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on
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Topics:

- Climate and hydrology
- Water, Environment and human activities
- Water related risks
- Integrated water resources management
- Ecohydrology
- Computing & technologies in Water sector

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Vth International Scientific Conference on Water, Climate and Environment

Welcome to BALWOIS 2012 !

Following the great success of BALWOIS Conferences in 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2010 – all 1380 proceedings are online on www.balwois.com - we have the pleasure to let you know that the fifth International scientific conference BALWOIS 2012 will be held in Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia, from 28th May to 2nd June 2012, in Metropol Lake-Resort www.metropol-ohrid.com.

BALWOIS 2012 is organised by IB2E (Balkan Institute for Water and Environment), METEO-MAK (Macedonian association of meteorology), and Faculty of Civil Engineering (Sts. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia).

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- Macedonian Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning,
- French Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Environment and Planning
- French Embassy in Macedonia, and
- International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS).

The main **objectives** of BALWOIS 2012 are to provide at international and Balkan scales:

- a meeting that will further the progress of the knowledge in the fields of Scientific Research, Education, Policy and Development Activities and on all the Water related issues related to climate and environment changes, hazards mitigation, water resources assessment, management and protection, etc.
- an atmosphere to enhance the links between the providers and the end users of water related knowledge,
- a forum for free discussion of new ideas, research, development and applications, including techniques and methods to stimulate future works,
- opportunities for students and young researchers and engineers to meet their experienced peers and to stimulate them to join BALWOIS activities,

- an exhibition of current hardware and/or software in the field of water, and
- new knowledge through the publishing of high quality papers in BALWOIS web site and through DVD bundle, books and journal edition, etc.

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During this fifth BALWOIS conference, specific attention will be dedicated to the application of the Water framework directive and to specific tools applied to the decision support in water domain.

Ohrid is one of the most welcoming towns of Republic of Macedonia with a very significant cultural heritage. The location of the conference on the shore of Ohrid Lake- 358 km², several millions years old and surmounted by splendid Macedonian and Albanian mountains - is particularly well chosen to work on topics linked with climate and environment changes which already affects the balance of the Balkan lakes, protection of the biodiversity against increasing anthropogenic pressures and international shared waters.

Waiting for the pleasure to see you in Ohrid.

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