

PRESS RELEASE

The 7th International Conference of the European Water Resources Association ‘Water Resources Conservancy and Risk Reduction under Climatic Instability’ took place in Limassol – Cyprus (25-27 June 2009). The Conference was successfully organised by the University of Cyprus (Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering).

About 200 participants from 24 countries actively participated in the various Symposia of the Conference. 130 papers (including keynote speeches) were presented in oral form in 3 parallel tracks during the 2 ½ days of the conference whereas a number of papers were presented as poster papers.

Major contributions were made in the three thematic areas of the Conference:

- a) Water Related Natural Hazards: Proactive Planning and Crisis Management
- b) Water Conservation Management & Technology – Public Learning and Participation
- c) Macro-engineering and Environmental Governance

Important contributions were also made by members of the SMART Research Consortium (Sustainable Management of Available Water Resources with Innovative Technologies) the meetings of which were held in parallel with the conference.

The volume of Proceedings includes the oral presentations was edited by Prof. S. Christodoulou (University of Cyprus). The volume has 1100 pages (ISBN 978-9963-671-94-6). The abstracts of the papers included in the Proceedings can be found at www.ewra.net.

The General Assembly of EWRA which took place on the 25th of June 2009 prepared the draft proposal of EWRA to the Copenhagen Summit in December, made amendments in its statutes, decided for a new index for evaluating published research and established Permanent Groups on several thematic areas of water resources management. From the elections for the new Executive Committee for the term in office 2010-2014, the following members were elected:

- G. Tsakiris (Greece), President
- R. Maia (Portugal), Vice-President
- B. Charalambous (Cyprus), Secretary General
- A. Cancelliere (Italy), Treasurer
- S. Hamilton (U.K.), Membership coordinator

During the GA the venues of the next scientific events of EWRA were decided:

- June 2011 – EWRA Symposium: Italy, Host: A. Cancelliere
- June 2013 – EWRA Conference: Portugal, Host: R. Maia

The exact dates and venues will be decided soon by the EC of EWRA. EWRA will also support other events organised by other organisations.

Finally, it was agreed that an intense publication programme will be followed during the new term in office mainly through the journals of the Association: Water Resources Management, European Water and Macro-engineering (new).