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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The next *Symposium for European Freshwater Sciences* is approaching!

The web site is almost ready and in a few days you will find it at www.sefs2013.de

In the meantime I would like to anticipate you the welcome address from our colleague Elisabeth Meyer, who has been working hard to prepare us a very exciting event.

Thank you Elisabeth!!

Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

We cordially invite you to join the 8th Symposium for European Freshwater Sciences, which will be held in Münster, Germany, from July 1-5, 2013.

The meeting is hosted by the German Limnological Society (GLS) in collaboration with the University of Münster (WWU Münster) and co-organized by four regional LIFE+ projects (running water). The organizers are pleased to have the opportunity to convene the conference.

SEFS 8 aims to integrate recent achievements of science from ecological and evolutionary perspectives to promote innovative solutions for the sustainable management of our freshwaters in the face of increasing environmental pressures. The guiding theme is "Freshwater science for nature and society".

Münster is a place with a tradition in limnology. About 100 years ago, August Thienemann, one of the founders of the International Society of Limnology (SIL), spent the first years of his scientific career in Münster, from 1907-1917. Since that time, many interdisciplinary research groups focusing on fundamental and applied water sciences have been established. They are affiliated to different faculties and departments within the WWU and the University of Applied Sciences. Active local and regional communication between water authorities, agencies, and academic institutions engaged in water-related and environmental issues yields a close and fruitful linkage of science with practice.

Münster is not only a city of science and learning, yet outstanding in many respects - come and see!

We are looking forward to meeting you in our great city in July 2013 and anticipate a seminal, inspiring conference. Please register for the newsletter and visit this website for upcoming information.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee
Prof. Dr. Elisabeth I. Meyer

From the website:

Freshwater science for nature and society

The symposium aims at integrating recent insights from ecological and evolutionary perspectives into improved knowledge of the diversity, dynamics, and functioning of freshwater ecosystems. Freshwaters and their biota are increasingly subject to anthropogenic pressures and a complex interaction of abiotic and biotic stressors. Hence, understanding of the causes and effects of environmental stress in reference to the natural state of freshwater systems, and implementation of this knowledge shall foster innovative research and solutions for sustainable management and societal concerns. The meeting will provide a cross-disciplinary platform for discussion of research ranging from the level of genes and cells to ecosystems and landscapes. We welcome contributions from all fields of freshwater science, ranging from theoretical and basic to methodological and applied studies, and particularly encourage integrative approaches.

As tradition, many activities will involve, and will be addressed to, our young researchers. Núria Bonada, the coordinator of the **EFYR (European Fresh and Young Researchers)**, along with other young members of the group will organize a special “young” addressed program.

One of the tasks of the organizers has been to keep as low as possible the registration fees. To achieve this goal the number of participants is of paramount importance: I am thus inviting all of you to distribute the information about SEFS to your Societies and to invite your members to participate!

Among the activities addressed to young researchers, the most important is:

The Student Prize

Rules of the EFFS Award for the best PhD Dissertation in Freshwater Sciences

1. The European Federation for Freshwater Sciences (EFFS) launches the *EFFS Award for the best PhD Dissertation in Freshwater Sciences*, which will recognize outstanding scientific and intellectual work in the field of Freshwater Sciences performed by Early Career Researchers in Europe.
2. Applicants for this Award will include all authors of doctoral theses submitted in Europe in the field of Freshwater Sciences. Applicants should be members of an Association related to Freshwater Sciences and affiliated to the European Federation for Freshwater Sciences (EFFS). The PhD dissertation can be written in any European language.
3. Applicants should submit their application form to their reference Association. PhD dissertations must be accompanied by an extended abstract in English not longer than 5 printed pages single spaced, and containing a maximum of 4 figures. The extended abstract must be signed by the supervisor(s) along with the list of publications related to the PhD work.
4. Federated Associations will perform a pre-selection according to common rules and time schedule for selection, and using evaluation criteria similar to those for Marie Curie fellowship proposals. E.g. PhD dissertation will be evaluated according to their scientific/technological quality (score 0–20), originality (0–20), methodological approach (0–20), relevance and potential scientific impact of the work carried out (0–20).
5. For this call, the PhD thesis must have been defended during the years 2011–2012.
6. Each Association can submit a maximum of two selected PhD dissertations for the final evaluation. This number is increased to four for those Associations collecting members from more than one European country (e.g. AIL collects both Spanish and Portuguese members and the number of dissertations can thus be 4). In any case, no more than four dissertations can be presented by each association.
7. The final evaluation will be carried out by an international Jury. Members of the Jury are identified among the members of the Board of Representatives at EFFS. The evaluation criteria are based on the evaluation reports submitted by national associations, and by the attribution of the scores specified in 4 (above) to the extended English abstract in English (point 3).
8. The Award will consider one main and two subsidiary prizes:

The main prize will consist of a **Diploma** and a **grant to attend the next Symposium for European Freshwater Sciences (SEFS)**, including registration fee, travel and lodging. During this meeting, the winning author will be required to give a **dedicated Plenary Lecture** on his/her PhD dissertation topic.

The winners of the subsidiary prizes will receive a Diploma and a grant covering the registration fee to **attend the next Symposium for European Freshwater Sciences (SEFS)**.

9. Recipients of the Awards will be informed at least three months before the opening day of SEFS.

10. An awards ceremony will take place just before the dedicated Plenary Lecture. In addition to the Plenary Lecture – given by the main prize winner – the three winning theses will be exhibited during the next SEFS meeting in a section of the venue dedicated to the association of European Fresh and Young Researchers (EFYR). The exhibition will include at least one hard copy of the theses (we will also encourage the distribution of e-copies) and a poster explaining the contents of each winning thesis. Hard copies, electronic copies (if any), and posters must be provided by the authors themselves. Electronic copies will be eventually posted on the EFFS website (www.freshwatersciences.eu).

The above quoted call is also published online in the NEWS page of the EFFS website (www.freshwatersciences.eu).

Finally, I wish you a relaxing summer with many thanks to you all for your continued co-operation and feedback!

Luigi Naselli-Flores
EFFS Convener

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According to our constitution, each federated organization is entitled to be represented by two members in the Federation, and it is up to the organization to appoint its representatives. Please check the enclosed list of Representatives and inform me if any change is required.

Save the date !



**Symposium for European Freshwater Sciences
July 1-5, 2013, Münster (Germany)**

www.sefs2013.de

Conference venue



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