

**JOURNEY TO RESILIENCE:
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Find out more about what's happening at this
year's *Riversymposium*

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WHAT'S ON AT THIS YEAR'S RIVERSYMPIOSIUM?

As *Riversymposium* is fast approaching, we would like to highlight some of the keynote speakers, workshops and field trips and events where 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.



Workshop Spotlight: Partnerships for community action to increase river resilience

In partnership with Rotary International, UNEP will be presenting a workshop that highlights the importance of strong partnerships to help countries understand and step up for rivers to achieve sustainable development, ecosystem and human health.

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS 'JOURNEY TO RIVER RESILIENCE: COMMUNITIES, CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY'.



Speaker Spotlight: Keynote presentation from Stuart Orr, Leader of WWF's Freshwater Practice at World Wide Fund for Nature

Rivers have played a central role in human history and civilization - and are still essential to our societies, cultures and economies today. Yet, decision makers have consistently failed to value rivers for their full spectrum of benefits – with detrimental effects for people and nature. Traditionally, rivers have been valued primarily as water sources for cities, irrigation and hydropower. But they provide a far broader set of services, which deliver immense benefits to societies, economies, and ecosystems. Join us as Stuart discusses the hidden value of Rivers



Event: Gala Dinner

An exciting component of our program is the Gala Dinner taking place on the second night of the *Riversymposium*. Being held in Vienna's architecturally breathtaking Town Hall building (Rathaus), the Gala Dinner is a night of socialisation, networking, and entertainment for our *Riversymposium* attendees. The highlight of the night will be the announcement of the 2022 European *Riverprize* winner, which will be live-streamed to audiences across the world. **This event is included in your registration.**



Field Trip: Via Donau Integrated River Engineering Project on the Danube East of Vienna

In partnership with Via Donau, join us on this field trip as we take you to the Danube, east of Vienna, and showcase the various river engineering measures designed to stabilise water levels, to preserve unique habitats in the Danube floodplains and to create a waterway infrastructure that fulfills the requirements of safe and economic navigation on the Danube.

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Workshop Spotlight: Danube Hazard m3c - Tackling hazardous substances pollution in the Danube River Basin by Measuring, Modelling-based Management and Capacity building

Building on the three elements of water governance (measuring, modelling and management) complemented by capacity building, this project pursued the ambitious goal of paving the way for a durable and effective transnational control and reduction of hazardous substances water pollution within the Danube River Basin.

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Our program is packed to the brim with engaging and innovative content. To view our full program and find out more about what we have planned for this year's *Riversymposium*, click the link below to head to our website.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION EXTENDED

We have extended early bird registration until the 15th of August. Don't miss out on your opportunity to attend this year's *Riversymposium* at such a low price! Click the button below and chose a registration type that suites you. We have three day or single day options either in-person or online.

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Covid-19 Policy

If the event is unable to take place in-person due to increased Covid restrictions, the event will go ahead online. In this case, attendees who have purchased in-person tickets will have their registration changed to online and be refunded the difference in cost.

If you test positive for Covid and are unable to attend in-person, you will have the option to either transfer your ticket to online or transfer your registration to another person (please email irs@riverfoundation.org.au to facilitate this) We will not be providing full refunds

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