



World Water Day 2010

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Clean Water
for a
Healthy World

The United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/47/193 of 22 December 1992 by which 20-22 March of each year was declared *World Day for Water*.

Klaipeda University (Lithuania) is joining the global initiative!

*We will celebrate **World Water Day 2010!***

UN-Water is dedicating World Water Day 2010 to the theme of water quality, reflecting its importance alongside quantity of the resource in water management. Therefore Klaipeda University is joining the global initiative and on 22nd of March will celebrate The World Water Day in Lithuania. Besides seminars, debates and other activities we launch a photo contest with water as the subject. Art (for example photography) can improve mutual understanding among people, reveal that water sustains life and remind us that water is not easily accessible to all...

Photo competition:

- ✓ Three groups:
 - I group: age 15-18;
 - II group: age 18 +;
 - III group: professional photographers;
- ✓ Water as the subject
- ✓ Electronic pictures only (300 pix, 72 dpi, JPG format)
- ✓ The three top photographs will be selected in each group.



Winners:

- will receive a Diploma of participation;
- will attend the monitoring trips (fresh water ecosystems) with the researchers of the university;
- will be part of a lifetime experience;
- will have their pictures exposed during the Sea Fiesta Festival 2010.



Professional and amateur photographers (school pupils, students and anyone, who is interested in water issues) are invited to submit their best photos related to water. The theme of World Water Day 2010 is focusing on raising awareness of water quality. Therefore the contest aims to draw public attention to the importance of water and encourage better understanding of the need to protect the precious resources.



Pictures of the short listed participants will be put forward to an international jury from different fields of interest to be competitively assessed. Selection will be determined by the work that best reflects the theme "Clean water for a healthy tomorrow"

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The international committee:

Prof. Sergej Olenin, Habilitated Doctor (Dr. of Sciences) in Oceanology, Head of CORPI (Coastal research and planning institute) Scientific Council at the University of Klaipeda, Professor at Biology and Ecology Departments, Klaipeda University, Lithuania;



Prof. Michal Kravcik is founder of the People and Water NGO in Kosice, Slovakia. He is the most prominent representative of the People and Water NGO, which has been awarded the EU-USA Prize for Democracy and Civil Society Development. Michal Kravcik was awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize and is a member of ASHOKA - Innovators for the Public, an international network of innovators who contribute for common good;



Ole von Uexkull is an Executive Director of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation (in many countries, the Award is often referred to as the '*Alternative Nobel Prize*'). His main tasks are strategy development, representation, fundraising, financial management and research. He has evaluated candidates for the Right Livelihood Award in more than 30 countries around the globe (<http://www.rightlivelihood.org>).



Prof. Raimonds Ernsteins is UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Coastal Development; Director of the Institute for Environmental Science and Management, University of Latvia;

Dr. Giuseppe Cimo' is an Astronomer. He is a VLBI scientist for Space Applications at JIVE, The Netherlands. His main research interests are active Galaxies and the interstellar matter. Recently he is involved in studying the solar system using Earth-based observations of interplanetary spacecraft;

Mr. Andrius Pelakauskas is a professional photographer, Lithuania.




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-  Over 2.5 billion people globally live without adequate sanitation,
-  Every day, 2 million tons of sewage and other effluents drain into the world's waters,
-  Waterborne diseases cause the death of more than 1.5 million children each year.



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