

Transatlantic Water Symposium

March 31 & April 1, 2008
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge

This 2-day Symposium, organized by the Consortium of Germany's Ruhr Universities (ConRuhr), the Center for Microscale Ecosystems (CME), Germany, and Louisiana State University (LSU), USA, gathers leading thinkers from both sides of the Atlantic to exchange research & develop new initiatives. All are invited to attend.

Location: Lod Cook Conference Center,
Louisiana State University, 3848 West Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge

Monday March 31 Opening of the Symposium

12:30 pm **Water: Friend or Foe?**

Rolf Kinne, *Director, ConRuhr USA*

Brooks Keel, *Vice Chancellor for Research, Louisiana State University*

Hans-Curt Flemming, *CME, University of Duisburg-Essen*

Session One Water Treatment: Future Solutions

Chair: Michael Spiteller, *Technical University of Dortmund*

12:50 pm Soil aquifer treatment

David Quanrud, *University of Arizona*

1:15 pm Biological hydrogen production as a new source of energy
for waste water treatment plants

Thorsten Mietzel, *University of Duisburg-Essen*

1:40 pm Waste water treatment – status and future in America

Eberhard Morgenroth, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

2:05 pm Conclusion and Coffee

(Discussion, exchange of opinion, exhibition)

Session Two Indicators of Water Quality: Emerging Aspects

Chair: Tzahi Cath, *Colorado School of Mines*

- 2:35 pm Chemical indicators of water quality
Torsten Schmidt, *University of Duisburg-Essen*
- 3:00 pm Structural elucidation of biologically active substances
in fresh and waster water
Michael Spiteller, *Technical University of Dortmund*
- 3:25 pm Emerging contaminants in the environment
Dana Kolpin, *U.S. Geological Survey*
- 3:50 pm Environmental impacts of chemicals in urban floods:
Katrina's lessons for other coastal cities
John Pardue, *Louisiana Water Resources Research Institute*
- 4:15 pm Conclusion and Coffee
(Discussion, exchange of opinion, exhibition)

Poster Session & Finger Food Reception

- 4:45 pm Posters presenting new research (all are invited to attend)
Abel conference Room, Lod Cook conference Center

Keynote Speeches To Drown or to Dry Up – Global Change & Local Challenge

Chair: Hans-Curt Flemming, *University of Duisburg-Essen*

- 5:30 pm Europe's challenge: Learning how to enjoy the river
Toine Smits, *Radboud University of Nijmegen, NL*
- 6:00 pm America's challenge: Two centuries of river management
Craig Colten, *Louisiana State University Baton Rouge*
- 6:30 pm Discussion, exchange of opinion, exhibition
- 8:00 pm Participant's Dinner (By invitation only)
Anderson Room, Lod Cook Conference Center

Tuesday April 01 Opening of Day 2

Session Three **Biofilms: Nature at Work**

Chair: Eberhard Morgenroth, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

- 8:30 am Water and biofilms
Hans-Curt Flemming, *University of Duisburg-Essen*
- 8:55 am Challenges of membrane treatment processes:
Bio fouling and other issues
Harry Ridgway, *AquaMem, New Mexico*
- 9:20 am EPS: An Elusive Refuge for Bacteria in Water Systems
Alan Decho, *University of South California*
- 9:45 am Conclusion and Coffee (Discussion, exchange of opinion, exhibition)

Session Four **Ecosystem Health: Parasites, Contaminants, Treatment**

Chair: Torsten Schmidt, *University of Duisburg-Essen*

- 10:15 am Parasites as bioindicators in aquatic ecosystems
Bernd Sures, *University of Duisburg-Essen*
- 10:40 am Effects of a hurricane on fish parasites
Robin Overstreet, *University of Southern Mississippi*
- 11:05 am Challenges of using unconventional water sources in the arid west
Tzahi Cath, *Advanced Water Technology Center (AQWATC)*
- 11:30 am Discussion, Overall Symposium Conclusion
Bernd Sures, *University of Duisburg-Essen*

Interactive Water System Tour: New Orleans

- 12:00 pm Bus Ride to New Orleans, box lunch provided in bus
- Water Treatment & Levee Tour:
- Bonnet Carre Spillway
 - New Orleans Sewage and Water Board, Water Treatment Facility
- 1:30 – 5:00 pm
- Pump Station 6
 - Briefing by Mr. Mujica, Chief, Physical support branch
 - 17th Street Canal Breach site
 - Tour of the Levees on Lakeshore Drive
 - Paris Road Bridge
 - 9th Ward Floodwall
- Tour will be led by Michael Maples, *US Army Corp of Engineers*
and Prof. Craig Colten, *Louisiana State University*
- 6:00 pm Participant's Dinner in New Orleans (by invitation only)
- 8:00 pm Return bus ride to Baton Rouge

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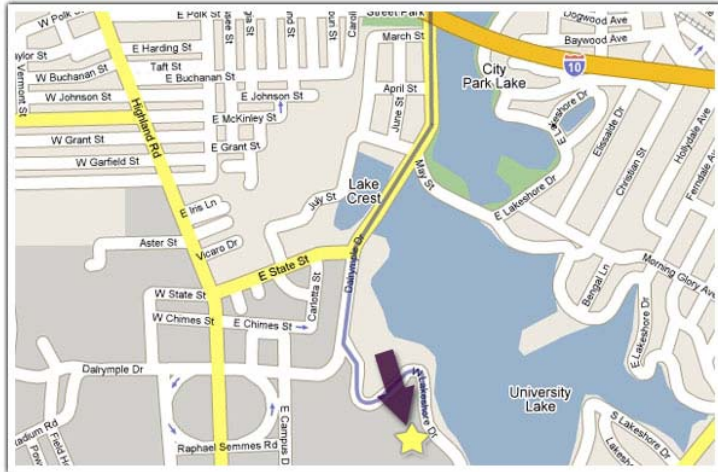
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