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Welcome to the thirty-second issue of Water Quality Research Australia News.

WQRA is a national organisation that coordinates and manages collaborative research on water issues related to public health and aspects of water supply, water recycling and wastewater management. Incorporated in October 2007, the registered office is at Level 3, 250 Victoria Square, Adelaide.

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12 April	Syd	NSW Node meeting
13 - 14 April	Launceston	Tas/Vic Node meeting
9 - 11 May	Adel	OzWater11
26 May	Syd	Board Meeting
27 May	Syd	Members Meeting
01 June	Bris	Qld Node meeting
22 June	Perth	WA Node meeting
25 Aug	Darwin	Board Meeting
26 Aug	Darwin	Members Meeting



CEO Jodieann Dawe

WQRA CEO Jodieann Dawe will be returning from Maternity Leave on the 8th May and will be attending OzWater in Adelaide. Should you wish to contact her beforehand, please email Carolyn.bellamy@wqra.com. In the meantime Michele Akeroyd will continue in her role of Acting CEO until Jodieann's return.

WQRA Research Call: Request for Research Proposals now open

Following review by the PRT and SAC, Board have approved four RFP's to now be open for Members to develop proposals for WQRA consideration. The RFP's being called under the WQRA Core Research approach and are focused on:

1. The Fate of Engineered Nanoparticles in Treated Wastewater: Literature Review
2. Quantifying the treatment benefits of natural catchment processes
3. Source tracking of microbial contaminants in catchments
4. Quantifying water quality characteristics of stormwater

The RFP's will be released on the WQRA website www.wqra.com.au , from 1 March 2011, and are open to Members only. The funding round will close on 15 April 2011.

2011 Nancy Millis PhD Scholarship Awarded

Kalinda Watson from Griffith University has been awarded the 2011 Nancy Millis PhD Scholarship. The title of Kalinda's PhD project is 'Assessment of regulated and emerging disinfection by-products in drinking water in Southeast Queensland; occurrence, transformation and strategies for minimisation'.

1st Class Honours for WQRA Students

Charlotte Andringa-Bate [Curtin University] and Katherine Scaffidi [Flinders University] both received First Class Honours. Congratulations!

OzWater11 9 – 11 May Adelaide

WQRA Stand No. X19 at the Trade Exhibition is the place to be seen

WQRA welcome all members and colleagues to "drop in" at the WQRA stand at OzWater . Don't forget to keep an eye out for the researchers and students presenting on WQRA projects. We look forward to seeing you.

9th IWA Specialist Group Conference on Waste Stabilisation Ponds

Registrations are now open for the IWA Stabilisation Ponds 2011 Conference to be held at the Stamford Grand, Glenelg, Adelaide on 1-3 August 2011 <http://www.iwawsp11.com/>

2011 Water and Health: Where Science meets Policy Conference

Abstracts for the 2011 Water and Health Conference, to be held October 3-7 at UNC Chapel Hill, can be submitted electronically via the conference website. The submission deadline is May 1. This year's Water and Health Conference will feature themes ranging from Freshwater Availability and Climate Change Adaptation to Human Right and Ethics.

Other themes for 2011 include Perspectives on WaSH for Small Communities and Peri-urban Areas, and Southeastern US Water Challenges. For a complete list of conference themes and abstract submission details, visit whconference.unc.edu.

<http://whconference.unc.edu/>

The Water Institute at UNC is pleased to offer a prize to the best paper published by emerging author from a lower income country in IWA's new Journal of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Development. The prize will fund up to \$1500 of the costs of the author's participation in the 2011 UNC Water and Health Conference.

<http://www.waterinstitute.unc.edu/emerging-author-prize>

Contributing to WQRA News

Water Quality Research Australia News is sent to people associated with member organisations and others who have an interest in WQRA and its activities. If you would like to be added to the mailing list or submit an item for the next newsletter, send an email to Carolyn.Bellamy@wgra.com.au

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