

World Water Day 2011 in Central and Eastern Europe

Bulgaria

Where: Sofia, Bulgaria

Organizers: Ministry of Environment and Water and Scientific Technical Union of Water Affairs in Bulgaria

Name of event: *National celebration of World Water Day*

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Annual national water conference with exhibition and special issue of the magazine *Water Affairs* will be organized in the Technical House of the Sofia City. Topics of sessions in three conference halls are defined regarding the problems and exchange of the good practices in water sector. More than 300 experts and stakeholders participate.

Event start/end date: 22-23 March 2011

Website: www.stuwa.org, www.gwpbg.org

GWP role: GWP Bulgaria will organize Water and Health Session on 23 March 2011 at 10:00-12:00 o'clock.

Slovenia

Where: Ljubljana, National Parliament

Organizer: National Council

Name of event: Round table *Water and Urban Space*

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Event start/end date: 22 March 2011

Website: <http://www.ds-rs.si/?q=event/2011/03/22/day>, http://www.ds-rs.si/en/?q=about_NC

GWP role: participation in the discussion

Where: Ljubljana, University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty

Organizer: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Name of event: *Water for the Energy, Energy for Water*, conference with participation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs from Slovenia, Cap Verde, Costa Rica, Iceland, Singapore and United Arab Emirates (Ministers from so called Green Group countries)

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Event start/end date: 22 March 2011

Website: <http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/newsroom/>

GWP role: participation

Where: Nova Gorica, Municipality of Nova Gorica

Organizer: Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning

Name of event: *Water for Cities: Response to City Challenge*

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Event start/end date: 22 March 2011

Website: <http://www.skrbimozavode.si/>

GWP role: participation

Slovakia

Where: Bratislava

Organizer: Ministry of Environment

Name of event: National World Water Day Meeting

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Event start/end date 22 March 2011

Website www.suza.sk

GWP role: participation

Estonia

Estonian Water Association (GWP Estonia host institution) together with Estonian Meteorological and Hydrological Institute will organize *Climate and Water Conference* on 23 March 2011 in Tallinn. Members of GWP Estonia will present urban hydrology and storm water systems, and extreme meteorological and water management events. An exhibition of historical and modern data collecting and processing systems will be organized during the conference. Importance World Water Day as well as global and local water problems will be communicated via national media.

Danka Thalmeinerova will present "IWRM as a Tool for Adaptation to Climate Change" at high level conference *Futures of European Waters - how should policies adapt* on March 24-25, 2011 Budapest, Hungary. This Conference will elucidate potential visions of Europe's water resources, in terms of quantity and quality, water use and availability, and adoptive strategies and implementation plans how reach sufficient water supply in next decades in Europe. The Conference is directed to policy makers working at international and national level, water managers, NGOs, and scientific community. Outcome of the conference, held under Hungarian EU Presidency, will be policy recommendations as an. High profile speakers include Janez Potocnik, European Commissioner for Environment and Jacqueline McGlade Executive Director of the European Environment Agency, among others.

For more information:

<http://www.environment.fi/default.asp?contentid=379145&lan=en&clan=en>

Information from countries that will co-organize events were posted on World Water Day 2011 website

<http://www.worldwaterday.org/page/3688>

<http://www.worldwaterday.org/page/3712>

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<http://www.flickr.com/groups/worldwaterday2011/>