

# Water is Life Conference 2016. Information Pack 2.

Dear friends of “Water is Life”. Since we sent Information Pack 1, starting up the preparation of the second edition of our conference “Water is Life”, we have received many positive reactions , including new pre-applications.

Schools of all continents will be present in The Netherlands in June 2016. Please also have a look at our updated website ([www.waterislife2016.com](http://www.waterislife2016.com)) for further information and developments in the upcoming period.

This *Information Pack 2* consists of four items/chapters:

- 1 Call for Abstract.
- 2 Information about pre-registration.
- 3 Toolbox-information.
- 4 Time- line

## ***1. Call for Abstract.***

Our conference in The Netherlands will take place in a year from now.

Research-activities take time and we would like you to anticipate now with further research planning and make a proper start for those who are involved with new research-subjects.

We would like to invite you now to send in an “**Abstract**” of your research-activities.

### **What is an “Abstract”?**

An “**Abstract**” is a “200 word” summarized description of your research activities. You can see some examples of *Abstracts*, which have been produced in the preparations of our last conference:

<http://www.waterislife2014.riicc.sg/abstracts.php>

Some schools will continue their research activities from the last conference (progressive research) and others, also new schools, have to produce a new *Abstract* anyway.

Abstracts can be sent in from both points of views to: [h.schilling@maurickcollege.nl](mailto:h.schilling@maurickcollege.nl)

Research-settings that you can refer to in your Abstract are mentioned below.

## **Research-settings.**

### **a) Water is Life 2016, “The Local Approach”.**

We suggest to bring in water-research-activities connected to your *local* water-situation, either by way of a scientific, political, or economical approach, or by way of an integrated approach from a multidisciplinary point of view.

### **b) Themes.**

The scope of the conference themes will be framed within the next categories:

#### **Engineering and Technology**

Water quality, treatment, monitoring, waste water management,

#### **Biodiversity**

Bio-remediation, ecosystems, biodiversity

#### **Communities**

Service learning, community involvement projects, water & recreation, integrated urban-water designs

#### **Education**

Corporate social responsibility, awareness & advocacy

#### **Leadership & Economics & Policy**

Leadership, national strategies, historical and geopolitics of water, water conflicts, economic scopes

### **c) Publications and presentations.**

Abstracts will be published on the website “Water is Life 2016”. We’ll open a research-portal connected to the website in September 2015. You can publish research-articles, results, photos etc by way of this portal and keep in touch with fellow-research-activities of other schools.

Before the start of the conference, June 6, 2016, you have to produce a research-report. There are no limitations to the size of your report. The lay-out of your report will be adjusted to a standard format for further publications. The final research-book with a full description of all the research-reports will be produced by World Scientific, our publishing partner in Singapore..

The conference will have a project presentation component. The presentation of the water project will be done as a poster presentation. In addition, project-teams will also be invited to present by way of an oral presentation.

#### **Poster presentation**

A1-size poster with Q&A by panel of judges.

## **Oral presentation**

10min powerpoint presentation + 5min Q&A by panel of judges.

For additional conference guidelines we also refer to *Information Pack 1*. (see our website [www.waterislife2016.com](http://www.waterislife2016.com), at the bottom of the web-frontpage)

## **2. Pre-registration Water is Life 2016**

We'll facilitate a pre-registration for your participation in the Water is Life conference 2016.

We'll ask you for basic information like school(address), contact-persons, number of persons in your research team etc. With the preregistration facility you make sure that you can participate in this conference, and that all facilities like student-hosting, accommodation for teachers, transportation and further program-elements will be available for you.

**Pre-registration will start June 22, 2015. Pre-registration will be available by way of our website: [www.waterislife2016.com](http://www.waterislife2016.com)**

**We'll send you a message-reminder with a unique log-in-id mid June 2015 to facilitate pre-registration start up for your school.**

We'll publish this IP2 on our website as well.

For new entries: If you didn't receive *Information Pack 2* by email and the message reminder with the log-in mid June, please send in your request for participation to : [h.schilling@maurickcollege.nl](mailto:h.schilling@maurickcollege.nl) to see if there are conference places available at that time.

Official *full-registration* of your school-research-team will start early October 2015 only for pre-registered schoolteams. We'll provide you with an official invitation letter at that time, which can be used (if necessary) for VISA applications as well.

## **3. Toolbox information.**

All the participating schools are ambassadors of the International Water Conference. You are an important link towards your local youth, media and relevant stakeholders. Therefore we would like you to involve in our communication activities concerning the Water Conference. By sharing your own research in the local community, you can work at the same time on your own PR.

We will develop a toolbox that contains a number of tools, which are useful to professionalize your own communication activities. You can think about standard press releases that you can personalize yourself, social media guidelines and various

campaign statements. As soon as the toolbox is available, we will send you a message that the tools can be downloaded from our website.

### **Moodboard photo.**

Part of the toolbox is the “campaign logo” that we would like to develop together with you. The campaign logo is part of our communication activities concerning the International Water Conference. Each school, participating in the conference, must be able to identify with the campaign. Therefore we ask you to send us one picture, that shows the local water issues you’ll work on in the upcoming period.

The pictures of all schools together are like a *moodboard* of the international water 'challenge': the challenge that we all face. The campaign inspires and connects participants and challenges.

Please send your picture to [h.schilling@maurickcollege.nl](mailto:h.schilling@maurickcollege.nl) before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2015.

## **4. Time-line.**

The “global” further time-line for the conference looks like this:

*June 22, 2015*

Start pre-registration

*Sept. 1, 2015*

Deadline for moodboard photo delivery.

*Sept. 30, 2015*

End of pre-registration and Abstract-delivery

*Oct. - Jan. 2015*

Information Pack 3

- Full registration procedure,
- Research facility implementation on website,
- Toolbox implementation on website

*March 1, 2016*

Deadline publication final conference program

*March 31, 2016*

Deadline Research-Report

*June 5-11 2016*

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