

## **ABSTRACTS SOUGHT – SPECIAL ORAL SESSION on WaSH**

### ***Hydrophilanthropy and WaSH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Issues in Developing Regions***

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#### ***Session Description***

**Definiton of hydrophilanthropy:** altruistic concern for the water, sanitation, hygiene, and related needs of humankind, as manifested by donations of work, money, or resources.

There is currently unprecedented interest in developing regions water work whereby individuals or groups assist our friends in the developing world (including those developing regions within developed countries) to address their own water, sanitation, and hygiene (WaSH) needs. Volunteers often conduct this work. The interest takes a variety of forms, for example: 1) performing research in-region, in collaboration with locals, to help build local capacity and educate/enlighten students and others; 2) conducting WaSH-related work, including disaster relief; 3) implementing formal programs with developing region institutions to facilitate R & D, professional development, and student and faculty exchanges; 4) donating professional skills; and 5) developing appropriate technologies.

This session seeks presentations that include, *but are not limited to*, the following:

- 1) case studies, including what didn't work
- 2) engaging locals to solve problems
- 3) appropriate technology development
- 4) cross-cultural issues
- 5) experiential learning
- 6) sustainability issues
- 7) fundraising
- 8) education of professionals and others
- 9) novel approaches
- 10) policy implications for developing regions/countries
- 11) water system governance

Your presentation *need not* deal with volunteer work; as long as it's WaSH work, that is fine. The session will deal with 'developing regions' so abstracts are not restricted to work or issues in developing countries. Abstracts detailing work or issues in rural poor areas, on First Nations in Canada, or Native American reservations in the USA and other similar regions are acceptable.

Abstracts are due **14 May 2010**. Here is the link for abstract submission:

**<http://www.awra.org/meetings/Philadelphia2010/abstracts.shtml>**

**Note:** On the submission form you will be asked for a **Special Session Code**. Use letter **A** to ensure that your abstract will be correctly categorized.

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