 years of monitoring and studies
M. Scholz, C. Ilg, H. Rupp	Floodplain restoration by dike relocation along the Elbe River and the need to monitor the effects
A. De Vocht, B. Aubroeck, A. Buttiens, W. Nuyts	Ecological evaluation of a technically restored lowland watercourse in Flanders, Belgium
A. Peter, M. Hostmann, C. Roulier, C. Weber & S. Woolsey	River restoration - the long way to success
S. Chiari, S. Muhar, A. Muhar	Linking ecological and social aspects of river restoration
R. Jenkinson, A. Vanden-Eede	Basin-scale, community-driven, long-term, and scientific river restoration programs in Western France and Northwestern United States
G. Wharton, C. Hulbert, R.	Evaluating the success of urban river restoration projects: the



Copas, L. Scholes, R. Wade, A. Adeyemi	Rivers Quaggy and Brent, London, UK.
S. Koljonen, A. Huusko, A.-M., Petäys, T. Muotka	Modeling as a tool in assessing in-stream rehabilitation – showy guesses or a window to the future?
F. Comiti, L. Mao, L. Picco, M. A. Lenzi, M. Siliardi	Ecological performance of artificial step pool structures for stabilizing mountain streams

SESSION 7 - Key issues and challenges in Decision Making Processes to implement River Restoration

Chairmen: A. Nardini

Author (s)	Title
S. Lovett	Establishing an Australian River Restoration Centre: Context, Priorities and Progress
A. Zitek, S. Muhar, S. Preis, S. Schmutz, P. Salles. B. Bredeweg	Evaluating the potential use of the Qualitative Reasoning (QR) software GARP3 for a sustainable catchment management
Manuel Perló Cohen, Itzkuauhtli Zamora Sáenz, Lorena Hernández Muñoz	Magdalena river master plan: a comprehensive management and sustainable usage project (Mexico City)
T. Hein, I. Baart, A. P. Blaschke, C. Haberer, G. Haidvogel, S. Hohensinner, S. Preiner, W. R.	Optima Lobau: Future scenarios for a sustainable management perspective of an urban floodplain
J. Hamill, D. Garrett, R. Peterson, K. Dongoske	An Assessment of the Effectiveness of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program
M. Naura	Why we often get it wrong - the limitations of current decision-making models and decision support tools
E. A. Steel, T. J. Beechie, M. Ruckelshaus, A. H. Fullerton, P. McElhany, P. Roni	Mind the Gap: Using uncertain information in watershed restoration decisions
A. Brandeis, (D. Pargament)	Strategies, Tools and Tips for Successful River Restoration Projects
E. Garcia Alonso and J. Barquín Ortiz	Global efficiency index to characterize and priorities river restoration projects Application to the region of Cantabria (Spain)
F. J. Sanchez Martinez	Voluntary River Work Programme organised by the Water Department of the Ministry of Environment and Rural and Marine areas
C. Gregory, G. Brierley	Is visioning an empty vision? Vision generation and application in an urban river management project
R. Soncini Sessa, A. Castelletti	A procedural approach to environmental sustainable, social acceptable and economic sound decision-making in water resources planning

SESSION 8A – Ecohydrology: water quality

Chairmen: P. Bakony

Author (s)	Title
G. Weigelhofer, M. Makal, S. Muhar, N. Kreuzinger, T. Hein	PROFOR (Austria): Integrating the effects of stream structure on nutrient loading patterns in management concepts for heavily modified streams

Pinardi Monica, Bartoli Marco, Longhi Daniele, Viaroli Pierluigi	Solute balances in fluvial segments characterized by different ecological integrity: external supply, macrophytes uptake and bacterial processes
M. Fabris, P. F. Ghetti	Application and development of river quality bioindication methods based on macrophytes
S. Preiner, T. Hein, I. Baart	Optima Lobau: The effect of changing connectivity on aquatic primary producers
G. Jolánkai et. al.	Ecohydrology for wetland revitalisation; lessons learned during two European Union Projects
B. Boz, B. Gumiero	River restoration integrated actions to reduce river Zero nitrate input to Venice Lagoon

SESSION 8B - Ecohydrology: environmental flow/hydropower

Chairmen: B. Maiolini & G. Zolezzi

Author (s)	Title
I. Boavida, J. M. Lourenço, J. Santos, R. Cortes, A. Pinheiro, T. Ferreira	Using a two dimensional approach to evaluate channel rehabilitation in a Mediterranean stream (southern Portugal)
M. C. Bruno, B. Maiolini, L. Silveri, M. Carolli, G. Kerschbaumer	Alterations of natural flow in field and flume conditions
S. Gorenc, J. Parish, M. Tilston	River Restoration and Ecohydrology: Developing a Geomorphologically-Derived Flushing Flow Threshold for Application in Ecological Flow Management
V. Garófano-Gómez, F. Martínez-Capel, T. Nebot, N. Mondéjar, A. Cavallé, R. Morillo	Riparian species and flow regime: ecological status for application in environmental flow assessments and river restoration (Mijares River, Spain)
F. Martínez-Capel, Peredo, M., A. Hernández-Mascarell, A. Munné	Nose velocity calculation for spatial analysis of habitat and environmental flow assessments
A. Zitek, G. Haidvogel, M. Jungwirth, S. Schmutz	An ecologically-based strategic guideline for restoring the longitudinal connectivity for fish in running waters of Austria

SESSION 8C – Ecohydrology: Linking hydrology, geomorphology and ecology

Chairmen: A. Gurnell, W. Bertoldi

Author (s)	Title
K. Tockner, A. Gurnell, M. Tubino, N. Surian, W. Bertoldi L. Mao, L. Zanoni, L. Ziliani, G. Zolezzi	Linking ecology, geomorphology and hydrology in river research: the case of the Tagliamento River (Italy), a reference system for river restoration
S. Saleh, A. Crosato	Effects of riparian and floodplain vegetation on river patterns and flow dynamics
B. Wyzga, J. Zawiejska, A. Amirowicz, A. Radecki-Pawlik	Reflection of hydromorphological conditions in a mountain river subjected to variable human impact in the abundance and diversity of fish fauna
J. Girel, F. Vautier	Present changes in hydromorphological processes and conservation of dealpine plant species along dyked rivers: the example of Isère in Savoie, France
M. Trémolières, C. Coli, S. Defraeye, E. Denny, M.	Does restoration of flooding and of the anastomosing channels connection in the upper Rhine floodplain modify alluvial



Dillinger, J. C. Dor, P. Gombert	ecosystem functions and biodiversity
K. Panek, I. Korner, H. Lang, T. Markut, R. Petz, W. Petz, W. Siegl	Monitoring results of revitalisation measures on an urban lowland river (Liesingbach, Vienna, Austria)

SESSION 9 – Urban river

Chairmen: J. Jormola

Author (s)	Title
M. Semrau , R. Hurck	The reconstruction of the Emscher system – an integrated planning process in terms of the WFD
J. A. Moore, D. Outhet	A River Restoration Strategy for Sydney
G. Wharton, K. Spencer, H. Faulkner, L. Scholes, A. Boitsidis	Restoring rivers in contaminated urban settings: do the benefits outweigh the risks?
H. Aulaskari	Restoration of the small urban streams in Finland
B. L. Rhoads	Naturalizing Straight Urban Stream using Geomorphological Principles
W. Wolter, R. Tufgar, J. Parish	14 Mile Creek, Ontario Canada - Restoring a Concrete Channel

SESSION 10 – Large dams and River Restoration

Chairmen: D. G. De Jalón

Author (s)	Title
J.-P. Bravard, G. Collilieux, F. Fruchart, M. Desmet, O. Motchalova	Widening by-passed reaches of the Rhone River following sediment deposition, Franc
S. Tammela, J. Jormola, L. Järvenpää	2D Water flow and habitat modelling of a planned nature-like bypass at Montta water power plant in Oulujoki rive
L. Arenillas	A small dam demolition and river restoration in Madrid region (Spain)
J.A. Fernández Yuste, C. Martínez Santa-María, F. J. Sánchez, F. Magdaleno Más, E. García Salete	IAHRIS: A new software to asses Hydrological alteration
L. O Donnell, D. Doherty	Putting our differences aside to restore salmonid habitat in Ireland – case study in the Shannon region
C.T. Robinson, U. Uehlinger, J. Ortlepp, U. Mürle	Ecological effects of a long-term flood program in a flow-regulated river



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WORLD RIVERS DAY – SEPTEMBER 28th, 2008



World Rivers Day is set for September 28th this year (as always falling on the last Sunday in September) and, while the event is still several months away, it will be here before we know it. Consequently, we're hoping that river advocates from around the globe will start planning events as part of this year's World Rivers Day celebration.

Visit the new website at www.worldriversday.bc.ca to find out more about World Rivers Day, and to register your own event. They can help your promotions via website, as well as e-mails.

Last year, river enthusiasts around the world came together for the third annual event. It was a great success, with millions of people involved from almost 30 countries.

This year, some exciting new events will be part of World Rivers Day. As an example, British Columbia, Canada, is expecting close to 100,000 participants, many of which will participate in community events centered along the Fraser River in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Simon Fraser's historic journey.

In England, the group "Thames 21" will be organizing major clean-ups along the Thames River.

The "Pan-South American Rafting Expedition" will depart just after WRD festivities this September, travelling across the continent and promoting river conservation issues along the way.

In Poland, the river conservation group "Klub Gaja", who initiated the country's successful "Adopt a River Program", will be organizing major river clean-ups.

In addition, Spirit Dancer Canoe Journeys will launch an expedition that includes the circumnavigation of the British Isles in a 42-foot, sea-going canoe. This two-year expedition will have a significant environmental and educational focus, visiting virtually every river estuary in Britain in time for World Rivers Day, 2008.

The list of planned events goes on - and we hope many others will the event!

World Rivers Day is based on the incredible success of BC Rivers Day in British Columbia, Canada over the past 28 years.

Promoting River Stewardship World Rivers Day is a celebration of the world's waterways. It highlights the many values of rivers and strives to increase public awareness and hopefully encourage the improved stewardship of rivers around the world. Rivers in every country face an array of threats, and only our active involvement will ensure their health in the years ahead.

Join the Celebration!



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World Rivers Day organizers encourage all of you to come out and participate. In particular, consider starting a Rivers Day event of your own, which might range from a stream cleanup to a community riverside celebration. And if you create an event, be sure to tell about it!

International Partners

World Rivers Day is intended to compliment the broader efforts of the United Nations Water For Life Decade. In launching this event, they also appreciated the support of the United Nations University through the International Network on Water, Environment, and Health.

To find out more about water issues, and how to get involved with World Rivers Day, visit the websites below for more information.

World Rivers Day Web Site:

<http://www.worldriversday.bcit.ca/>

BC Rivers Day Web Site:

<http://www.riversday.bcit.ca/>

United Nations "Water For Life Decade" Web Site:

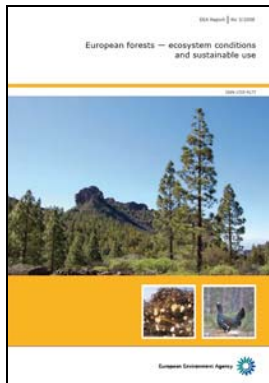
<http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/>

Wonder Of Water Web Site:

<http://www.wonderofwater.ca/>

PUBLICATIONS

EUROPEAN FORESTS - ECOSYSTEM CONDITIONS AND SUSTAINABLE USE



Despite political commitment, Europe is struggling to halt the loss of biodiversity by 2010. Forests, as the hosts of much of the biological diversity in Europe, are vital to this debate. Any initiative designed to halt the biodiversity loss in Europe must take forests into account.

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT AND FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION IN EUROPE: RECENT POLICY DEVELOPMENTS AT EU LEVEL

Against the background of an increased number of flood events and the dependency of their impacts on how the surrounding land is used, it has become evident that technical solutions have only a limited effect. New approaches to flood management, including the restoration of rivers' natural flood zones have become indispensable. In a book chapter, Thomas Dworak, Head of Ecologic Vienna, analyses current EU policies and how they can be used for the restoration of floodplain areas. He presents a detailed and systematic assessment of the opportunities and challenges arising from water and non-water related EU policies.



TOP NEWS

Environment Committee wants tougher EU-wide water quality standards

The draft directive on surface water, which is the final major piece of EU legislation needed for the Water Framework Directive (WFD), fixes environmental quality standards for 33 pollutants, likely to be found in the rivers, lakes and coastal waters. The Environment Committee of the European Parliament (EP) required at its meeting of 6 May 2008 tougher standards and adopted several amendments on this draft proposal that will serve as a basis for negotiations with the Council. Member states would have to meet the water quality standards, which take the form of maximum allowable concentrations and annual average values, by 2015. Twelve of the 33 pollutants are already classified as "priority hazardous substances", to be phased out by 2025. The Environment Committee required that 31 more water pollutants have either to be controlled by 2015 or to be banned by 2025. Negotiations on the draft proposal continue between the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament.

New LIFE thematic section online: Rivers & Lakes

Rivers & Lakes is the tenth subject to be presented in the LIFE thematic section. This new thematic area brings together all information on LIFE projects relating to rivers and lakes, including project lists divided into different sub-themes such as: restoration of rivers and floodplains; integrated river basin management; species conservation and management; monitoring the status of EU rivers; and habitat restoration and management.

A selection of LIFE project videos is also available, as well as relevant LIFE programme publications, LIFE project publications and LIFEnews features.

FloodWorks v9.0 Extends Flood Forecasting

Wallingford Software today announces the release of FloodWorks v9.0, the leading real time flood forecasting and warning software solution. Two significant advances head a large number of feature enhancements in v9.0: the ability to include wastewater and stormwater models within FloodWorks and the direct integration of RADAR data into FloodWorks.

Journal of Flood Risk Management

The first issue of Journal of Flood Risk Management has just been published jointly with the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) and Wiley-Blackwell.. This exciting new journal aims to become the world's leading platform for knowledge sharing in flood risk management. We will be selecting the very best papers for publication and aim to achieve a balance between leading-edge research and the practical implementation of real projects.

Readers and authors come from a wide background and include hydrologists, meteorologists, geographers, geomorphologists, conservationists, civil engineers, social scientists, policy makers, insurers and practitioners.

Articles published in *Journal of Flood Risk Management* will be freely available to download in 2008.

Second meeting European Regional Process

On the 8th and 9th of July the second meeting of the European Regional Process (ERP) for the fifth World Water Forum takes place in Zaragoza, Spain. The goal of this meeting is to discuss the overall Process, the progress on the 8th themes of the ERP and to identify the next steps that will have to be taken to prepare the European input in the World Water Forum. Furthermore it will focus on receiving the Southern European input in the European Regional Process.

The ECRR is a partner of the ERP.



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EVENTS (July 2008 – August 2008)

[4th IWA Young Water Professional Conference](#)

16/18 July 2008 – Berkeley, California, USA

[SETAC World Congress](#)

3/7 August 2008 – Sydney, AUSTRALIA

[Stockholm World Water Week](#)

17/23 August 2008 – Stockholm, SWEDEN

[International Summer School: Complex flows, turbulence, morphodynamics and ecology in rivers](#)

27/29 August 2008 – Delft, THE NETHERLANDS

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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;

To Become a member of the ECRR fill in the [application form](#) in our website.

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