

13th-15th April 2011, Daegu, Korea

UNESCO-IHP HELP, in association with the International Hydrologic Environmental Society (IHES) and Daegu Metropolitan City, Gyeongbuk Province, organized the International Symposium on "Restoring and Managing Rivers for Future" in Daegu, South Korea from 13-15 April 2011. The main objective of this symposium was to synthesize river basin knowledge, which can facilitate restoration of water quality and ecosystem health through storm water management, floodplain loss reduction, sedimentation and pollution control, improvement of water quality, securing recreation areas, community education and provision of ecosystem services through appropriate cropping systems. The symposium discussions helped formulate a number of recommendations for accelerating progress toward ecological sustainable restoration and enhancement of river systems using successful examples from South Korea. The participants called for leadership from lending institutions, national governments and river basin managers to substantially increase investment and facilitate real-world demonstration and implementation of ecologically sustainable restoration and management of river basins.

INWEB Coordinator Prof. J. Ganouolis presented his work on “The Mesta/Nestos HELP River Basin: How Can IWRM Be Implemented Across Borders”.

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