

Seminar Themes

The following themes provide a framework for the seminar activities.

Local Knowledge, especially Indigenous Community Insights, for Participatory Watershed Management

This will be emphasized in the 2007 seminar as featured in the Sharing Indigenous Wisdom Conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Global Perspective

Watershed management goals and associated land use planning goals are not unique to any part of the world. Participants in the seminar will bring global breadth to the program with presentations of their management capacity-building strategies for healthy watersheds.

The Watershed as a Management Unit

"Watersheds are nature's boundaries." The land and water resources of a drainage basin are connected and actions that affect one resource will affect others. Management activities must be evaluated within the constraints and opportunities defined by the watershed boundary. Discussions during the seminar will focus on recognizing the drainage basin as a management unit.

Watershed Planning and Management Prescriptions Based on Sound Science and Methods

Basin management prescriptions and evaluations demand the application of sound scientific tools and techniques. Demonstrations and discussion during the seminar will highlight specific examples from Wisconsin, and offer participants the opportunity to discuss similar situations from their own experience.

Partnership and Stakeholder Involvement

Watershed planning and management goals become more effective when people have a say in the process and have their concerns addressed. The seminar will explore ways to improve public participation in federal, state and local government and non-governmental efforts in watershed planning.



Seminar Expenses

A fee of \$5,000 (US) will be charged and includes registration and tuition, Sharing Indigenous Wisdom Conference registration fee, instruction and materials, lodging, all in-country transportation, and all food accommodations. Costs cover health insurance while participants are in the U.S.

Air travel expense to and from the seminar are the responsibility of travel participants (see "Travel Arrangements" below). It is also recommended that participants arrive with at least \$300 (US) for incidental expenses.

Travel Arrangements

Participants should plan to arrive in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Friday, June 8. The first official activity of the seminar is a morning meal on Saturday, June 9. There will be a get-acquainted social and dinner Saturday evening. After the intervening field excursions through out Wisconsin, the seminar will conclude on Friday, June 22. Flights should be scheduled to leave the next day, Saturday, June 23.

Seminar Guidelines

The GEM International Seminar on Watershed Management is a technical and professional course. Participants are selected without regard to sex, race, creed, or nationality, and are considered students of the College of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. All participants will have equal educational facilities, modes of transportation, and lodging without discrimination and will have equal opportunity for participation in the seminar.

All participants are expected to enter into seminar discussions following each major presentation, as well as participate in field exercises and small group activities. Participants should be prepared to make a brief presentation on watershed management issues in their country, and must be prepared to lead discussions regarding special challenges, problems and successes which they have experienced. Details on presentation requirements will be sent in the pre-seminar registration packet.

The seminar is offered in English with Spanish translation.

Applications

Enrollment in the seminar is limited. Women are especially encouraged to apply. It is strongly recommended that individuals apply as soon as possible and seek sponsorship if necessary. Funding is not available from seminar organizers. Applications must be received by March 1, 2007. Accepted applicants will be sent registration information and materials no later than April 1, 2007. Applications and inquiries should be sent to:

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The watershed seminar, sponsored by the USDA Forest Service Office of International Programs and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Global Environmental Management Education Center, is an intensive, interactive training program designed for senior watershed management professionals who desire to improve their understanding of the variety of tools and techniques available in integrated watershed management.

The 15-day study tour and seminar incorporates site visits, seminar presentations by the participants and facilitated discussions to address the challenges facing watershed planners, managers and administrators. The course presents a broad spectrum of watershed planning and management techniques and institutional arrangements so that participants may gather and compare management ideas that can assist in the management of their home watersheds. Other course materials are available to invited participants in order to help them prepare for the seminar.

Spanish language track: UWSP-GEM staff will lead a sub-section of the watershed seminar for participants who speak Spanish as their primary language. They will explain field tour presentations, interpret handouts, and assist presentations by the Spanish-speaking participants. The intent of this service is to broaden the opportunities for Latin American watershed managers to participate in the seminar.

Indigenous Wisdom Conference: International Watershed Management Seminar participants will attend the Sharing Indigenous Wisdom Conference sponsored by the Sustainable Development Institute at the College of Menominee Nation June 11-15. Midwest Native American tribal representatives will discuss fundamental beliefs that sustain natural resources for future generations in their communities. International watershed seminar participants will share their own fundamental beliefs and participate in cultural feast ceremonies, native dances, and a traditional Pow Wow celebration of life in the beautiful Wolf River Watershed of Menominee County, Wisconsin. (Call for papers: http://www.sharingindigenouswisdom.org/call_papers/sustainable_indigenous_conference.asp)

Seminar and conference objectives:

Through academic instruction, field tours, participant presentations and facilitated discussions, the seminar aims to accomplish three major objectives:

- Demonstrate the viability of the watershed as a planning and management unit for sustained resources management.
- Explore the requirements necessary for institutional cooperation to meet diverse management goals by fostering partnerships, encouraging grassroots organization and developing environmental education strategies.
- Apply the GEM capacity-building model for watershed management created at the 2004 GEM International Conference on Local Capacity Building for Healthy Watersheds and expanded at the 2006 GEM International Conference on Planning for Land Use and Healthy Watersheds

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Application Form

Application form and brochure can be downloaded at:
<http://fs.fed.us/global/is/watershed/welcome.htm>

Name

Job Title

Employer

Work Address

Country

Nationality

Telephone Number

Date of Birth

Email Address

Sponsor Address/Fax/Phone/Email

1. Please attach a one-page resume.
2. Please write a brief description of your responsibilities
3. What are the most critical watershed management issues you are facing?
4. Do you currently have financing for this seminar?

If not, please indicate the source of funding you have applied for: _____

Complete the application, attach resume, and return to the address on the back of this form by March 1, 2007, or fax to Dr. Wes Halverson, Seminar Coordinator, at 715-346-4923.