

**Press Release**  
**The 14<sup>th</sup> World Lake Conference**

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Austin, Texas USA - The International Lake Environment Committee Foundation (ILEC), the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), and the River Systems Institute (RSI) at Texas State University- San Marcos are sponsoring the 14<sup>th</sup> World Lake Conference at the Austin Convention Center, October 31 through November 4, 2011.

Previous conferences, held in Argentina, China, Denmark, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya and the USA, targeted the improved management of world class lakes. The 14th World Lake Conference will focus on the environmental, socioeconomic and governance status of lakes and reservoirs, their linked upstream, downstream surface and sub-surface water systems as well as their complex, and sometimes competing, uses.

This event is an international forum, including seminars and presentations by water researchers and industry professionals on lake-based problems, their root causes, and possible solutions. Highlighted speakers will include two Stockholm Water Prize Laureates, Jörg Imberger (1996) from the University of Western Australia, an expert in water movement and mixing in lakes and estuaries, and Sven Jørgensen (2004), professor of environmental chemistry at the Danish University of Pharmaceutical Sciences in Copenhagen, and a pioneer in development and use of ecological models of lakes and wetlands in sustainable water resources management. Ms. Yukido Kada, Governor of the Shiga Prefecture, Japan, home of the ILEC Secretariat, also will address conference participants.

Anticipated conference participation includes international, national and state agencies, water industries, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, private sector representatives and other water stakeholders. There also will be exhibitions by representatives from governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, research institutions, and professional engineering and scientific consultants.

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