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IAGLR Conference in Cornwall, Ontario host to International Great Lakes Scientists

Five day conference to examine key Great Lakes issues

CORNWALL, ON— May 7, 2012 – The International Association for Great Lakes Research (IAGLR) is pleased to announce that its 2012 conference, *From Great Lakes Flow Mighty Rivers*, will be held from May 13-17 in Cornwall, Ontario. With more than 600 delegates attending over five days, the conference features speakers and sessions that highlight the most recent information about the ecology, chemistry, and physics of the Great Lakes. It is presented by the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences and Queen's University, with Aboriginal hosts the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

“The St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences is thrilled to be hosting the prestigious International Association for Great Lakes Research conference in Cornwall, Ontario, for the second time,” said Dr. Jeff Ridal, Executive Director, St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences and Conference Co-Chair. “With our co-hosts, Queen’s University and the Mohawks of Akwesasne, the conference brings together an international contingent of scientists whose research encompasses water levels, water quality, invasive species, and climate change— timely topics that impact all of us in our daily lives.”

Media are invited to attend featured sessions throughout the conference, including:

Monday, May 14: Rivers as Connected Ecosystems hosted by Stuart Bunn, Director, Australian Rivers Institute, Griffith University, Brisbane. Professor Bunn’s major research interests are in the ecology of river and wetland systems with a particular focus on the science to underpin river management; he has published widely on this topic.

Tuesday, May 15: A new paradigm for monitoring the cumulative effects of stressors in the Great Lakes, hosted by Kelly Munkittrick, Scientific Director, Canada Research Chair in Ecosystem Health Assessment, Canadian Rivers Institute; Professor, Department of Biology, University of New Brunswick. In his position as Scientific Director of the Canadian Water Network, Dr. Munkittrick leads the development of an innovative network focused on providing clean, safe and sustainable water across Canada and internationally.

Wednesday, May 16: Complex science is no match for impaired governance, hosted by Gail Krantzberg, Professor and Director of the Centre for Engineering and Public Policy in the School of Engineering Practice McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. Dr. Krantzberg is actively engaged in research at the interface between science and public policy with extensive expertise on disciplines that could advance Great Lakes sustainability. She worked for the Ontario Ministry of Environment from 1988 to 2001, as the Coordinator and Senior Policy Advisor for the Great Lakes Program. She is a past president of IAGLR and sits on the Board of Directors for several Great Lakes and policy-related nonprofit organizations.

Thursday, May 17: Current state of ballast water as a vector of introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes, hosted by Sarah Bailey, Research Scientist, Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Principal Investigator with the NSERC Canadian Aquatic Invasive Species Network; Adjunct Professor, Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research (University of Windsor) and the University of Toronto (Scarborough). Dr. Sarah Bailey has conducted research on ship-mediated invasions since 2000, and leads federal ballast water research and monitoring activities in the Great Lakes and Arctic regions of Canada. Her research has been instrumental to the development of effective ballast water policies in Canada and the U.S. She also advises on development of international regulations through working groups at the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea and the International Maritime Organization.

For more information about IAGLR, including the conference schedule, visit <http://www.iaglr.org/conference>.

About IAGLR

IAGLR is a scientific organization made up of researchers studying the Laurentian Great Lakes, other large lakes of the world, and their watersheds, as well as those with an interest in such research. IAGLR members encompass all scientific disciplines with a common interest in the management of large lake ecosystems on many levels. The IAGLR Journal of Great Lakes Research is a highly respected professional publication with broad distribution.

About Queen's University

Located in Kingston, Ontario, Queen's is one of Canada's leading universities with an international reputation for scholarship, social purpose, and spirit. Queen's hosts an extensive array of science, engineering and policy studies related to water resources, limnology, climate change, pollution control, and water management that are highly relevant to the Great Lakes (www.queensu.ca/researchers/).

About the St Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences

The River Institute was established in 1994 as a unique community partnership involving government, education, business and industry, and the Mohawks of Akwesasne. Its mandate is environmental research and education with a focus on the Great Lakes / St. Lawrence River ecosystem. It has earned an international reputation for its fresh water ecosystem research projects. For more information, visit www.riverinstitute.ca.

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