

# ACTION FOR WATER CONFERENCE

**UNESCO and ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
invite you to a 1/2 day Conference  
at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, 12 May 2006, 9:00 am-12:00 pm**

The program will feature guest speakers from UNESCO and ROTARY including:

**For UNESCO:**

- **Andras Szollosi-Nagy**, Director, Division of Water Sciences
- **Richard Meganck**, Director of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education

**For Rotary International:**

- **Carl Wilhelm Stenhammar**, Rotary International President
- **Serge Gouteyron**, Rotary International Vice-President
- **Ron Denham**, General Coordinator of the Water, Health, and Hunger Resource Group,
- **Peter Fritz**, District Governor, RI D 1880, Germany

Some 6,000 people, mostly children under the age of five, die each day due to lack of access to safe drinking water, inadequate sanitation, and poor hygiene.

Water is the most vital need of humanity. The world suffers from water scarcity, water quality, and water-related disasters. Water is also critical to for health, food security, and peace. None of these issues will become easier in the future. But as world leaders work together, greater consensus and innovative techniques in water management will help address these challenges.

Rotary is an important actor for water. It plays a critical role in identifying local issues, providing successful water solutions, and undertaking projects which fit within the broader international context.

Since its inception, UNESCO has developed several international programmes to better assess and manage the Earth's resources, including freshwater. Since 2002, water is UNESCO's priority in natural sciences.

The Action for Water Conference will give participants a unique opportunity to learn more about Rotary and UNESCO Water related projects, exchange ideas and identify project opportunities.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Rotarians, Rotaractors, and guests are invited to participate in a ½ day Action for Water Conference to take place at UNESCO Headquarters.

Participation will be free of charge. However, as space is limited, reservation is mandatory and will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. You are kindly advised to return your completed registration form by 1 May 2006.

**MAIN REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

Name: .....  
Club / Organization: .....  
Office: .....  
Address: .....  
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Phone: .....  
E-mail: .....

**Mail or Fax the completed registration form to  
Rotary International District 1660  
40, Boulevard Emile Augier - 75116 Paris  
Fax : +33/ (0)1.45.03.17.10**

**ROTARY HOST COMMITTEE :**

Serge Gouteyron, *RI Vice-President*  
Marcel Saron, *Governor, D1660*  
Pierre Moulie, *Governor, D1770*  
Bernard Dervaux, *RI representative to UNESCO*  
Cyril Noirtin, *RI representative to UNESCO*

**UNESCO HOST COMMITTEE:**

Andras Szollosi Nagy, *Director,*  
*Division of Water Sciences*  
Jeanne Damlamian, *Senior Program Specialist*  
*Division of Water Sciences*

## UNESCO's IHP

UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme (IHP) is a programme for scientific cooperation concerning water resources, launched in 1975. Its goal is to promote rational water resource management that serves human needs and respects the environment.

There are IHP National Committees in over 160 countries and 12 water centers specializing in flooding, urban water, arid zones, and other subjects. IHP works with partner institutions including scientific societies, citizen groups and the private sector.

More information is available at  
[www.unesco.org/water](http://www.unesco.org/water)  
Email: [ihp@unesco.org](mailto:ihp@unesco.org)

## UNESCO-IHE INSTITUTE FOR WATER EDUCATION

A major problem in solving the serious water problems of developing countries is the lack of water professionals. UNESCO-IHE has the mandate to fulfil this educational and capacity-building task. UNESCO-IHE is the pre-eminent water education institution in the world. It has been operating for nearly 50 years, since 2003 as part of UNESCO. It offers accredited MSc and PhD programmes, and other educational services.

More information is available at  
<http://www.unesco-ihe.org>  
Email: [info@unesco-ihe.org](mailto:info@unesco-ihe.org)

## ROTARY AND UNESCO

Rotary International's (RI) relationship with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) dates back to a 1943 London Rotary Conference to promote international cultural and educational exchanges. Attended by ministers of education and observers from around the world, the conference was an impetus to the establishment of UNESCO in 1946.

Accredited as an international non-governmental organization (NGO) in operational relations with UNESCO, a team of RI Representatives appointed by RI'S President facilitates understanding of Rotary, monitors meetings and events, and shares information with UNESCO members.

In addition, they can assist clubs and districts in their cooperation projects with UNESCO.

In November 2005, Rotary International was elected by the NGO community to serve on the UNESCO NGO Council.

More information is available at  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

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## ROTARY / UNESCO ACTION FOR WATER CONFERENCE



WITH RI PRESIDENT  
**CARL-WILHELM STENHAMMAR**

**FRIDAY, 12 MAY 2006**  
**9:00 – 12:00**

**UNESCO Headquarters**  
**7, place de Fontenoy**  
**75007 Paris, France**



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Scientific and Cultural Organization