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**Closing Ceremony: Closure Speech of the President Prof. G. Tsakiris**

Dear colleagues, dear friends

This is the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium held in Catania.

I am really glad for the excellent organisation and the high quality of presentations.

We, the Executive Committee, will make systematic efforts to disseminate the conclusions and the findings of the Symposium through our media so that a more profound impact of the Symposium will be achieved.

About 20 papers will be selected and processed for publication in the Journal of Water Resources Management with guest editors Prof. A. Cancelliere and Prof. G. Rossi. The invited speeches will be presented as a special issue of the "European Water" Journal. Also 40 papers presented in the Symposium will be channelled for publication also in the Journal of "European Water". Finally a small number of papers will be selected for the Water Utility Journal.

Now let's turn to other types of activities: the scientific meetings.

As you probably know EWRA organises an International event every 2 years. One conference, one symposium. The last 2 conferences were organised in Menton/France and in Lemessos/Cyprus and the last two symposia were organised in Izmir/Turkey and Chania/Crete. As you know the next conference of EWRA will be held in Porto (Portugal) June 2013, as it was presented by Prof. R. Maia during the General Assembly yesterday. Despite of the recent economic crisis we insist on organising meetings of this nature because we believe that this assists scientists to cooperate, to know each other better and make collaborative steps forward in the topics of Water Resources Policy and Management.

Closing this short address I have to thank the organisers once again for the excellent organisation and the University of Catania for hosting this event. In particular I have to thank Prof. Cancelliere and Prof. Rossi and their collaborators. I also thank all the invited speakers and particularly Prof. Benedini.

Finally I thank you, all contributors and participants for creating an extraordinary friendly atmosphere which is the most important factor for an effective communication and cooperation between our members.

Thanks again to all for the excellent Symposium. We renew our appointment to Porto in two years time!

Thank you