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Call for Papers

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The 7th IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition brings together water and wastewater experts, academicians and practitioners from Asia-Pacific and global to share and discuss best practices and proven applications focusing on current development and water management issues towards achieving a better water future for the region.

You are invited to contribute to this event by sharing your knowledge and presenting.

Kuala Lumpur



Kuala Lumpur - Kuala Lumpur is the capital city of Malaysia, boasting gleaming skyscrapers, colonial architecture, charming locals, and a myriad of natural attractions. Divided into numerous districts, its main hub is called the Golden Triangle which comprises Bukit Bintang, KLCC and Chinatown. KL is widely recognised for numerous landmarks, including Petronas Twin Towers (the world's tallest twin skyscrapers), Petaling Street flea market, and Batu Caves, which is over 400 million years old.

With frequent sales events throughout the year, expansive shopping malls like Pavilion KL and Suria KLCC are also among the biggest tourist attractions in the city, hosting a wide range of upmarket labels from all over the world. Plus, if you need more reason to love Kuala Lumpur, there is the abundance of gastronomic delights – with thousands of hawker stalls, cafes, and restaurants serving every imaginable type of delicacies.

Session Themes



WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Alternative water resources; Diffuse pollution control and management; Water resources conservation; Water quality monitoring and modelling; Hydrology.



WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT

Treatment of drinking water; distribution of drinking water; water demand management.



WATER POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

Economics; policies and regulations; education on water environment; water security; Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).



WASTEWATER POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

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GREEN TECHNOLOGY

Water reuse and resource recovery; rainwater harvesting; energy efficient utilities; harnessing green resources i.e. bioproduct, biosolids into biofuel or biochar, biogas to electricity, biogas to CNG.



WASTEWATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES

Sludge management and disposal; membrane technology; small scale decentralized treatment systems; optimization and operation of sewage treatment system; nutrient removal and resource recovery.



WATER SUSTAINABILITY

Urban water management; urbanisation; water security; non revenue water.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Water and natural disaster; water footprint; disaster risk management; global warming, greenhouse gases.



WATER, SANITATION AND HEALTH

Hygiene; water related diseases; innovative financing of sanitation and health; case studies; low cost innovative solutions.



WATER & ENERGY NEXUS

Water & energy; water automation; sustainable strategies for energy sector; energy intensity; hydroelectricity.

How are papers selected?

Your abstract submission and the final full paper (if you're accepted as a presenter) must be in plain English and clearly define the objectives, status, methodology, findings and significance of the investigation or study.

Your submitted abstracts will be peer reviewed by international experts. Programme selections are based on the scores and comments of those reviewers. We expect 600 submissions, and presenter decisions will be announced in May 2017.

What to submit

Your initial submission must be in the form of an abstract paper: two A4 pages of text (approximately 1,000 words) plus up to two additional pages of tables/figures. This must persuasively summarise your proposed presentation. This must be uploaded to our online submission system before 10th February 2017.

Detailed guidance and templates are available at www.aspire2017.org.my. If you prefer to present this work as a poster, please note this when you submit your abstract.

If your submission is accepted for an oral presentation, you will also have to submit a properly formatted full paper of between six and eight A4 pages (the maximum permissible length is 5000 words; each normal-sized figure or table counts as 350 words and must be incorporated within the 5000 word/eight-page limit) for inclusion in the conference preprints and which can be reviewed for publication.

You may submit as many abstracts as you want. However, no individual can present more than two platform papers—any further papers must be presented by one of the coauthors.

Improving your paper

Three fundamental questions determine whether a paper will be accepted onto the conference programme: Is the work novel? Is it correct and well presented? Is it interesting?

To improve your chance of success, consider the following criteria.

AUDIENCE

Does the subject matter fit the conference and session themes? How relevant is it for experts and non-experts?

ORIGINALITY

Is the work interesting and likely to prompt discussion at the conference? Your paper should describe breakthrough technology, new concepts, novel applications of established concepts, or improvements to existing theories (with new supporting data).

STATUS OF PROJECT

Is the work and its conclusions valid and correct? Your paper needs to establish that the work is well developed. If you can show concrete results that are well supported by data, your paper is more likely to be accepted.

TECHNICAL CONTENT

Make sure that you state the objectives and scope of the project, as well as the conditions under which the data was obtained, and the general procedures or methodology you used.

BENEFITS AND SIGNIFICANCE

What are the benefits of the project? What is its significance for your local area, country or other countries in your region? How important is it to other researchers and professionals working in your field?

QUALITY OF PRESENTATION

Is your abstract clearly set out and understandable? The programme committee and the expert reviewers believe that the quality of the abstract paper is an indication of the quality of your final presentation. Prepare your abstract with care, organise your material well, write clearly in plain English, prepare your graphics professionally, and make sure your information is accurate and up to date.

COMMERCIAL

Papers that are commercial in nature will not be accepted for the scientific-technical programme as platform presentations or posters. However, this type of material is welcomed at the trade exhibition or perhaps in a business forum.

Will papers be published?

Conference delegates will receive a full set of electronic preprints with the final programme, but a formal proceedings book will not be published. However, the authors of full papers accepted for the conference are welcomed to submit their full paper for possible publication in one of the IWA Publishing journals, including: Water Science and Technology: Water Supply or Water, Practice and Technology. The final decision on publication, which may be subject to further revision of the paper, will be taken by the editors of the journal. If you do not wish your paper to be considered for publication in a journal, please make this clear when submitting your full paper.

What do I need to pay?

Every presenter is required to register as a paying delegate and attend the conference. Presenters are responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses. Presenters who do not register will be replaced.

Key Dates

31 OCTOBER 2016

Online system opens for abstract submission (oral and poster presentations)

10 FEBRUARY 2017

Final deadline for abstract submission (oral and poster presentations)

26 MAY 2017

Presenters notified of acceptance/rejection

28 JULY 2017

Deadline for accepted presenters to submit full papers for conference preprint, and register and pay to attend the IWA-ASPIRE 2017

Any questions?

Further details will be on the IWA-ASPIRE 2017 website www.aspire2017.org.my or email abstract@aspire2017.org.my