



## **Alblakes3 2017**

### **International Conference on Sustainable Water Resources Management**

**20-22 October, 2017**

**Elbasan, Albania**



The Organizers Faculty of Natural Sciences of University “A. Xhuvani” in cooperation with Agricultural University of Tirana, Tirana University, Vlora University and JIEAS Turkey, are pleased to announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> Alblakes Conference, with international participation. The Conference will provide a rare opportunity for exchange of experience and knowledge among ecologists, conservationists, environmentalists and practitioners in water, forestry, agriculture, chemistry, economy and other water related disciplines. The event will be conveyed under auspices of the Rector of Elbasan University, Prof. Dr. Skender Topi.

The Alblakes3-International Conference on Sustainable Water Resources Management will present recent knowledge and scientific developments, associated with the management of surface and sub-surface water resources.

Water is at the core of natural ecosystems, and climate regulation. But the pattern of supply is particularly vulnerable to climate change. Scientists warn of increased risk of both droughts and floods in the coming decades. Demand for water is growing everywhere – in the house and garden, for industry, agriculture and irrigation, leisure and tourism – putting a strain on available supplies.

At the same time, threats to water quality come from pollution and physical changes to water courses, such as new dams. Damage is caused by households, industry and agriculture, through urban

developments, flood defenses, power generation, use of fertilizers and pesticides, navigation, recreation, wastewater discharge, coastal defenses, freshwater fishing, mining and forestry. Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) translates the concerns of water issues into the Water Framework Directive (WFD).

The Conference provides a platform for professionals involved in water resources studies to exchange knowledge and gain an insight into the state of the art in the current approaches, techniques and solutions in sustainable water management as they have been developed and applied in different countries of the region. Participants include a wide variety of stakeholders from research and academia, to industrial sectors as well as government and non-government organizations. The first Alblakes conference was held in Pogradec, Albania in 2009, followed by Elbasan Conference in 2011.

### **Conference Topics**

The following list covers some of the topics to be presented at Water Resources Management 2017. Papers on other subjects related to the objectives of the conference are also welcome.

- Water management and planning
- Climate change
- Sediment soil erosion, forestry, agriculture
- Ground water
- Urban water management
- Water quality and pollutant control
- Water ecology, chemistry
- Aquatic biodiversity and conservation biology
- River basin management
- GIS and remote sensing
- Trans-boundary water management
- Water, food and energy
- Socio-economic aspects
- Tourism and ethno-cultural values of adjacent areas
- Wetlands as water sources

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## **Registraion**

Please register at [ablakes3@gmail.com](mailto:ablakes3@gmail.com) by sending the Registration form for each of the Abstracts of the presentations. Regular registration, (before 31<sup>st</sup> may 2017)

Regular fee: 60€

Master and PhD students: 40€ (Please provide a confirmation document) Undergraduate students: 30€ (Please provide a confirmation document)

Late registration (after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 or at the Conference desk) plus 10€

Fee covers only the participation on the Ablakes3 and publishing in the Abstract book and Proceedings (maximum two presentations per leading author).

## **Benefits of Attending**

**Publication of Papers Selected** papers presented at Ablakes3 2017 are to be published by JIEAS Transactions and Thalassia Salentina.

**Reviews** Abstracts and papers are reviewed by members of the International Scientific Advisory Committee and other experts.

**Conference Proceedings** Delegates will receive a copy of the papers presented at the Conference on a Proceedings book.

**Networking** Participants can present their research and interact with experts from around the region, becoming part of a unique community.

**Reduced Fee for PhD Students** The Organizers believes in the importance of encouraging PhD students to present and publish innovative research at their conferences. As a result, the organizers offer PhD students a much reduced conference fee.

## **Abstract Submission**

Abstracts should be submitted electronically, to [ablakes3@gmail.com](mailto:ablakes3@gmail.com). Following preliminary review process, they will be compiled in a Conference Abstract book.

Please use MS Word text editor. Send unformatted text, font size 12, Times New Roman. Do not use all caps in the title.

The abstract should contain title, full names of the author(s), author(s) affiliation, full address(es) of the author(s) (institute, faculty, university, school, street and street number, city, state, zip code), including e-mail(s). Limit you abstracts to 300 words. Provide 3-7 key words that are not contained in the paper title.

The text should be in English language.

Underline the name of the presenter for both oral and poster presentations.

The abstracts should include introductory statement (introduces the general subject matter of the study), justification (comments on the importance of looking at the phenomenon in question), objectives (specifies the objectives of the study), methods (principal methods employed, without details), results and discussion (list most important, specific findings and add an interpretive comment ("discussion") to each), and conclusions and significance (summaries the major message of the observations and comment on their significance).

Citations, references, tables and figures should not be included.

## **Important dates**

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Second Announcement with instructions for writing papers

May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 - Registration and Abstract Submission Deadline

September 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 - Publication of Abstract Book

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 - Publication of the Proceedings

Official language of the Conference will be English.

## **Venue**

University "A.Xhuvani" Elbasan, Albania