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HYDRO 2017

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will take place in Seville, Spain

9 to 11 October 2017

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The Aqua-Media team is delighted to be bringing the annual hydropower conference back to Spain, following successful events in Barcelona (1995), Granada (2007) and Bilbao (2012).

Spain has been, and continues to be, among Europe’s leading countries for water resources development, hydropower and pumped storage. Unevenly distributed water resources, with southern areas suffering severe droughts, led the country to develop a comprehensive water management strategy and in particular a National Hydrological Plan.

The country’s history of dam construction dates back to the second century of the Christian era, with several Roman dams still in operation for water supply, such as Prosperina and Cornalvo.

Today there are 1082 large dams in operation, by ICOLD’s definition, providing a total storage capacity of 56.5 km3. About 20 per cent of the dams have hydro production as their sole purpose, and a further 12 per cent are multipurpose, with hydro production as one of the functions.

Spain’s installed hydro capacity currently stands at 19.6 GW, which represents 18 per cent of the total. Among the major Spanish hydro plants are Aldeadavila (1139 MW, see photo above right) and Alcantara (915 MW). The largest of the country’s 25 pumped storage plants is Cortes-La Muela (1720 MW). Hydro produces around 43 TWh/year, which is about 17 per cent of total production. Spain is a major developer of other renewable sources of energy, particularly wind and solar power.

The Spanish Government, principal utilities and industry warmly welcome the world hydro community to Seville, where there will be a chance to learn about Spanish past and present water resources development, and to visit some of the most important hydro and pumped-storage installations.

THE CITY OF SEVILLE

Seville, the capital of the southern region of Andalusia, has been regarded as one of the most important cities of the Iberian peninsula since Roman times. It lies on the banks of the Guadalquivir and is one of the largest historical centres in Europe, with some outstanding examples of Moorish architecture.

Famous landmarks include the cathedral of Santa Maria de la Sede, which is the third largest Gothic cathedral in the world, La Giralda (a World Heritage Site of UNESCO, formerly the minaret of a mosque, and now the bell tower for the cathedral). Some of the city’s other treasures to be explored include Casa de Pilatos, Torre del Oro (see photo, left), the Town Hall, Archive of the Indies (where the historical records of the American continent are kept), the Fine Art Museum (the second largest picture gallery in Spain), and the splendid Plaza d’España within the María Luisa park.

A cultural excursion is being arranged for all participants on Sunday 8 October, and a full programme of excursions will also be available for accompanying persons, in and around Seville.

CONFERENCE VENUE

HYDRO 2017 will take place in the elegant and spacious FIBES I Congress and Exhibition Centre (see photo below left), which is characterised by impressive architecture and modern, spacious conference and exhibition facilities. It is located about 4 km from the historic centre of Seville.

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel rooms are being reserved for HYDRO 2017 delegates at favourable rates, and in all price categories. Some are within walking distance of the FIBES Convention Centre, and others are in the centre of the city.

Accommodation can be booked at the time of registration, in July 2017. Registration will be handled by ASK Event Management Ltd, through the official HYDRO 2017 on-line booking system. Please note that no other accommodation agents are representing this conference, so we recommend caution if you are approached by agencies claiming to represent this conference.
CONFERENCE THEMES

Abstracts are now invited on the following, and related topics. The themes set out below do not represent the final titles of sessions, which will be decided when papers have been selected for presentation. If you would like to suggest an additional subject for discussion which is not listed below, this could be considered for a session, panel discussion or workshop.

POTENTIAL AND PLANNING
- Unexploited potential: country profiles
- New tools for site identification
- Feasibility studies
- Hydraulic modelling
- BIM: roles and applications
- Civil and E&M aspects: synergy in planning

PROJECT PREPARATION
- Securing finance
- Project structuring
- Contractual issues
- FIDIC from the perspective of all players
- Risk management
- Legal and insurance aspects
- Anticipating and avoiding delays
- Innovative design: case studies

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
- Reservoir operation and management
- Optimization for multiple stakeholders (multi-criteria decision analysis)
- Monitoring, maintenance and upgrading
- Ensuring powerplant safety
- Control and automation
- Gateways: selection, operation and safety
- Learning from incidents and failures
- Cyber security

UPGRADING AND PLANT LIFE EXTENSION
- Retrofitting existing water infrastructure
- Upgrading electromechanical equipment
- Refurbishment of dams and appurtenant works

REGIONAL COLLABORATION
- Transboundary projects
- Power trading
- Legal issues
- Integrated regional development
- Water rights and usage issues
- Roles of river basin agencies and power pools

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASPECTS
- New approaches to sustainable development
- Timely communication with stakeholders
- Enhancing public awareness
- Benefits of multipurpose schemes: case studies
- Fish protection and species conservation
- Sedimentation management

CLIMATE ISSUES
- Issues arising from COP 22
- Climate research
- Hydrology
- Climate resilience: strategies and experience
- Flood and drought mitigation and management
- Flood discharge works

HYDRO TECHNOLOGY
- Research and development for hydro machinery
- New developments in hydro turbines and generators
- Improving safety and efficiency
- Instrumentation and flow measurement
- Marine energy (tidal, wave, instream systems)
- Penstocks and hydromechanical equipment

SMALL HYDRO
- Small, micro and pico hydra: technical issues
- Innovative case studies
- Incentives for development

PUMPED STORAGE
- Role and benefits: case studies
- Innovations in pumped-storage schemes
- Pumped storage versus battery storage and grid interconnection?
- Optimising operation in developing power grids

GRID ISSUES
- Increasing grid capacity
- Hydro in synergy with other renewables
- Regional supergrids
- Smart grids

CIVIL ENGINEERING
- Innovation in dam design and construction
- Spillway design and operation
- Building dams in challenging site conditions
- Safety and monitoring of water infrastructure
- Seismicity and extreme hazards
- Geotechnical issues and tunnelling

REGIONAL SESSIONS AND ROUND TABLES
- Updates and case studies on development issues and projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe
- Special session on hydro and pumped storage in Spain and Portugal

CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING
- Preparing the next generation of hydro practitioners
- Training opportunities and industry encouragement
- (A panel discussion is planned for young engineers)

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A major element of the HYDRO 2017 event will be the Technical Exhibition, running for three days alongside the conference sessions. The spacious, and purpose-built exhibition pavilion will be the main hub for business networking, between delegates and the industry representatives who will be exhibiting their supplies and services. Exhibitors typically comprise consultants, contractors, manufacturers, developers and professional associations.

All lunch and refreshments will be served in the exhibition pavilion, with catering points arranged to ensure that delegates will move around the whole area frequently over the three days. Feedback from previous events indicates that delegates maximise the opportunities to circulate in the exhibition, and that valuable contacts are made, which are maintained after the event.

The pavilion will remain open for a networking party after the conference sessions on Tuesday 10 October, to provide extra opportunities for business meetings in an informal atmosphere.

Stands are sold in units of 6 m², and multiple units can be combined to create larger displays. Standard or custom-built stands can be arranged. Sponsorship packages are available for various items associated with the event, and this can be a memorable way of bringing your company to the attention of the international delegates. Details are available from our Sales & Marketing team (see contact details on the next page).

**TECHNICAL EXHIBITION PLAN AND PRICING**

| Single stand prices: | 3 x 2 m (6 m²) = €3085 | 3 x 3 m (9 m²) = €4625 |

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Alternatively we invite you to book exhibition space on-line via our website: [www.hydropower-dams.com](http://www.hydropower-dams.com)
As usual a full cultural and social programme is being arranged for HYDRO 2017 participants.

On Sunday 8 October, the day of registration, a local excursion will be available for all, which will provide an opportunity to see some of the most important landmarks and monuments in the historic centre of Seville. Lunch will be included.

In the evening there will be a briefing and reception for chairpersons, and those presenting papers; this will take place at the FIBES Convention Centre.

The HYDRO 2017 Welcome Reception on the evening of Monday 9 October, is planned to take place at the Pabellón de la Navegación (Maritime Museum), an impressive riverside building which was originally designed for the World Expo of 1992. Exhibits include scale models of ships, from the legendary Santa Maria of Columbus, to modern 20th/21st century vessels. Drinks and a buffet supper will be served, and this will be an opportunity to relax with friends from the international hydropower community.

On Tuesday 10 October, the exhibition hall will have extended opening hours, and a networking party will be held around the exhibition stands.

The HYDRO 2017 Farewell Gala Dinner, with musical entertainment, will be held on the evening of Wednesday 11 October, at an elegant hacienda, a short drive from the city. Transport will be provided to and from the city centre and FIBES.

The evening will be planned to provide a memorable end to the three days of discussion.

This is an independent charitable foundation, governed by an international board of trustees, set up in 2007 with the principal aim of facilitating the participation at the annual Hydro Conferences of delegates from the less developed and developing countries, and others with current economic difficulties.

Details of the application process for funding can be found on the dedicated web page, at:

www.hydropower-dams.com

Successfully completed applications, with supporting references, must be received by the organizers at least 10 weeks prior to the date of the conference, to allow sufficient time for processing by the trustees.

Successful applicants will normally be granted assistance to cover the conference registration fees, and in some cases accommodation. Travel expenses will generally not be covered, although in some exceptional cases, contributions towards travel costs may be granted.

If you or your company would like to make a donation to the Foundation, you will have the opportunity to do so at the time of registration.

ARRIVING IN SEVILLE

Seville’s San Pablo airport is 10 km northeast of the city. It is served by flights connecting with at least 40 major European cities, among which are the main hubs for inter-continental travellers. The city also has excellent road and rail connections with major European cities. For those arriving by air via Spain’s capital city, Madrid, it may be convenient to take the high speed train service to Seville, with a journey time of 2.5 hours.

VISAS

Spain is a member of the European Union and a signatory to the Schengen Agreement. Delegates should check well in advance whether a visa will be required to enter Spain. If letters of support will be required from the organisers or from local organisations in Spain to support visa applications, it will be necessary to notify the organisers promptly as soon as the registration process opens in July 2017.

CLIMATE

October is one of the best times of the year to visit Seville, with daytime temperatures usually averaging around 20°C, and plenty of sunshine.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION
SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts of up to 800 words, in English, are now invited on the themes listed or related topics. Please email abstracts to the address given below.

A short CV of each author and any co-authors should be included. Your abstract should summarize precisely the scope and content of the paper proposed. In the case of any project described, please mention its current status or date of completion. It would be helpful to suggest the theme for which your paper would be best suited.

Please incorporate the author’s name in the file name of the abstract, which should be submitted as a Word document and PDF.

Please note that abstracts should only be submitted if the author would be able to attend the conference (or send a representative). Please obtain any necessary clearance, and check your availability to attend, before submitting the abstract.

If your paper is accepted, you will be asked to sign a form confirming willingness to attend; it is essential that we receive this undertaking before allocating time for an oral presentation.

If you have had a paper accepted in the past, and have not attended to present it, you may be asked to register before acceptance of your paper for HYDRO 2017.

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