ABOUT US

IWRA is a global knowledge network of water experts who are passionate about protecting the world’s water resources. Established in 1971, it is a non-profit, non-governmental, educational organisation. IWRA acts as a global forum, bridging disciplines and geographies to connect professionals, students, institutions and corporations.

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MISSION & VISION

The goal of IWRA is to improve and expand the understanding of water resources through education, research and information exchange. This is based on the core belief that sustainability requires interdisciplinary and international cooperation.

IWRA seeks to continually improve water resource decision-making through advancing the collective understanding of physical, ecological, chemical, institutional, social and economic aspects.

MAJOR AREAS OF ACTION

- Providing an international congress for water resource issues
- Advancing water resource and related environmental research
- Promoting water education by improving global access to data and information
- Enhancing the quality of knowledge used in decision-making
- Improving and expanding exchanges of information and expertise
- Networking with other organisations to advance common interests
- Recognizing contributions towards sound water management

LOCAL & REGIONAL CHAPTERS

IWRA actively promotes the exchange of knowledge on a global and regional scale. The importance of locally based knowledge and experience is emphasized in the exchange of this information at international networking events as well as through Geographical Chapters.

These chapters further implement the mission of IWRA on a smaller scale to focus its activities and allow for regional networking among IWRA members.
WORLD WATER CONGRESS

IWRA organises and supports international events, its flagship being the World Water Congress, which has been held 16 times since 1973. These congresses occur in different countries around the world for the purpose of:

- Sharing experiences
- Promoting discussions
- Presenting new knowledge, research & developments in the industry

The World Water Congresses have identified and discussed emerging trends and global themes in the water agenda for over 4 decades.

PROJECTS & WORKING GROUPS

IWRA projects delivered in collaboration with key partner organisations help to address critical water policy challenges and priorities in both developing and developed countries. Current and recent projects include: Smart Water Management, Water Quality and the Science & Policy Interface. IWRA Task Forces provide guidance to these projects through our global network of experts.

See www.iwra.org for the latest updates.

If you are interested in collaborating with IWRA on a project, or wish to be part of an IWRA Task Force, please contact office@iwra.org.
SAVE THE DATE!

The XVII World Water Congress will be held in the City of Daegu, Korea, in May 2020.

This major event will be co-organised in conjunction with KWRA, K-water, Ministry of Environment and Daegu Metropolitan City, and will focus on the overarching theme of Foundations for Global Water Security and Resilience: Knowledge, Technology, and Policy.

The week-long event will include high level panels, as well as oral and poster sessions, presenting the latest research and projects, hosting professionals from water and non-water fields.

Save the date and come to Daegu to benefit from hundreds of speakers, posters, special events and many opportunities for networking!

AWARDS

IWRA recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of global water management through three major awards:

1. CRYSTAL DROP AWARD
   Awarded at each World Water Congress to an individual or organisation for their significant contribution to the improvement of the world’s water situation.

2. VEN TE CHOW MEMORIAL AWARD AND LECTURE
   Honouring the first president of IWRA, the awardee is invited to give an outstanding lecture at the World Water Congress.

3. WATER INTERNATIONAL BEST PAPER AWARD
   Awarded annually to authors published in Water International, based on originality, innovation, technical quality, and contribution to the field.
WATER INTERNATIONAL

Water International (WI) is the official interdisciplinary peer-reviewed journal of IWRA, focused on linking scholarship with water management, policy and governance. Eight issues are published annually by a major international publisher, Taylor & Francis, on behalf of IWRA. Of these, about half are thematic special issues. WI includes articles, technical notes, viewpoints, book reviews, conference highlights, and IWRA communications. As a leading source of information on international water resources research, WI content is based on rigorous scholarship for a broad, interdisciplinary audience.

BOOK SERIES

WI contributes to the Routledge Special Issues as Books (SPIBs) Series. This series is based on thematic special issues of WI, and acts to spread new knowledge in water resources policy and governance to a broad and diverse audience.

Recent titles in the series include:

- The Water Legacies of Conventional Mining
- Transboundary Water Cooperation
- Hydrosocial Territories and Water Equity

If you are interested in contributing to IWRA’s publications or would like more information, please contact IWRA Editorial Office: editor@iwra.org
POLICY BRIEFS

Policy Briefs are concise publications, with our “blue series” being based on thematic special issues of our journal Water International. Providing a synthesis of the critical facts and arguments, Policy Briefs allow interested readers to quickly gain an understanding of the most significant issues surrounding a specific topic. They provide high quality analysis and practical recommendations to aid policymakers. A parallel “green series” of Policy Briefs is also published in association with key IWRA partners, also focusing on important water related issues. If you are interested in producing a Policy Brief with IWRA, please contact office@iwra.org.

WEBINARS

Webinars are Internet seminars based on themes from special issues of WI. They facilitate in-depth reviews of a water issue as well as debates between leading experts in the field. The structure involves presentations and the involvement of a moderator directing discussions between expert panellists. While anyone is welcome to watch the live stream of these events, past webinar presentations and content is available on the IWRA webpage or YouTube channel.

IWRA UPDATE NEWSLETTER

IWRA Update is the quarterly newsletter of the Association, providing the latest information pertaining to members. It contains news briefs about IWRA members, regional chapters’ activities, information on upcoming and recent events, calls for papers and global water news.
MEMBERSHIP

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS
IWRA has members who span a range of professions and academic disciplines, either as companies, institutions or individuals. Members are committed to professional development and networking to sustain our water resources.

JOIN THE COMMUNITY
Become a member as an individual, corporation or institution.

IWRA offers reduced membership fees for:

• Full time students (free)
• Young Professionals (35 years of age or younger)
• Retirees
• Residents of developing countries

Register online at www.iwra.org

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

ACCESS TO PUBLICATIONS
• Water International: Online access to all current and archived issues of the IWRA flagship journal, with eight issues a year.
• Policy Briefs.
• Quarterly newsletters.
• Articles, posters and abstracts from all World Water Congresses.

GET INVOLVED & NETWORK
• Be included in the IWRA member directory and social networks.
• Information exchange through regional chapters and international programmes.
• Post member news through the IWRA website and newsletter at no charge.
• Run for election to the IWRA Board.
• Join IWRA Task Forces and Thematic Working Groups.

EVENTS
• Seminars organised by national and regional chapters.
• Stay informed on upcoming networking, conferences, and webinars.
• Special rates for all IWRA events, including World Water Congresses.