



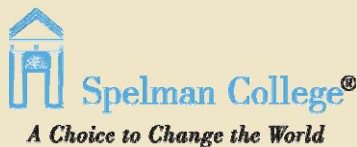
WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

Movement for the World Rivers:

A Strategy for Socio-Environmental Transformation

XII International Symposium on Environmental Geotechnology, Energy and Global Sustainable Development

Los Angeles, CA, USA - June 26-29, 2012



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INTRODUCTION TO THE WORKSHOP

Watersheds and their inherent ecosystems are natural foundations needed to achieve and maintain high quality of life. The economy-driven mentality of our society has had a significant environmental impact, which is now being manifested by changes observed in the hydrologic and carbon cycles, the health and quality of ecosystems, and the deteriorating quality of human life. We now live in a society, where the pressures on our natural resources are globalized as is the fate of production. From this perspective, the history of nature and infrastructure systems must be systematically incorporated to the plans to enhance global socio-environmental mobilization processes.

Based on these principles, this workshop will focus on a new methodology of mobilization and organization of the global environmental agenda. This methodology proposes to consider the Earth as a universal and interconnected watershed that can be monitored and treated based on the anthropogenic impacts on the water. Within this framework, economic growth and community development take into consideration social, cultural, economic and environmental sustainability of ecosystems. It is a necessary to question the pragmatic simplifications created by politically fragmented territories and to manage environment as an integrated ecosystem.

This workshop, to be held during the XII International Symposium on Environmental Geotechnology, Energy, and Global Sustainable Development, is an outgrowth of two International Seminars on Rivers Revitalization organized by the Projeto Manuelzão (PMz) in 2008 and 2010. PMz is a Brazilian river revitalization movement created in 1997 that initially focused on improving the water quality of the São Francisco river sub-basin (Velhas river sub-basin) to support the return of fish populations and the reestablishment of recreational use of the river and has grown to become a national movement of social and environmental transformation. During those seminars, key representatives from the various river revitalization experiences in Brazil, South Korea, USA, France, Germany, Poland, Austria and UK, had the opportunity to present and discuss the revitalization projects of major rivers worldwide.

The goal now is to bring together the participants of these seminars and other members of the scientific community and representatives from governmental and non-profit organizations, to present advances in the area of river revitalization and protection. The most important outcome of this workshop will be to delineate a plan and launch the Movement for the World Rivers. The movement is a strategy of socio-environmental transformation to mobilize civil society through their universities, research centers, governments, NGOs and individual leaderships, with financial support of governments and private sector, to revitalize World Rivers.

We are very excited to launch this independent, international movement, and as a passionate professional in the area, you are invited to join us again, as we continue to outline this important socio-environmental agenda.

Sincerely,

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Workshop Chair

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Chair, ISEG 2012

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Co-Chair, ISEG2012



WORKSHOP PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

The “Movement for the World Rivers: A Strategy for Socio-Environmental Transformation” workshop will run in parallel (with some joint sessions) with the sessions of the XII International Symposium on Environmental Geotechnology and Global Sustainable Development, that will be held in Los Angeles, CA on June 27-29, 2012.

Wednesday - June 27, 2012

- 7:30 - 8:50 AM - Symposium Registration and Breakfast
9:00 - 9:50 AM - Symposium Opening
10:00 - 11:20 AM - Workshop Session I
- Opening Remarks
 - Introduction of Workshop Leadership
 - Workshop Agenda Development
- 11 :30 - 1:00 PM - Lunch
1:00 - 2:20 PM - Joint Session
- Opening Remarks
 - Presentation of world revitalization experiences around the World
 - Introduction to the Movement for the World Rivers
- 2:30 - 2:50 PM - Coffee Break
3:00 - 4:30 PM - Workshop Session II

Thursday - June 28, 2012

- 7-30 - 8:30 AM - Breakfast
8:30 - 11:20 AM - Workshop Session III
11 :30 - 1:00 PM - Lunch
1:00 - 2:20 PM - Workshop Session IV
2:30 - 2:50 PM - Coffee Break
3:00 - 4:30 PM - Workshop Session V

Friday - June 29, 2012

- 7-30 - 8:30 AM - Breakfast
8:30 - 11:20 AM - Workshop Session VI
11 :30 - 1:00 PM - Lunch
1:00 - 2:20 PM - Workshop Session VII
2:30 - 2:50 PM - Coffee Break
3:00 - 4:20 PM - Workshop Final Session
4:30 - 6:00 PM - Presentation of Workshop Outcomes
6:00 - 9:00 PM - Award Ceremony and Banquet

