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**March 3, 2008****5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum International Symposium at EWRI Congress 2008**

Water Resources Professionals Gather to Discuss and Promote the Forum

**Who:** The Environmental & Water Resources Institute (EWRI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

**What:** Water resources professionals from around the world congregate at EWRI's World Environmental & Water Resources Congress 2008 to take part in an International Symposium pertaining to the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (March 16-22, 2009; Istanbul, Turkey).

Prominent World Water Council (WWC), 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (WWF5) organizers, and EWRI-ASCE members will participate in panel discussions focusing on:

- An overview of the World Water Council (WWC) and 5th World Water Forum.
- How U.S. "National Water Policy Dialogues" might be offered as an approach in developing national water policy.
- How to become involved in the World Water Forum

Invited significant panelists include:

- ASCE President David G. Mongan, P.E., F.ASCE
- WWC Vice-President Benedito Braga
- WWC Board Member Roberto Olivares
- WWC Board Member Paul Reiter
- Robert A. Pietrowsky of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**When & Where:** May 12, 2008, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Hilton Hawaiian Village Convention Center, Honolulu, Hawaii

**Why:** The Symposium provides an opportunity for Congress attendees to learn about the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, as well as garner opinions on the state of global water policy from prominent WWC and EWRI-ASCE members. This event also allows EWRI, as a member of the WWC, to support WWF5 and promote their involvement with the Council and the Forum.

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Created in 1999, the EWRI of ASCE is a 24,000 member specialty Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Founded in 1852, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) represents more than 140,000 members of the civil engineering profession worldwide and is America's oldest national engineering society. The EWRI mission is to enhance life through engineering sustainable water and environmental solutions and provide a leading edge technical association to serve its members and others engaged in the practice of these solutions including engineers, scientists, attorneys and other professionals. Details regarding EWRI, its products, and its services, can be found at [www.ewrinstitute.org](http://www.ewrinstitute.org).

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