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EWRI Currents

India 2010 Conference a Success

EWRI is pleased to report on the success of the Institute's third annual international conference. In collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, EWRI organized the conference entitled 3rd International Perspective on Current and Future State of Water and Environment. This event was held on January 5-7, 2010, at IIT Madras, Chennai, India.

During the conference, three distinguished professionals in the fields of water and environment gave invited keynote speeches. Dr. Slobodan P. Simonovic, Director of Engineering Studies at the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada), gave the keynote lecture on "Climate Change and Water Resources: The Renaissance of Systems Approach." Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak, Founder of the Sulabh Sanitation and Social Reform Movement (Sulabh Bhawan, Mahavir Enclave, New Delhi, India), presented a guest lecture entitled "Sustainable Sanitation and Millennium Development Goals." Prof. Rafael Bras, Distinguished Professor and Dean, The Henry Samueli School of Engineering (University of California, Irvine), presented an ending keynote lecture on "Climate Change: What We Know and the Impacts on the Natural and Man-made Environment." In the Water and Environmental Issues closing panel, eminent panelists from developing and developed countries discussed the challenges in these areas and possible solutions.



Conference Chair Chandra Pathak participates in the opening ceremony of the India 2010 Conference, along with Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak (EWRI Congress 2010 Keynote Speaker), EWRI President Udai Singh, M.S. Ananth (Director of IIT Madras), Andrew T. Simpkin (US Consul General for Chennai), Keynote Speaker Prof. Slobodon Simonovic, and Conference Co-Chair Dr. K.P. Sudheer. The act of lighting the lantern is a customary representation of progressing from darkness into light, in relation to the revelation of knowledge.

The conference was well attended by approximately 400 professionals from more than 24 countries. There were nearly 300 oral technical presentations and 60 poster presentations. The conference proceedings contained 360 peer-reviewed technical papers.

Event attendees enjoyed 48 technical sessions in five concurrent technical tracks and an interactive poster session. Sessions featured at the conference included:

- water resources planning and management
- water, wastewater, and waste management
- global water issues
- hydrology and hydraulics
- ground water
- urban watershed management

The next international conference is organized by ASCE/EWRI in collaboration with the National University of Singapore (NUS) titled "4th International Perspective on Sustainable Environmental and Water Resources Management" will be held January 4-6, 2011 at Singapore.

