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Last Call for Papers for Micropol and Ecohazard 2009 Conference

Abstracts are being accepted for the Micropol and Ecohazard 2009 Conference to be held June 8-10, 2009, in San Francisco, CA. The focus of this 2.5-day conference is on the fate, effects, and treatment of micropollutants in natural and engineered systems.

Topics will include:

- Environmental Chemistry.
- Toxicity and Risk Assessment.
- Wastewater Treatment and Water Reuse.
- Drinking Water Treatment.
- Regulations and Management.
- Emerging Issues (e.g., Nanomaterials).
- Fate, Transport, and Removal in Soil and Groundwater.

Conference sponsors include the International Water Association (IWA) and Groundwater Resources Association (GRA) of California, with collaboration from NWRI and others.

In previous years, the conference has emphasized wastewater-derived contaminants and their impacts on drinking water and aquatic ecosystems. To broaden the conference, we also encourage papers related to trace organics in other environmental media, including soil and groundwater.

One-page abstracts will be accepted until November 21, 2008.

Additional information, including the conference announcement and instructions for on-line abstract submission, can be found at www.grac.org/micropol.asp. For questions, please contact Rula Deeb at rdeeb@pirnie.com.

Register Now for Advanced Asset Management Workshop (San Diego, CA)

Registration is open for a "hands-on" workshop focused on improving the asset management assessment skills of water and wastewater utilities. The workshop will be held February 10-11, 2009, in San Diego, CA.

Workshop sponsors include:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- City of San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater District
- NWRI

Practical, advanced techniques for better managing assets have been developed and refined in both the U.S. private sector and in water and wastewater agencies around the world, with focus on long-term effectiveness, service sustainability, and effective environmental management. This workshop will demonstrate how these advanced asset management techniques can be most effectively transferred to your water or wastewater utility.

Register online at www.regonline.com/assetmanagement. More information on the workshop, including the workshop brochure, is available on the registration webpage.

Support NWRI Fellowships for U.S. Graduate Students

Join NWRI in supporting graduate students conducting innovative research in water science, engineering, technology, or policy at universities nationwide.

Your support is needed to increase the number of fellowships awarded each year by NWRI so that qualified students across the U.S. are provided with the funding needed to pursue their promising research in water science and engineering. One-hundred percent of funds raised for NWRI fellowships are awarded to students; none of the funding is used for administrative expenses.

Current supporters of the fellowship program include:

- American Membrane Technology Association
- Cargill, Inc
- Carollo Engineers
- CDM
- CH2M Hill
- Kennedy/Jenks Consultants
- MWH
- Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.

- Southern California Salinity Coalition

For more information about the fellowship program, please visit www.nwri-usa.org/Fellowship. If you are interested in supporting the program, please contact Jeff Mosher at jmosher@nwri-usa.org.

Conference on Water Scarcity, Global Changes, and Groundwater Management Responses to Be Held December 2008

Registration is open for the International Conference on Water Scarcity, Global Changes, and Groundwater Management Responses, which will be held December 1-5, 2008, at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) in Irvine, CA.

The conference is sponsored by UNESCO, UCI, and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

Conference themes include:

- Issues and challenges of global changes impacts on river basins and aquifer systems.
- Improving water governance for sustainable responses to water scarcity and global change impacts on water.
- Ecohydrology for sustainability.
- Water and life support systems.
- Traditional and innovative techniques/technologies supporting the identification and remediation of water scarcity issues and global change impacts on water resources.
- Information and communication, education, and capacity building.

For more information on the conference or to register, please visit www.waterunifies.org.

SWMOA to Hold Reverse Osmosis Membrane Cleaning Workshop

The Southwest Membrane Operator Association (SWMOA) will be holding a 1-day Reverse Osmosis Membrane Cleaning Workshop in Beverly Hills, CA, on December 3, 2008.

For more information on the workshop or to register, please download the brochure or access the online registration form at www.swmoa.org.

Manual on "Building the Wastewater Utility Brand" Now Available

A new management manual is available that focuses on how wastewater utilities can adopt the proven marketing strategy of branding to establish the value of their organizations and to successfully compete for customers' investment dollars.

Written by marketing and branding expert John Ruetten, the 52-page manual,

"Building the Wastewater Utility Brand," addresses specific investment and branding challenges facing wastewater utilities and provides step-by-step instructions on defining and implementing the utility brand.

Please visit www.nwri-usa.org to order a printed copy of the manual.

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