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VI INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM of EWRA 'Water Engineering and Management in a Changing Environment' Catania, Sicily June 29th – July 2nd 2011

The 6th International Symposium of the European Water Resources Association took place in Catania – Sicily from 29th of June to 2nd of July.

The host of the Symposium and local organiser was the University of Catania and the venue was Monastero dei Benedettini, Piazza Dante (Faculty of Arts). Co-organisers of the Symposium were the Italian Hydrotechnical Association and the CSEI Catania (Centre for the Applied Economics in Engineering).

About 150 papers were submitted and presented in oral and poster sessions as well as in five invited lectures covering the following thematic areas:

- Drought characterisation, monitoring, forecasting
- Modelling of natural and dam-break floods and extreme events
- Water Framework Directives implementation
- Water quality management
- Assessment of climate change
- Water resources management
- Irrigation
- Innovation in water supply and distribution systems

The Symposium attracted the attention of scientists and experts from several European countries (Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus, Romania etc.) from countries of North Africa and Near and Middle East and some other countries of the East.

During the Symposium the General Assembly took place in which:

- Prof. M. Benedini was honoured for his devotion and support to EWRA
- Amendments to the Statutes were accepted in which EWRA accepts members from any country of the world and not only from a European Country
- The next International Conference of EWRA will be held in Porto (Portugal) June 2013.