

The Inaugural University of Oklahoma
International WaTER Conference
and
International WaTER Prize Award Ceremony
Norman, Oklahoma October 26-27, 2009

The WaTER Technologies for Emerging Regions (WaTER) Center at the University of Oklahoma will host the **Inaugural OU International WaTER Conference and International WaTER Prize Award Ceremony** on October 26-27, 2009 in Norman, Oklahoma. Participants include water and sanitation experts from academia, industry, NGOs, government, and foundations.

The two-day conference will include over 70 oral and poster presentations with authors from at least 14 countries representing work done in 25 nations on a range of topics (technical, anthropological, sociological, cultural and legal) relevant to water and sanitation in remote regions of developing countries. An **optional one-half day workshop will be held on October 28.**

The highlight of the conference will be a plenary lecture by and presentation of the first OU International WaTER Prize to Dr. Steve Luby. In addition, keynote lectures will be given by:

- Dr. Jamie Bartram, Univ. North Carolina
- Dr. George Greene, Water Missions Intl.
- Dr. Rob Quick, The Centers for Disease Control
- Dr. Steve Silliman, Notre Dame

Dr. Stephen P. Luby

2009 OU International WaTER Prize



Winner

Dr. Luby has worked for the International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh since 2004. He is head of the Program on Infectious Diseases and Vaccine Sciences and also functions as the head of Agency for the Centers for Disease Control in

Bangladesh. He earned a bachelor of arts in philosophy from Creighton University in 1981 and a medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas in 1986. Luby studied epidemiology and public health in the Epidemic Intelligence Service and the Preventive Medicine Residency of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Luby has authored over 120 scientific articles, the majority concerning communicable disease epidemiology in low-income countries.

Registration Information

Conference registration is \$190, which includes entrance to all poster and paper sessions, plenary and keynote lectures, two breakfasts, four breaks, two lunches, a social, and one dinner banquet that are part of the conference agenda. Please register at:

http://outreach.ou.edu/Water_Conference2009.html

Late registration (after September 8) is \$290.

Post-conference Workshop

A post-conference workshop will be held one-half day on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 and will include hands-on instruction of water well drilling and sustainable pump technologies appropriate for emerging regions. There is no registration fee for the post-conference workshop, but all participants must pre-register by September 8, 2009. Seating may be limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact Info: mfsmith@ou.edu

APPROPRIATE WATER/SANITATION TECHNOLOGIES

- Arsenic and fluoride removal
- Drinking water filtration/ceramic filters
- Metal-contaminated water treatment
- Sustainable sanitation technologies
- Implementation projects and case studies
- Household water treatment
- Water supply technologies
- Water resource issues

SOCIAL SCIENCES AND BUSINESS

- Sustainable financing
- Business models
- social entrepreneurship
- In-country capacity building
- Case studies

HEALTH SCIENCES

- Community health assessment
- Disease prevention
- Case studies

CULTURAL AND LOGISTICAL INNOVATIONS

- Service learning
- EWB projects
- Interdisciplinary programs
- Field methods
- Case studies