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4th ICAP

To be Held as Part of 3rd World Water Forum March 18-19, 2003, OSAKA

"The Future Direction and International Role of Aquapolises"

The newsletter Aquapolis No.4 reported that the 4th International Conference of Aquapolises (ICAP) would be held in the City of Vienna. However, for certain reasons, the city asked the ICAP Osaka Secretariat to allow the city to decline to host the Conference. After consultation with directorial cities of ICAP, Vienna's request was approved.

Following the approval, the ICAP Osaka Secretariat proposed that, for the reasons listed below, the 4th ICAP be held as an additional section meeting of the 3rd World Water Forum, which is scheduled to take place on March 16 to 23, 2003, in Kyoto, Osaka and Shiga prefectures. The proposal was put to the vote among directorial cities, and was then bolstered by a majority.

1) The objective of the 3rd World Water Forum, "to search for solutions to water-related problems faced by people around



the world," coincides with the purpose of ICAP. In addition, the theme of the "Osaka Day" program, an event of the Forum, is "Water and City." If the 4th ICAP is held as part of the Forum, many of the Forum's participants from around the world will take part in the Conference as well, giving the Conference added importance.

2) Some session meetings of the 3rd World Water Forum will be held in Osaka.

Therefore, the ICAP Osaka Secretariat will be able to manage both these meetings and the 4th ICAP without the need to establish a separate secretariat. The ICAP theme session "Water and Cities" will be chaired by a coordinator from the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-HABITAT).

Program (as of November 12, 2002) Main Venue: OICC (Osaka International Convention Center)

■ Day 1: March 18 (Tue.), 2003

time	event	venue
13:30~15:00	Directorial City Conference(unofficial)	OSAKA CITY HALL
15:45~18:30	Experts' Session - Presentation of Papers - Panel Discussion	OICC 10F (Room 1002)
19:00	Japanese performance of classic "Mizu no kyoen" Concert with traditional Japanese instruments	OICC 5F (Main Hall)

■ Day 2: March 19 (Wed.), 2003

time	event	venue
9:30~13:00	Welcome Tour Osaka Water EXPO	Osaka Bay (Tempo-san) → Nanko (Quay of O'z) → INTEX Osaka → Osaka International Convention Center
13:00~17:00	Mayor's Session	OICC 5F (Main Hall)
17:30~	Wrap up:Water and Cities Closing Ceremony	OICC 5F (Main Hall)

ICAP History

1st ICAP, Osaka, July 1990
Theme: Water and Greenery

Osaka Declaration

We renew our recognition that the continued development of cities relies on the harmonious coexistence of nature and people. With the diversification and expansion of human activities, however, it has become increasingly difficult to strike a balance between urban development and environmental conservation. Each participant city is dedicated to playing a leading role in forming a worldwide consensus for the conservation and improvement of the global environment, fully recognizing that urban activities, individually and collectively, will exert a great influence on global-state environmental improvement.

2nd ICAP, Shanghai, November 1993
Theme: Water and Regional Development

Shanghai Declaration

- 1) The protection and supply of water - the greatest resource of aquapolises and new technologies in sewage-treatment.
- 2) New ideas, new concepts and new measures in urban planning and harbor construction of the 21st Century Aquapolises.
- 3) The crucial linking between urban economic growth and environmental protection for the purpose of improving urban environmental efficiencies.
- 4) The expansion and development of urban greenbelts, greenery of city, beautification of surroundings, so as to achieve better ecological effects and improve ecological conditions.
- 5) Prevention of natural calamities and introduction of technical control measures.

3rd ICAP, Piraeus, March 1997
Theme: Water and Tourism

Piraeus Declaration

1. There must be a harmonious relationship among nature, society, and economic development. This must be taken into consideration in urban planning.
 2. In the framework of well-balanced development, natural resources must be conserved to a sufficient extent.
 3. Systematic engineering works and infrastructure development must contribute to environmental protection and control exploitation of natural sources, in such a way as to achieve sustainability in the 21st century.
- The significance of international conferences focused on the above subjects was emphasized.

For Inquiries

For an application for entry to the 4th ICAP Conference, please refer to the secretariat at

<http://www.osakapubliceng.or.jp/icap/n01/n11j.htm>

- Please note that information and details stated on this page will be updated as and when the need arises.
- Advanced registration: Please send applications to the Secretariat by e-mail. Please note that this is not a formal registration.
 - Applicants will be informed of the procedures required for formal registration in December 2002.

What is the 3rd World Water Forum?



The world is now facing a water crisis. The 3rd World Water Forum will provide people from various water-related fields with an opportunity to gather at a specified location and share their knowledge and experience. Such an exchange of knowledge can be made use of when considering action to be taken in regard to resolving water problems, whether ongoing or expected. In addition, the Forum is expected to raise the awareness of global water crises in the minds of public and private decision-makers, the media and ordinary citizens, thus contributing to the solving of water-related problems.

Guiding Principles

- This Forum will be open to all
- This Forum will be created through participation by all
- This Forum will work to translate visions into concrete actions and commitments

For details, please refer to the World Water Forum Web page at <http://www.worldwaterforum.org>

Importance Attached to Dialogue Between ICAP Member Cities

ICAP fully agrees with the Guiding Principles of the 3rd World Water Forum, including "This Forum will be created through participation by all" and "This Forum will work to translate visions into concrete actions and commitments."

The ICAP Secretariat will continue to hold talks with member cities so as to make the coming Conference scheduled for next March more fruitful.

In this connection, the Secretariat will prepare a "Virtual Forum" web page linked to the Water Forum site, hoping that lively discussions will be conducted on the web.

To this "Virtual Forum", the Secretariat solicits opinions and views about "water" from both Forum participants and non-participants.

ICAP Virtual Forum page address will be announced at our earliest convenience (under construction).

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