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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Santa Claus is coming to town!

I am very happy to offer all of you and all of the members of the organizations you represent my warm best wishes for the incoming holiday season.

2012 was full of news for our Federation: the number of Federated Societies increased to 14; we launched our new website [www.freshwaterscience.eu](http://www.freshwaterscience.eu); we launched the EFFS award for the best PhD thesis in Freshwater Sciences; we moved towards increasing the visibility of our Federation and established relationships with other scientific organizations.

2013 is bringing us our



*8<sup>th</sup> Symposium for European Freshwater Sciences  
"Freshwater Science for Nature and Society"*

that is going to be held in Münster, Germany, from July 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>.

Elisabeth Meyer is making strides with the arrangements and the website

[www.sefs2013.de](http://www.sefs2013.de)

is now open to registrants and to the submission of abstracts. The list of proposed themes embraces an extremely wide range of topics which are further enriched by several special sessions (for further details see <http://www.sefs2013.de/?node=61>).

In addition, the Organizing Committee, along with **EFYR (European Fresh and Young Researchers)**, is organizing a special "young" addressed program.

Check the website for dates and updates!

I renew my invitation to 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 probably the EFFS Award for the best PhD Dissertation in Freshwater Sciences. By the end of December we should decide how to proceed to form the international jury which has to select the winners. I would be grateful to receive your proposals on this subject soon.

The winners have to be announced by the end of March either on our website ([www.freshwatersciences.eu](http://www.freshwatersciences.eu)) and on the SEFS website ([www.sefs2013.de](http://www.sefs2013.de)).

Last but not least, I am glad to inform you that EFFS visibility is day by day increasing: EFFS logo, besides being printed on the back covers of *Freshwater Reviews* (FBA) and *Advances In Oceanography and Limnology* (AIOL), now appears on the website of *Annales de limnologie – International Journal of Limnology* (<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=anl>), the scientific journal sponsored by the French Limnological Society (AFL). Moreover, our strengths to initiate cooperation with other societies are going ahead: Brian Moss, the President of SIL, as well as some Vice-presidents will attend our SEFS in Münster. In addition, our colleagues from SFS (Society for Freshwater Science, ex NABS) will also join us at SEFS. I invite you to submit your comments and/or suggestions to further increase the visibility of our Federation.

Finally, I wish you a relaxing end of the year 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.

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