



4th ECRR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RIVER RESTORATION

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The ECRR organizes its 4th International Conference on River Restoration, that will be held in

Venice, 16-21 June 2008.

Ecological River Restoration is a challenging topic that includes ecology, hydrology, geomorphology and economics within an holistic framework.

Nowdays River Restoration has become an issue at the top of the agenda for water Authorities and river managers in Europe, especially due to the Water Framework Directive (Dir. 2000/60/EC) and the outcoming risk Directive.

The aim of the event is to disseminate the most promising applied research solutions to be adopted in integrated River Restoration projects/strategies and to share experiences, concepts, approaches, methods and strategies on River Restoration.

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PROPOSED THEMATIC SESSIONS

- 1 - Biodiversity and restoration of hydromorphological processes
- 2 - Basin Scale Restoration for fisheries rehabilitation: planning and monitoring
- 3 - River Restoration and EU Directives
- 4 - Flood Risk and River Restoration
- 5 - Geomorphic processes:
 - A. Restoration and management of physical processes and sediments;
 - B. Restoring 'Working Rivers' in Mediterranean Climates: What's their Ecological Potential?
- 6 - Evaluating and monitoring success in River Restoration plans/projects
- 7 - Key issues and challenges in Decision Making Processes to implement River Restoration
- 8 - Ecohydrology
 - A. Water quality;
 - B. Environmental flow/hydropower.
- 9 - Urban rivers
- 10 - Large dams and River Restoration
- 11 - Open sessions
 - A. Transboundary cooperation;
 - B. Protected areas;
 - C. Ecological Network;
 - D. Protecting natural reference sites;
 - E. linking hydrology, geomorphology and ecology within the river corridors.

WORKSHOPS

In the afternoon of the 2nd and 3rd day (17-18 June 2008) workshops will be organized in order to foster the discussion on specific themes.

Some of them will have a limited number of participants and an earlier registration will be required. Once the working groups will be defined, some info and documentation will be sent to all participants for an effective preparation.

At least one workshop will also be organized every afternoon for all the participants who could not send the earlier registration.

Up to now, some workshops has been proposed and some more are currently being defined.

The final list will be available in the next announcement as well as in the Ecrr website.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

At this stage the following keynote speakers have confirmed their participation:

Gordon GRANT: *USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station (USA)*

Margaret PALMER: *University of Maryland Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (USA)*

Hervé PIEGAY: *Université de Lyon III (France)*

Stan GREGORY: *Oregon State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (USA)*

Stuart E. BUNN: *Director, Australian Rivers Institute Griffith University (Australia)*

Klement TOCKNER: *Swiss Federal Institute for Environmental Science and Technology - EAWAG (Switzerland)*

Maciej ZALEWSKI: *University of Lodz Center for ecological studies (Poland)*

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DEADLINES

1 November 2007: opening of bookings and abstract submissions

15 January 2008: closing of abstracts submissions

15 February 2008: final programme

15 March 2008: closing of bookings for "early birds" (-20%)

31 May 2008: closing of bookings and papers for proceedings

POST CONFERENCE FIELD TRIP

A post conference (facultative) field trip will be organized, to visit the Tagliamento (Italy) and the Drava (Austria) Rivers.

PUBLICATIONS

A volume of proceedings will be published after the conference.

Participants presenting oral presentations and/or posters are invited to submit a paper of 4 to maximum 8 pages to info@ecrr.org.

The paper will be reviewed by the Scientific and Technical Committee.

Further than the proceedings, the chairmen of thematic sessions can promote the publication of special issues on peer-reviewed international journals. At this regard, more detailed information will be provided by the chairmen during their session.

SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Bruna GUMIERO (Chairman), Italian Centre for River Restoration - CIRF, Italy

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Ute MENKE, National Centre for Water Management, The Netherlands

Peter BAKONY, Hungarian Water Research Center - VITUKI, Hungary

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