

Journal Submission

Authors attending Water and Society 2013 will be invited to submit an extended version of their paper for possible publication in the International Journal of Sustainable Development and Planning, one of the Journals edited by the Wessex Institute.



Ashurst Lodge

Location

The New Forest is situated in central southern England, 120km from London. Spreading over nearly 400 square kilometres, this National Park is home to picturesque villages, unspoiled scenery, abundant wildlife and many attractions for visitors. The New Forest was established as a royal hunting ground by the Norman King William I, and 900 years later, the New Forest is still owned by the Crown and local commoners have the right to graze their ponies, cattle and pigs on forest land where they wander freely. The Forest is unarguably recognised as one of the most unique wilderness areas in western Europe, where many landscapes have remained virtually unchanged for thousands of years.

Conference Venue

Ashurst Lodge is the home of the Wessex Institute and boasts purpose-built conference facilities set in attractive forest surroundings. The Lodge is situated only 10km from the centre of Southampton, with excellent rail connections to London, and is reasonably close to southern England's main airports, including Heathrow (100km) and Gatwick (150km).

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Submission Information

Papers are invited on the topics outlined and others falling within the scope of the meeting. Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted as soon as possible.

Abstracts should clearly state the purpose, results and conclusions of the work to be described in the final paper. Final acceptance will be based on the full-length paper, which if accepted for publication must be presented at the conference.

The language of the conference will be English.

Online submission

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Submit your abstract with Water and Society 2013 in the subject line.

Please include your name, full address and conference topic.

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Following the success of the first International Conference on Water and Society held in Las Vegas in 2011, it has been decided to reconvene the meeting in the New Forest, UK, a National Park where the Wessex Institute of Technology campus is located.

The conference provides a multi-disciplinary forum for the presentation and discussion of many issues affecting water resources today.

The importance of water and its impact on civilisation and mankind are widely recognised. Issues regarding quality, quantity and technology associated with water are quickly becoming acknowledged as impending major issues that will require global involvement and financial support. Aside from mankind's reliance upon water for survival, water touches many different topics and industries.

Mankind has tacitly assumed over the centuries that water is readily available, inexpensive and plentiful. However, more recent times have shown that the abundance of clean, unlimited supplies of inexpensive water is quickly becoming a myth. There is mounting pressure worldwide to develop new strategies and methods to meet the growing demands of water to just maintain our current standards of living. Costs continue to spiral upwards as more demands are made on our available water supplies. In many less developed parts of the world, water is a daily life and death struggle. As developing countries continue to grow and expand, industrialisation and improved standards of living are putting increased demands on water.

Within the US and most of Europe, ageing infrastructure in water distribution systems and hardware has begun to become

problematic, resulting in decreasing access to clean, affordable water. Pollution has also become a serious issue. In many older and larger cities throughout the world, sewer collapses occur routinely and significant quantities of treated water are lost in leakage. Water extracted from aquifers and wells is beginning to dry up, and new locations are now being sought. In some areas, where the population is increasing, desalination — once considered too costly to use — is now the only current option in the foreseeable future for meeting projected water demands.

Policy makers need to be educated and advised on developing policies and regulations that will support the water systems of tomorrow. The role of society and its involvement with water is paramount. To meet the future demands for water, new standards, new training and additional support roles will best be delivered by those knowledgeable of the technology and direction of the industry.

This meeting will encourage trans-disciplinary communication on issues related to the nature of water, and its use and exploitation by society. The conference is motivated by the need to bridge the gap between the broad spectrum of social political sciences and humanistic disciplines and specialists in physical sciences, biology, environmental sciences and health, among others.

Benefits of Attending

Conference Books Papers are published in paper and digital format and widely distributed throughout the world. At registration, delegates receive a USB flash drive containing the conference proceedings, and those of the previous conference in the series. Papers are also archived at <http://library.witpress.com>

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Open Access Open Access allows for the full paper to be downloaded from the WIT eLibrary archives, offering maximum dissemination. Delegates who opt for Open Access will receive a collection of books on related fields on a USB flash drive at registration.

Journal Papers Presenters at WIT conferences will be invited to submit an extended version of their conference paper to one of the International Scientific Journals edited by the Wessex Institute.

Networking Participants can present their research and interact with experts from around the world, becoming part of a unique community.

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Conference Topics

The nature of water

Water as a human right

Water as the source of life

Water in a changing climate

Future water demands
and adaptation strategies

Water resources contamination

Water resources management

Irrigation and desertification

Water, sanitation and health

Transnational water rights

Legislation and controls

Lessons to be learnt

Water and disaster management

Indexing and archiving of conference papers

Papers presented at Wessex Institute conferences are referenced by CrossRef and regularly appear in notable reviews, publications and databases, including referencing and abstract services such as SCOPUS, Compendex, ISI Web of Knowledge, Index to Scientific and Technical Proceedings, ProQuest and Scitech Book News. All conference books are archived in the British Library and American Library of Congress.

- Papers presented at Water and Society 2013 will appear in a volume of **WIT Transactions on Ecology and the Environment** (ISSN: 1746-448X, Digital ISSN: 1743-3541).

- All conference papers are archived online at <http://library.witpress.com> where they are immediately and permanently available to the international scientific community.

