

Welcome to IWRM-Net's second newsletter telling you more of the activities of our network for water researchers and policy makers. In June this year, IWRM-Net partners agreed to fund four trans-national research projects totalling about €2.3m. In February 2009, we are organising an international conference for national water research managers, policy makers and researchers focussed on delivering research into practice. Between then and now, there will be three 'regional' workshops in Sibiu, Stockholm and Brussels to establish shorter term research needs around Europe. More details of all these developments can be found below. Read on...



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Bridging the Sci-Pol gap?

IWRM-Net's Second Trans-European Water Research Management Conference

We are very pleased to announce an international conference to bring national water research managers, policy makers and researchers together in:

Brussels - 11/12 February 2009

Speakers from the EU and national research programmes will be discussing water research and how to put it into operational practice for the WFD

Please put the date in your diary now and download the registration form

<http://www.iwrM-net.eu/spip.php?article191>

A second version will become available in November, after which the next stage of



development will be to link it with other national environmental research databases and information including those of the CRUE and CIRCLE Era-nets and

WISE-RTD. IWRM-net will organise a session at the SPI-Water final conference (30-31 Oct) presenting these Era-net databases alongside sessions based on other project work in the same area.

Our aim is to move towards an integrated system providing a powerful tool to manage trans-national water and environmental management research and knowledge programmes.



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Building the links - IWRM-Net's Knowledge Management tool

IWRM-Net's Knowledge Management tool allows research managers easy access to over 20 European national water research programmes, mainly, but not exclusively, in IWRM-Net partner countries. The KM Tool makes it easy for research managers to find and map what is happening in other national research programmes aiding trans-national co-operation and avoiding funding similar work unnecessarily.

The IWRM-NET Joint Call

In June IWRM-Net agreed funding for the following projects:

FORECASTER (€0.7m) – a six-country research consortium (UK, Netherland, Germany, France, Spain and Romania) aims to understand better the effects of Hydro-



morphological changes on riverine eco-systems and fish populations to enable targeted rehabilitation actions.

I-FIVE (€0.4m) – researchers from France, Germany and the Netherlands are comparing the effectiveness of innovative institutional approaches to the implementation of the WFD

RIPFLOW (€0.2m) - developing a flexible dynamic model of riparian habitats and vegetation in permanent and impermanent rivers with case studies Austria, Portugal and Spain

KNAC (€0,2m) – KNowledge in Action in the Rhin river basin hydromorphological restructuring

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Investigating research needs in Europe

A series of IWRM-net events is bringing together researchers, research managers and water managers to investigate pan-European and regional issues for our next joint call. They will be located around Europe to engage with as many countries and research funding partners as possible. Further details in the events section



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“2015 and beyond: emerging issues on water for policy and research – An expert perspective” was the result of an IWRM-Net Foresight workshop in Paris

where future research needs to anticipate updates of RBMP in the long-term (2021 and forward) were identified. It involved a diversity of actors interested in water policy in a collaborative process to think about how future societal needs, water system status and dynamics might evolve.

You will find it on our website soon.



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Future events planned by IWRM-NET

2008	Sept-Dec	First call research starts (to end 2010)
	1-4 October Sibiu Romania	Research needs identification workshop, for Danube catchment and Eastern Europe – (linked with INBO meetings) Contact:Stephen@sniiffer.org.uk
	18-19 Nov Stockholm Sweden	Research needs identification workshop, for Scandinavia and Baltic state Contact:Stephen@sniiffer.org.uk
2009	09-10 Feb Brussels Belgium	Research needs identification workshop, for Northwest Europe Contact:Stephen@sniiffer.org.uk
	11/12 Feb Brussels Belgium	IWRM-NET Second conference Bridging the Sci-Pol gap? Contact: Peter.allen-williams@environment-agency.gov.uk
	September	Opening (provisional) of second call
2010	January	Deadline (provisional) for second joint call proposals
	October TBC	IWRM-NET Final Conference