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3rd International SedNet conference, November 25th & 26th, Venice

It is still possible to register for this final SedNet conference. Don't let this chance slip away, and download the registration form at our website: http://www.sednet.org/materiale/sednet_conf_2004.doc.

The Journal of Soils and Sediments (JSS) sponsors this conference by offering a free copy of the JSS special SedNet issue (see below) that you will find in your conference bag. Furthermore, JSS offers a one-year free subscription to the winners of the awards for the three best posters. In the conference bag you will also find a hard-copy of the SedNet booklet (final draft version): "Contaminated Sediments in European River Basins". This document gives a short overview of scientific, policy and regulatory issues on contaminated sediments: an overview based on the results of more than 15 workshops and three conferences organised by the SedNet network. Shortly before the conference, this booklet will also be made available at the website. All SedNet members are then given the opportunity to suggest final improvements to this document (something essentially missed) and be asked to let us know if we can include them in the list of people and affiliations who support the content of that document. The final document will then to be published through our website, ultimately by December 31st, 2004.

The conference programme (also available at our website http://www.sednet.org/sednet_final_conference.pdf) is:

Day 0, Wednesday, November 24th

- Evening: Welcome reception at the SedNet homebase, at San Servolo Island

Day 1, Thursday, November 25th

- Welcome and introduction lectures:
 - Chairman conference & SedNet Stakeholders Panel / Tiedo Vellinga
 - SedNet homebase / Stefano Della Sala
 - DG Research, SedNet sponsor / speaker to be confirmed
 - SedNet co-ordinator / Jos Brils
- Synthesis and key-recommendations of SedNet working groups:
 - Sediment management at the river basin scale / Phil Owens
 - Sediment quality and impact assessment / Damia Barceló
 - Dredged material treatment / Giuseppe Bortone
 - Risk management & communication / Susanne Heise
- Each presentation will be followed by two invited lectures by SedNet working group core-team members. Related to the expertise they brought into SedNet, they will present the state-of-the-art in science and the proposed way to advance science (session will continue in the afternoon).
- Noon: Two hours lunch & poster session combined.
- Evening: cultural event in Venice city

Day 2, Friday, November 26th

- SedNet's sediment management guidance document / Jos Brils

- Invited stakeholders give keynote lectures on their perspective/viewpoint on the future of sediment management in Europe: what are the future needs? Anticipated/expected presentations are amongst others to be given from the perspective of: EU policy development & implementation (EC DG Environment); International Commission for Protection of the Danube River (Igor Liska); Industry (NICOLE representative); Port Management (Rotterdam representative); Dredgers (CEDA representative) and more (session will continue in the afternoon)
- Noon:
 - Two hours lunch & poster session combined
 - Press conference The future of SedNet
- Evening: SedNet buffet & farewell/blues party

Special issue *Journal of Soils and Sediments* dedicated to three years of SedNet activities

On the occasion of the third and final SedNet conference, November 25th and 26th, 2004, the new JSS issue [JSS 4 (4) 213–284 (2004)] presents a special SedNet Part (pp. 215–238) as well as selected papers (pp. 239–281). The two preceding SedNet Conferences have likewise been accompanied by JSS: The first SedNet conference, April 22nd and 23rd, 2002 and the intermediate conference, September 28th –30th, 2003. The contents of this issue:

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Upcoming events

2004

- **November 25th – 26th, 2004:**
3rd International SedNet conference, Venice, Italy (details, see headline at top).
<http://www.sednet.org/>
- **December 1st – 3rd, 2004:**
2nd European Conference on Dredged Sediments and Mineral Values in Europe, Amsterdam

Holiday Inn Hotel in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

www.klasse4.nl/files/congres2004.html

- **December 9th, 2004:**
Port of Baltimore Innovative Reuse Technology Forum, Sponsored by The Maryland Port Administration, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, USA. More information to follow

2005

- **January 12th – 13th, 2005:**
Umsetzung der WRRL in Europa und NRW – Status quo und Perspektiven, Landesvertretung NRW, Berlin, Germany. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (MUNLV) of Northrhine-Westfalia organises a conference on "Implication of the WFD in Europe and Northrhine-Westfalia - Status Quo and Outlook", in co-operation with the Federation of Engineers for Water Management, Waste Management and land improvement (BWK North-Rhine/Westphalia) and the German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste e.V. (ATV-DVWK).
Information and registration at www.wrrl-tagung.de/
- **January 23rd – 26th, 2005:**
First International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. The conference will provide a multidisciplinary platform for environmental scientists, engineers and management professionals to discuss the latest developments in environmental research and applications. The deadline for submitting abstracts is May 31, 2004.
Please visit the website at www.AASci.org/conference for more information or send email inquiries to conference@AASci.org
- **January 24th – 27th, 2005:**
3rd International Conference on the Remediation of Contaminated Sediments, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. The theme of the conference will be "Finding Achievable Risk Reduction Solutions".
More information at:
www.battelle.org/environment/er/conferences/sedimentscon/default.stm
- **February 10th - 12th, 2005:**
Hotel Santon, Brno, Czech Republic. Workshop "Integrated sediment and soil assessment". Organised by the EU-DG Research Centre of Excellence for Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology (RECTOX), Masaryk University Brno, together with the EC DG Research and DG Environment, in collaboration with SECOTOX - International Society of Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety.
More details: recetox.muni.cz or directly recetox.muni.cz/coe/index.php?id=50
- **March 14th - 17th, 2005:**
15th Annual West Coast Conference on Soils, Sediments and Water, Mission Valley Marriott, San Diego, Ca, USA. The conference is organised by AEHS (Association for Environmental Health & Sciences). You are invited to submit an abstract before July 9th, 2004. Please follow the abstract submission guidelines on the website (www.aehs.com).
The complete Call for Papers brochure can be found on:
m1e.net/c?8209797-KJ56fHAWOnOMg%40557057-VMM4AGisekgf6
- **April 11th – 13th, 2005:**
Third International Conference on WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, Tivoli Almansor Hotel in the Algarve, Portugal. The conference is organised by: the Wessex Institute of Technology, UK and the University of Coimbra, Portugal. Conference papers will be reviewed by members of the International Scientific Advisory Committee (ISAC) and other colleagues.
The conference website has full details about the conference objectives, topics and submission requirements:
www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2005/waterresources2005/cfp.html
- **April 13th -15th, 2005:**
CABERNET 2005: The International Conference on Managing Urban Land, Waterfront Hall Conference Centre, Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK. Deadline for abstract submissions is October 15th, 2004.
Registration and Accommodation details can be found on
www.cabernet.org.uk/conference2005
- **July 19th - 22nd, 2005:**
Watershed Management Conference, "Managing Watersheds for Human and Natural Impacts: Engineering, Ecological, and Economic Challenges." Sponsored by the Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers.
www.asce.org/conferences/watershedmanagement2005/
- **August 28th - September 2nd, 2005:**

10th Annual International Symposium on the Interactions between Sediment and Water and the International Association for Sediment Water Science. Lake Bled, Slovenia.

The complete Call for Papers brochure can be found on:

www.wsc.monash.edu.au/iasws/2005symposium.htm

- **September 4th – 8th, 2005:**

International symposium on Wetland Pollutant Dynamics and Control (WETPOL) in Gent (Belgium).

More information is given on biomath.ugent.be/wetpol.

The flyer (pdf format) can also be retrieved from the news section of the SedNet website.

- **September 6th – 9th, 2005:**

3rd International Conference River Basin Management including all aspects of hydrology, ecology, environmental management, flood plains and wetlands, Bologna, Italy.

For details about the conference objectives, topics and submission requirements:

www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2005/rm05/index.html

- **October 3rd – 7th, 2005:**

9th International FZK/TNO Conference on Soil-Water Systems, Bordeaux, France. This 9th edition is organised in co-operation with BRGM, France. Deadline for abstract submission is December 7th, 2004.

For detailed information on ConSoil and the Call for Abstracts visit:

www.consoil.de/consoil/call.html

During the conference also the next plenary AquaTerra meeting will be held.

Web site of the month

The European Groundwater and Contaminated Land Information System EUGRIS is now online at <http://www.eugris.info/>. The gateway provides:

- condensed technical information on a wide range of themes,
- overviews on policy and regulation, management systems, research funding programmes, research projects and their outputs and
- an extensive collection of further web links to primary resources on a European and national level

Other interesting links

Full details for the 2nd European Conference on Dredged Sludge Remediation: "EUROPE'S RIVER SEDIMENTS - EUROPE'S RESPONSIBILITY, Innovative Solutions for European Problems" are available at: www.klasse4.nl/congres2004.html

The October-November 2004 SedWeb E-Mail Update, a regularly appearing summary of recent developments about contaminated sediments. This update is a service the Sediments Web Community (www.sediments.org), an online resource for researchers, regulatory officials, and environmental managers created by the U.S. EPA-sponsored Hazardous Substance Research Centers/South & Southwest (HSRC/SSW).

The U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center announces the publication of new documents on its Website. Visit their Dredging Operations & Environmental Research (DOER) website at <http://el.erd.usace.army.mil/programs.cfm?Topic=doer>

The EEP Newsletter nr. 73 of October 23rd, 2004 (www.eep.org) quotes an article in Milieu Magazine (The Netherlands), stating that "The fall in industrial water consumption is over. Legislation and quality requirements limit the savings that can be made, and further increases are predicted along with improved economic growth".

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