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the Faroese Geological Survey (Jarðfeingi) &
the International Water Resources Association (IWRA)



WELCOME TO IWRA'S 1st ISLANDS WATER CONGRESS

HOSTED BY JARÐFEINGI (THE FAROESE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY)

Welcome to the International Water Resources Association's (IWRA) 1st Islands Water Congress, a high-level event organised in collaboration with a different island host every two years. For the first edition, we have partnered with the Faroese Geological Survey (Jarðfeingi) and we will be gathering in Tórshavn from 4 to 6 September 2024.

WELCOME MESSAGE

Yuanyuan Li (IWRA President)



IWRA is very excited to launch this new series of face-to-face Congresses focussing on water governance in an island context. We aim to bring together our community of experts to support the development of more effective science-based policy for islands around the world, creating a legacy whereby each congress builds on the lessons of the previous one.

Having a naturally wet climate does not guarantee a secure water supply in these times of climate change and growing competing demands on the resource. We therefore welcome anyone interested in islands, water, and governance to this inaugural IWRA Islands Water Congress in September 2024. Come and share your knowledge, experience, and expertise, and learn about what is happening not only in the Faroe Islands, but in islands in many different parts of the world.

WELCOME MESSAGES

Óluva Reginsdóttir Eidesgaard, ISC Co-chair

It gives me great honour to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to the Faroe Islands for IWRA's 1st Islands Water Congress. Nestled within the North Atlantic, the Faroe Islands meets you with a rugged beauty and a rich cultural heritage, surrounded by one of our planet's most precious resources – water.

As we gather in the Faroe Islands, encircled by fjords and hills, let the pristine waters that define the Faroe Islands be the backdrop for our shared exploration of innovative solutions and sustainable practices in water management. The Faroese landscape is not only a testament to the delicate balance of nature but also a source of inspiration for our collective efforts in safeguarding our global water resources. The Islands Water Congress is not merely a congress; it's a collaborative platform where experts, visionaries, and advocates converge to address the challenges and opportunities that water presents to island communities worldwide. Together, we will explore the complex web of water-related issues, from conservation and management to the impact of climate change on island ecosystems.

Welcome to the Islands Water Congress 2024, where we look forward to welcoming you in the Faroe Islands!



Francesco Sindico, ISC Co-chair

I would like to add my warm welcome to the IWRA's 1st Islands Water Congress. Whilst participants will join us in the beautiful and breathtaking Faroe Islands, the Congress has been developed with all islands and island communities in mind. Non-islanders are also warmly welcome, sharing work that may be relevant for islands and learning from good practices coming from island communities and wider stakeholders.

This is a global Congress for a global audience! The IWRA Islands Water Congress will be an event where participants will be part of a joint effort before, during and after to deliver impact on the ground and to celebrate freshwater on islands. The Faroe Islands event is just the beginning of a long journey. In fact, IWRA will be organising an Islands Water Congress every two years on a different island of the world contributing to a growing community of practice relevant for island water management. This first edition comes at a very timely moment. Taking place just a few months after the conclusion of SIDS-4, and a few months before COP16 of the Convention on Biological Diversity and COP29 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the first edition of the IWRA's Islands Water Congress will contribute to further shaping island's responses to the twin climate and nature crisis, highlighting the role of freshwater therein.





JARÐFEINGI & IWRA ORGANISERS

IWRA decided to do things a little bit differently for this Congress series

Every two years we will organise the event with a different host island (Faroe Islands for the 2024 first edition). The event focuses (also) on a concrete issue that is relevant for that island, but equally of interest to a global island audience. Within the wider Congress themes of Administration, Collaboration and Innovation, regulation will be the concrete issue to look out for in 2024.

The Congress will put forward information towards dealing with the issue mentioned above (regulation) by means of a variety of practical tools jointly agreed with the host island nation (Faroe Islands for the 2024 first edition). Such tools will be co-developed with Congress participants and organisations linked to the International Scientific Committee (ISC). After the event, they will be shared with host island policy makers and stakeholders and with wider global island audiences.

By organising a Congress every two years on different islands, IWRA will develop a body of learning that will boost freshwater opportunities and advance solutions to freshwater challenges. Where such body of learning is relevant to non-island audiences, good practices will be shared accordingly.

The First edition of the IWRA Islands Water Congress will focus on Administration, Collaboration and Innovation.

So join us for an extraordinary gathering where we unite
to address freshwater issues within an island context!



THE INTERNATIONAL WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

The International Water Resources Association (IWRA) is a globally recognised non-profit, non-governmental organisation that was established in 1971. With a strong emphasis on collaboration between science and policy, IWRA serves as a knowledge and research-based forum dedicated to addressing pressing water challenges. IWRA's overarching goal is to enhance the understanding of water issues and foster sustainable water use and management worldwide. Through a multi-faceted approach encompassing education, research, and information exchange, IWRA strives to facilitate.



JARÐFEINGI (THE FAROESE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY)

The Faroese Geological Survey (Jarðfeingi) is an institution under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Industry and Trade. The mission of the survey is to administer, research, consult and teach about natural geological resources and values as a whole. Additionally, Jarðfeingi is responsible for all administrative tasks related to hydrocarbon and groundwater exploration and hydrocarbon production activities in the Faroe Islands. informed decision-making and promote effective water management.



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THEMES AND SUBTHEMES

Freshwater and Islands: Administration, Collaboration, and Innovation

For the purposes of Congress and its call for papers, by **“ADMINISTRATION”** we mean the different processes necessary to capture, process, deliver, use and dispose of freshwater on islands. By **“COLLABORATION”** we refer to the need to identify and bring together all stakeholders involved in the processes of the administration of freshwater on islands. And by **“INNOVATION”** we mean novel instruments, systems and technologies that improve freshwater administration.

The Congress seeks contributions reflecting the challenges experienced in islands from all geographic contexts to enable a broad discussion reflecting the diverse water challenges faced by islands.

THEMES

SUBTHEMES

Administration of Freshwater on Islands

- 1a) concept of freshwater administration on islands
- 1b) the role of regulation in the administration of freshwater on islands

Collaboration in the Administration of Freshwater on Islands

- 2a) different actors who partake in the administration of freshwater on islands
- 2b) need for such actors to collaborate in the administration of freshwater on islands

Innovation in the Administration of Freshwater on Islands

- 3a) innovation that improves freshwater administration processes (hard and soft innovation)
- 3b) innovation that better captures the value of freshwater on islands

NATIONAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (NOC)

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Óluva R. Eidesgaard, PhD in Geoscience, Faroese Geological Survey

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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Monday - Tuesday 2-3. September 2024

Possibility of meetings or workshops in order to collaborate on the Faroes policy report to be organised at the Faroese Geological Survey or at the University of the Faroe Islands. Consideration of a specific Faroese water stakeholder meeting on the Monday.

TIME	MONDAY 2. September	TUESDAY 3. September	WEDNESDAY 4. September	THURSDAY 5. September	FRIDAY 6. September
<i>Morning</i>	Possibility of meetings or workshops	Field trip and/or Possibility of meetings or workshops	Registration	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions
<i>Noon</i>			Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<i>Afternoon</i>			Opening Ceremony	Parallel Sessions	Workshops
			Plenary Sessions		High Level Policy Roundtable
<i>Evening</i>			Ice-breaker 17.00 - 18.00	Banquet 19.00 - 21.00	
	Exhibition and Posters (all day)				

CALL FOR

PAPERS, SPECIAL SESSIONS & CREATIVE PROPOSALS

15. February 2024	Deadline for submission of proposals
29. February 2024	Deadline for response from proposals
31. October 2024	Full Paper submission deadline for publications

PAPER PROPOSAL

We invite individual paper proposals that address one or more of the Congress themes listed above. Paper proposals should include an abstract of 300 words.

Please indicate if you wish your paper to be considered for publication. We plan to publish special issues from the Congress with Water International and the Island Studies Journal. The deadline for full paper submission for publication is listed below.

SPECIAL SESSION PROPOSAL

The Congress also welcomes special session proposals, which should include abstracts for each paper up to a maximum of 1200 words. If your special session is organised in a different way (for example an experts roundtable), please enter a 500 words description of the special session indicating names and affiliations of speakers who will feature.

Impact is a key aspect of the Congress. Special sessions proposals are expected to include a brief statement on the desired or expected impact resulting from the special session or from implementation of ideas discussed at the session. In addition, special sessions organisers and/or participants may be invited to contribute to the practical tools jointly agreed with Faroe Islands key stakeholders. Such practical tools will be of specific application to the Faroese freshwater context, but also relevant to islands beyond the Faroe Islands more generally, as well as non-island nations and communities in some cases.

Creative PROPOSAL

We also invite proposals for innovative and creative sessions that address one or more of the Congress themes listed above. Sessions can include poetry readings, exhibitions, photography, performances of any kind and interactive activities.

Please indicate if you wish your creative session to result in an output, which can be featured on the Congress Website.

REGISTRATION FEE'S AND KEYDATES

Registration	Category	Early-bird registration	Regular registration	Last minute registration
Full registration	IWRA Gold member	2.500 (~336 EUR)	3.500 (~470 EUR)	4.000 (~537 EUR)
Full registration	Others	3.000 (~403 EUR)	4.000 (~537 EUR)	5.000 (~671 EUR)
Full registration	Students	1.500 (~202 EUR)	1.500 (~202 EUR)	2.000 (~269 EUR)

** Please note that if you are from a Developing country, please contact us to receive a form to register at a special price – send an email to (islands.congress@iwra.org)*

15. November 2023	Registration opened
4. April 2024	Early-bird Registration Deadline
3. September 2024	Regular Registration Deadline
4. September 2024	Last Minute Registration opens for onsite participants

1st ISLANDS WATER CONGRESS SPONSORSHIP

IWRA's 1st Islands Water Congress provides an excellent platform to elevate your organisation's visibility as an official sponsor. The guide below outlines three packages for your consideration. Select the bundle that best suits the needs of your organisation or institution.

Please feel free to contact us over email if you have other sponsorship and benefit requirements (email: oei@jf.fo)

GOLD SPONSOR

- ✓ 4 Tickets
- ✓ Visible logo at presentations
- ✓ Advert options on-site within agreed settings
- ✓ Advertise Congress bag
- ✓ Large logo on Congress bag
- ✓ Large logo on Programmes
- ✓ Large logo on Abstract-booklet
- ✓ Large logo on Congress website

SILVER SPONSOR

- ✓ 2 Tickets
- ✓ Advertise Congress bag
- ✓ Medium logo on Congress bag
- ✓ Medium logo on Programmes
- ✓ Medium logo on Abstract-booklet
- ✓ Medium logo on Congress website

BRONZE SPONSOR

- ✓ 1 Ticket
- ✓ Small logo on Congress bag
- ✓ Small logo on Programmes
- ✓ Small logo on Abstract-booklet
- ✓ Small logo on Congress website

Alternative sponsorship options are available, including in-kind contributions such as sponsoring food, beverages, or other relevant items. If you have a great idea, please contact us!





WELCOME TO THE FAROE ISLANDS

DISCOVER THE FAROE ISLANDS: WHERE NATURE AND INNOVATION CONVERGE AT THE 2024 ISLANDS WATER CONGRESS

In the heart of the North Atlantic Ocean lies a realm of untamed beauty and innovative spirit—the Faroe Islands. As we invite you to the upcoming Water Congress in 2024, prepare to embark on a journey that seamlessly blends the wonders of nature with groundbreaking ideas. Picture a place where dramatic landscapes meet cutting-edge solutions, where the symphony of crashing waves harmonises with the hum of brainstorming minds. The Faroe Islands, with their rugged cliffs, azure fjords, and vibrant culture, set the stage for an event unlike any other.

Against this backdrop, **the 2024 Islands Water Congress will bring together visionaries, experts, and enthusiasts from across the globe.** Nestled amidst stunning vistas, this congress offers a unique opportunity to discuss and explore the pressing water challenges of our time, all while being inspired by the very environment that defines the Faroes. Imagine engaging in insightful discussions within charming buildings, where centuries-old traditions intertwine with the latest breakthroughs in water management. The Faroese people, known for their warm hospitality, will be your guides, sharing their stories and wisdom, while the landscapes themselves become living metaphors for resilience and adaptation.

For the intrepid traveler, the Faroe Islands offer a playground of adventures. Hike along winding trails that lead to viewpoints that seem to touch the sky. Take a boat trip through crystal-clear waters, exploring hidden coves and caves that few have laid eyes on. And, if you're lucky, catch a glimpse of the mystical Northern Lights dancing across the night sky, casting an enchanting glow over the ancient landscapes.



Facts about the Faroe Islands

Name:	Faroe Islands
Capital:	Tórshavn
Language:	Faroese
Population:	54.503 (Aug. 2023)
Government:	Parliamentary democracy
Prime Minister:	Aksel Vilhelmson Johannensen
Currency:	Faroese/Danish Króna (DKK)
Calling code:	+298
Islands:	18 (16 inhabited)
Total land Area:	1,399 sq km / 540 sq m
Total Marine Area:	297.000 sq km / 114.672 sq mi
Highest Peak:	Slættaratindur 882 m / 2894 ft.



THE CONGRESS VENUE
THE NORDIC HOUSE
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The Nordic house

The Nordic House is one of the most important instruments that the Nordic Council of Ministers has to further the political priorities of the Nordic cultural co-operation. The house is run as a Nordic institution of art and culture with a diverse programme of music, literature, theatre, film, visual arts, lectures, conferences and much more. Through art and culture we can better understand who we are as people and as a community. Art has the power to make us happy, excite us, challenge us, to create debate, encourage us, impress us, but most of all it says something about the community we live in from a cultural perspective. Culture plays an important role in the community because it elevates debate. It enriches our lives and at the same time as it challenges us. When we feel safe in our life perspective we can embrace diversity in a constructive way, and we can manage our cultural heritage in the meeting with new cultures and perspectives. We create the cultural heritage together, and in the Faroe Islands the Nordic House is a place where the art and cultural heritage of the future is produced and communicated.



Travel & Hotel

For detailed information on travel, accommodation, and transport, please click on the following link: www.islandswatercongress.org/faroe-islands/travel-and-hotel/

Travel visas

Citizens from the Nordic countries and EU/EAA countries are permitted to enter the Faroe Islands without a visa and can stay for up to 3 months. Citizens from other countries may need a visa to visit the Faroe Islands for the purpose of business, personal visits and tourism. Find out if you need to apply for a visa on our webpage: <https://islandswatercongress.org/faroe-islands/travel-visas/>

Applying for a visa

You can apply for a visa to the Faroe Islands at a Danish Embassy or Consulate in your country of residence. A list of Danish Embassies and Consulates around the world can be viewed on our webpage: <https://islandswatercongress.org/faroe-islands/travel-visas/>



WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU IN
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