

25th International
RIVER
SYMPOSIUM

25th
Anniversary

PARTNERSHIP PROSPECTUS

**JOURNEY TO RESILIENCE:
COMMUNITIES, CLIMATE &
BIODIVERSITY**

27th-30th November 2022 | Vienna & Online



INVITATION

Join us as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the International Riversymposium (IRS).

For 25 years, *Riversymposium* has been providing a unique global forum for river managers, policy developers, scientists, consultants, students, NGOs, indigenous and community organisations as well as business and industry representatives to collaborate to improve the sustainable management and resilience of rivers all over the world.

The International RiverFoundation (IRF) is proud to be partnering with International Association for Water Service Companies in the Danube River Catchment (IAWD) to host this anniversary event in the beautiful City of Vienna – recent winner of the Lee Kwan Yew World City prize.

Our theme this year could not be more fitting for a 25th anniversary and our current times. Journey to Resilience: Communities, Climate and Biodiversity recognises the deep connections between rivers, their associated communities, governments and businesses and the twin crises of our time. Resilience means that

we work together at all levels to recover, adapt and transform.

The International RiverFoundation team have been hard at work bringing together a suite of keynote speakers who will challenge and inspire you; presentations that enable you to learn from other experts, communities, governments and businesses; workshops to unpack issues and share learnings; and field trips that will take you beneath the surface at locations near Vienna and Brisbane. And that is before we get to the events! From our Diversity in Water Forum to the Gala Dinner organized by the City of Vienna, you will have the opportunity to connect, share and learn so that our rivers, communities and businesses can become more resilient in the face of our global crises, and, in their resilience, help to respond.

Recognising the new realities of our world, IRS will continue to be a hybrid event – in person in Vienna and online around the world.

Whether you are dependent on or impacted by rivers, or both, the time is now to engage in the journey to resilience. It is your involvement that makes *RiverSymposium* so compelling so we encourage you to partner with us – bring your knowledge, your challenges, your expertise and enthusiasm. This brochure sets out a suite of partnering and sponsorship packages available. We invite you to review the options available and contact us to discuss opportunities.



Prof. Paul F Greenfield
Chairman,
International
RiverFoundation



Walter Kling
President,
International Association of
Water Service Companies
in the Danube River
Catchment Area

Join us in Vienna and online for this very special event as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the International Riversymposium

Rivers are the lifeblood of communities, cities and industries around the world but as they are challenged by our twin crises of climate change and biodiversity, lives and livelihoods suffer. Together we can change this.

We are ensuring rivers have a strong voice in the UN Decade of Action for Water for Sustainable Development and the UN Decade of Action for Ecosystem Resilience.

This year's Riversymposium is special in so many ways:

- It's our 25th anniversary so we will be celebrating all those who have worked towards healthy and resilient rivers over that time.
- We are recognising the fundamental connections between rivers and communities and the twin crises of our time – Climate and Biodiversity.
- The main event will be held in Vienna with our partners IAWD so you can experience the picturesque Danube River, Christmas markets and stunning architecture of the city as well as its beautiful river surrounds.
- We will continue to bring our global community together by:
 - Running local events that feed into IRS 2022 in Vienna
 - Operating online so that other time zones can join us in Vienna
 - Hosting local events in other cities in the hours that those in Vienna are asleep



WHY PARTNER WITH US



Join **500+**
delegates from around
the world



Transform
your knowledge
to solutions that can be
applied to your rivers



Have your
voice heard
by delegates from
around the world



Be part of a
transformed and
innovative
Riversymposium



Be part of one of the
world's
premier
environmental forums



Participate
in interactive sessions
that are focused
on sharing solutions



Be recognised and
awarded
with a micro-credential



Immersive
networking experience -
attend virtual networking
events and chat with peers



Enjoy the
convenience and
safety
distance is no longer
a restriction

WHY PARTNER WITH US

As a partner, you are invited to this unique networking opportunity within a group of global skilled professional (networking forces)



Water utility



Corporate



Education/Research



Consultancy



Not for profit



River/
NRM Manager



Community



Local, State and
Federal Government



Intergovernmental
Organisations

2022 CONFERENCE THEME:

This year's theme is 'Journey to River Resilience: Communities, Climate and Biodiversity'.



2022 PRESENTATION AND WORKSHOP TOPICS

We have a number of exciting presentation and workshop topics. Topics include a range of issues and opportunities under the headings of Communities, Climate, Biodiversity and Science/Technology. If you are interested in hosting a workshop but can't find the right topic, we're happy to accommodate alternative topics. For more information, visit our website.

PRESENTATION/ABSTRACT THEMES	POTENTIAL WORKSHOP TOPICS
	Note: The presentation topics below are suggestions only. We welcome other proposals.
Basin Cities Dialogue Exploring the connectivity between river basins and urban areas including the relationships between and stories of rivers, biodiversity, communities, business, government and infrastructure (e.g. river cities and ports).	Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deliberative Democracy and Shared Governance• Indigenous Perspectives on River Management• Making the Voice of Rivers Heard• Diversity and Inclusion• Rivers and Transport• Rivers, Agriculture and Food
Water Security and Equity Going beyond SDG 6 to explore the connecting role that rivers play in delivering the equity and security for all embodied in all of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals	Climate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate Adaptation• River Extremes (Fires and Flood)• Resilient Infrastructure and Place Based Design on Rivers• Financing Climate Resilience for Rivers and Communities
Healthy Rivers-Healthy Lives Exploring the interdependence between rivers and human health and well-being and the role of reducing harmful pollutants (from plastics to pharmaceuticals), restoring resilience (e.g. cultural and environmental flows, nature-based solutions) and enabling access. amenity and lifestyles.	Biodiversity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nature Based Solutions• Wetlands and Restoration• Water – Energy – Food Connecting – Rivers• Connecting – Rivers, Estuaries and Biospheres• Financing Biodiversity and Restoration
Connectedness and Partnerships Reflecting on, celebrating and planning the ways in which we can come together across community, business and government to make our rivers resilient.	River Science and Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Innovation in Monitoring and Management (e.g. Data, AI, etc.)

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

While the main event will be held in Vienna, there is the opportunity to host local workshops. If you are interested in hosting a workshop, see the program outline below to see how local workshops can run along with the main program. To find out more, visit our website.

VIENNA (GMT+1) PROGRAM		AUSTRALIA (GMT+11) PROGRAM		NORTH AMERICA (EST) PROGRAM	
9:00 - 10:30	Keynote/Panel	18:00 - 19:30	Keynotes/Panel	3:00 - 8:00	North America Sleeps
10:30 - 11:00	Morning tea	19:30 - 20:00	Morning tea		
11:00 - 12:00	Presentations	20:00 - 21:00	Presentations		
12:00 - 13:00	Closing Keynote/Panel	21:00 - 22:00	Closing Keynote/Panel		
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	22:00 - 9:00	Australia Sleeps	8:00 - 11:00	Local Workshops
14:00 - 17:00	Workshops			11:00 - 13:00	
17:00 - 19:00	Function				
19:00 - 3:00	Vienna Sleeps	9:00 - 12:00	Local Workshops	13:00 - 21:00	

PARTNER WITH US

If you are interested in partnering with us for this year's *Riversymposium*, we have a number of ways that you can get involved.




We expect more than 500 delegates from over 40 countries to register. This year, you will receive exposure both at the face to face event and on the virtual platform. This offers the perfect opportunity to have your projects and products highlighted. We are again holding *Riversymposium* as a hybrid event. As a partner, you have the opportunity to reach a broader and more diverse audience as there are no global boundaries restricting participation – this means a more substantial return on investment.




Choose ways in which you feel can best showcase the important work that you do. Sponsorship packages are detailed on the following pages. The packages are diverse, flexible and a fantastic way of gaining exposure to a global and engaged audience.

Here is a detailed list of the different ways in which you can interact with IRS as a partner.



Partnership Opportunities			
	25TH ANNIVERSARY SPONSOR (BY INVITATION) IRS in Vienna is the 25th anniversary of this wonderful event that brings together science, business, communities, NGOs and government from across the world to advance efforts towards resilient rivers. EUR 25,000 or AUD 37,500 <small>Exclusive of tax</small>	COMMUNITIES, CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY SPONSOR Rivers are the lifeblood of communities, cities and industries around the world but as they are challenged by our twin crises of climate change and biodiversity, lives and livelihoods suffer. Resilient rivers are critical. Together can change this. EUR 16,750 or AUD 25,000 <small>Exclusive of tax</small>	WORKSHOP HOST Our afternoon sessions are dedicated to workshops. These provide an opportunity to explore our core themes of communities, climate and biodiversity more deeply EUR 3,375 or AUD 5,000 for 1.5 hours EUR 6,750 or AUD 10,000 for 3 hours <small>Exclusive of tax</small>
Speaking	Event opening and closing speaking slot	Key profile speaking slot	Workshop introduction and workshop facilitation (if desired)
Branding	Venue - all areas; Registration platform and materials; conference booklet; conference app; website home page; website 'partners' page, including profile; AV/Platform logo	Venue – main venue; conference booklet; conference app; website home page; website 'partners' page, including profile; AV/Platform logo	Workshop venues; conference booklet; conference app; website 'partners' page, including profile; AV/Platform logo in workshop areas
Special Forums	Option to hold 3 hour workshop at no cost	Option to hold 1.5 hour workshop at no cost	Workshop session 1.5 or 3 hours
Access	5 x conference tickets (including dinner); 5 x Welcome event tickets; 5 x Diversity in Water Event tickets privileged positioning (seating)	5 x conference tickets (including dinner); 5 x Welcome event tickets; 5 x Diversity in Water Event tickets privileged positioning (seating)	2 x conference tickets (including dinner)
Marketing	Physical booth presence at event Symposium 'virtual satchel' handout	Physical booth presence at event Symposium 'virtual satchel' handout	Physical booth presence at event Symposium 'virtual satchel' handout
Delegate listings	Pre-event (all registrations up to 15 November) and post-event (including last minute registrations)	Pre-event (all registrations up to 15 November) and post-event (including last minute registrations)	Pre-event (all registrations up to 15 November) and post-event (including last minute registrations)

Partnership Opportunities			
	PRESENTATION/ABSTRACT THEME HOST Abstract presentations run in the morning of all 3 days and comprise 12-15 minute presentations selected from the substantial number of abstract submissions we receive. EUR 6,750 or AUD 10,000 per theme <small>Exclusive of tax</small>	WELCOME FUNCTION HOST An opportunity to host the welcome function of this year's International Riversymposium, bringing together our participants for the first time as we embark on this journey to resilience. Be one of the first to welcome delegates to the symposium. EUR 5,000 or AUD 7,500 <small>Exclusive of tax</small>	DIVERSITY IN WATER HOST A continuing theme in the IRS; bringing to bear the knowledge of cultures, genders and ages is essential if we are to create resilient rivers. Sponsor our evening cocktail function celebrating diversity in all its forms, and discussing how equal opportunities can help to advance the journey of our rivers to resilience. EUR 16,685 or AUD 25,000 <small>Exclusive of tax</small>
Speaking	Presentation session introduction (choice of day)	Event opening speech	Event speech
Branding	Presentation venues; conference booklet; conference app; website 'partners' page, including profile; AV/Platform logo; AV/Platform logo in presentation areas	Event venue branding, podium branding, conference booklet, website 'partners' page	Branding at Diversity in Water Event, conference booklet; conference app; website home page; website 'partners' page, including profile; AV/Platform logo
Special Forums	N/A presentation only	Welcome Function	Diversity in Water Event
Access	2 x conference tickets (including dinner)	2 x Conference tickets (including dinner); 5 x Welcome event tickets; Privileged positioning (seating)	4 x Conference tickets (including dinner); 4 x Diversity in Water Tickets 2 x Welcome event tickets; Privileged positioning (seating)
Marketing	Physical booth presence at event Symposium 'virtual satchel' handout	Ability to provide materials to delegates	Physical booth presence at event Ability to provide materials to delegates
Delegate listings	Pre-event (all registrations up to 15 November) and post-event (including last minute registrations)	Received pre-event	Received pre-event

Partnership Opportunities				
	<h2>EMERGING WATER PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM</h2> <p>This program enables early career water professionals to access personal and professional development opportunities during the IRS.</p> <p>EUR 16,685 or AUD 25,000 Exclusive of tax</p>	<h2>CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY FINANCE PARTNER</h2> <p>Support us in bringing rivers and their associated communities to resilience through investment encompassing climate change mitigation and adaptation, biodiversity restoration and the construction of resilient homes, businesses and communities.</p> <p>EUR 3,375 or AUD 5,000 Exclusive of tax</p>	<h2>NET ZERO EVENT PARTNER</h2> <p>IRF and IAWD are committed to ensuring that by convening IRS to drive River Resilience for communities, climate and biodiversity, we do not contribute to the global crises of climate and biodiversity. Help us to ensure our impact is mitigated and offset.</p> <p>EUR 3,375 or AUD 5,000 Exclusive of tax</p>	
	Speaking	Welcome and concluding talk to the Emerging Water Professionals Program	N/A	N/A
	Branding	Branding in conference booklet, conference App, Website homepage, website ‘partners’ page including profile	Branded event booth in main foyer; conference booklet; website ‘partners’ page	Branded event booth in main foyer; conference booklet; website ‘partners’ page
	Special Forums	Emerging Water Professionals Program social functions	Option to host a 1.5 hour workshop	Option to host a 1.5 hour workshop
Access	4 x Conference tickets (including dinner); 4 x Diversity in Water Tickets 2 x Welcome event tickets; Privileged positioning (seating)	2 x Conference tickets (including dinner); 2 x Welcome event tickets;	2 x Conference tickets (including dinner); 2 x Welcome event tickets;	
Marketing	Physical booth presence at event Symposium ‘virtual satchel’ handout	Symposium ‘virtual satchel’ handout	Symposium ‘virtual satchel’ handout	
Delegate listings	Post Event	Post event	Post event	

Partnership Opportunities	WELL BEING PARTNER	LUNCH OR SNACK SPONSOR
	<p>To be effective leaders in river resilience, we must be well in mind and body. Help us to build the health and well being of our IRS participants.</p> <p>EUR 1,850 or AUD 2,750 Exclusive of tax</p>	<p>EUR 3,375 or AUD 5,000 Exclusive of tax</p>
Speaking	N/A	N/A
Branding	Branded event booth in main foyer; website partners page.	Branding at all food and drinks areas of the venue; conference booklet; website partners page.
Special Forums	Pre-conference morning well being session each day	N/A
Access	1 x Conference tickets (including dinner); 1 x Gala Dinner Ticket	2 x Conference tickets (including dinner); 2 x Welcome event tickets;
Marketing	Symposium 'virtual satchel' handout	Symposium 'virtual satchel' handout
Delegate listings	N/A	N/A

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