

First Announcement: Call for Presentations & Posters

March
12 & 13
2008

International Lake of the Woods Water Quality Forum

Rainy River Community College

1501 Highway 71

International Falls, MN

The 5th annual International Lake of the Woods Water Quality Forum is scheduled for March 12 & 13, 2008 at Rainy River Community College in International Falls, Minnesota.

The International Lake of the Woods Water Quality Forum provides an opportunity for those engaged in water quality research within the Lake of the Woods and Rainy River Basin to communicate findings, share ideas, and work toward a better understanding of water quality issues.

This is a professional symposium intended for researchers and resource managers working and/or interested in research and management activities related to the Lake of the Woods and Rainy River Basin.

The 2008 Forum will include working group sessions, symposium presentations, a poster session, and an Emerging Issues discussion session.

**To submit an abstract for a presentation or poster,
please see "Submittal" information below**

Forum Sponsors

- Lake of the Woods Water Sustainability Foundation
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Ontario Ministry of Environment
- Rainy River Basin Water Resources Center
- Rainy River Community College
- North American Lake Management Society
- Lake of the Woods District Property Owners Assoc.

Working Group Sessions

The Forum will feature focused working groups to discuss specific issues within the Lake of the Woods watershed. Proposed sessions this year include:

- Nutrients and Algae
- Aquatic Invasive Species
- Monitoring Needs & Coordination arising from the State of the Basin Report

Emerging Issues

Each year the Forum highlights an emerging issue, with science and policy keynote presentations and a discussion session. This year's Emerging Issues topic is ***Aquatic Invasive Species***.

Symposium Presentations

This day and a half session includes presentations and a poster session. This is the ideal forum for communicating results and fostering collaborative research within the Lake of the Woods watershed. In past years, main themes have included:

- Nutrient loading studies & modeling
- Cyanobacteria & algal toxins
- Paleolimnology
- Mercury contamination
- Invasive species
- Monitoring programs

Please get your abstracts in early — the submittal deadline is January 30th, 2008.

Previous Forum Proceedings

The 2007, 2006, and 2005 Forum proceedings are available at: <http://rainybasinwater.org>

A summary of the 2004 Forum is available at www.lowdpoa.com

The Formal Notice will be distributed in January
along with registration information

**Please pass this first announcement and call for papers on to others
who may be interested in attending or presenting at the Forum**

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New for 2008

1. The Forum is expanding from 1.5 days to a 2 day format to accommodate the increased number of presentations we've had in the past two years and to allow more time for discussion and interaction. The Working Group sessions are moving to the morning of March 12. The symposium presentation session will begin on the afternoon of March 12. March 13 will have a full day of symposium presentations and the poster session.
2. The Monitoring Coordination Workgroup is expanding to include State of the Basin Report — Data Gaps & Monitoring Needs

Registration

\$50 or pre-register by February 29, 2008 and pay only \$40.
Registration includes refreshments and lunch on the 12th and 13th.
Registration is free for students with a valid school ID
Registration details and forms will be distributed in early January

Contact For More Information

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Submittal

Those interested in presenting or exhibiting posters must submit the following information to:
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Presenter Information

- Name
- Research Organization or Agency
- Mailing Address
- Telephone
- Email
- Brief Bio

Submittal Information

- Author(s)
- Presentation or Poster
- Title (or area of research)
- Abstract of presentation or poster