

15th International Conference on

Diffuse Pollution & Eutrophication

A final update on what to expect at DIPCON2011 - Rotorua, New Zealand
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The provisional technical programme is now on the website. This will help you plan your conference itinerary in advance.

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Get close to the microbiologists

There are actually two IWA conferences going on - same time same place. You get two conferences for the price of one. We feature a relevant workshop hosted by HRWM and our joint session on Diffuse Microbial Pollution. Below

Programme update

DIPCON2011 has all the ingredients needed for a successful conference. Interesting and varied themes, stimulating keynote speakers, thought-provoking workshops and relevant field trips.

The provisional technical programme and the programme-at-a-glance is now available on the website (www.dipcon2011.org/programme).

It is provisional and subject to change but any changes will be minor.

If you want to do your homework before coming to Dipcon2011, this is the place to start.

International Catchment Microbial Modelling Workshop

Conference junkies arriving in Rotorua early might like to participate in the above workshop run by our sister IWA Specialist Group on Health Related Water Microbiology on Sunday 18th September. The topic is especially relevant to

diffuse pollution and nicely complements the joint session between Dipcon2011 and HRWM2011 on Diffuse Microbial Pollution to be held on Tuesday 20th. The additional cost of the workshop is \$75. Details of workshop speakers are at [http://www.on-cue.co.nz/hrwm2011/Catchment%20Microbial%20Modelling%20Workshop%20final%20programme%20\(at%204%20August%202011\).pdf](http://www.on-cue.co.nz/hrwm2011/Catchment%20Microbial%20Modelling%20Workshop%20final%20programme%20(at%204%20August%202011).pdf).

Dipcon2011 delegates should also note that they will be able to attend any papers at HRWM2011 for no additional cost. The same applies to HRWM delegates wishing to take in Dipcon2011 papers.

Joint session with HRWM on Diffuse Microbial Pollution

The Tuesday joint session will comprise a set of technical presentations (from seven countries) on: relationships between catchment nutrients and microbial communities, microbial source tracking, and catchment dynamics for important pathogens (Campylobacter and Cryptosporidium). The day will commence with two plenary addresses. Firstly, Dr Russel Norman, leader of the New Zealand Green party (<http://www.greens.org.nz/people/russelnorman>) will address his perception of diffuse pollution problems in NZ.

Secondly, Professor David Kay, Aberystwyth University, Wales, UK (<http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/iges/staff/academic-staff/dvk/>) will address delegates on "Microbiology and the catchment paradigm: a community on the threshold of expanding opportunities". In that address he will note that urgent attention to catchment microbial dynamics is required and that the immediate research-needs centre on basic science essential to drive process-based catchment scale models of microbial dynamics to set alongside phosphorus, nitrogen, sediment and oxygen models of catchment systems.

Getting there

Some international registrants have asked about transport from Auckland International Airport to Rotorua. There are a number of ground transport options for you to consider.

The cheapest option is the Naked Bus Company. <http://nakedbus.com/nz/bus/>

Departs Auckland International Airport 3 times per day.

7.30am, 11.30am and 12.00noon

Costs are from NZ\$16.49 one way.

Please note that prices go up as availability decreases.



There are also shuttle buses that can be booked to meet your flight. Two possibilities here are:

Luxury and Coastline Shuttles

<http://www.coastlineshuttles.co.nz/prices.html>

Cost NZ\$98 one way, with a 25% discount for a second passenger on the same booking, and 50% discount for third and subsequent passengers.

Tauranga shuttles <http://www.taurangashuttles.co.nz/prices-and-bookings/>

offer a similar service at a slightly higher price.

Or chartered shuttle:

CHARTERED SHUTTLE

Contact: Super Shuttle

Phone +64 9 522 5100

Email reservations@supershuttle.co.nz

You can rent a van from Auckland to Rotorua for NZ\$640 one way for up to 11 passengers

Poster Papers

As organisers we think that posters contribute strongly to a successful conference. Posters are equivalent, but different, means of communication. And posters have some advantages over oral presentations. For example, posters are available to delegates to peruse at any time during the conference as opposed to the 15-minute 'sound bite' of an oral, and potentially reach a larger audience.

At DIPCON2011 we are promoting posters as follows:

- Posters will be highly visible near the main entrance foyer of the conference venue – close to where tea and coffee will be available during breaks.

- Posters will be displayed throughout the conference duration.

- There will be two dedicated poster sessions (with drinks and light food available) – when presenters are expected to stand by their posters and discuss their work with interested delegates.

- Selected posters will be designated “keynote posters”, and presenters will have the opportunity to give a ‘flash presentation’ (3 min. duration) at the start of the poster sessions.

- There will be prizes for “best posters” (open category as well as YWP).

It may still be possible to accept further posters into the programme. Please send a 2-page extended abstract (outline paper) to Conference Manager, Lea Boodee (lea@on-cue.co.nz) and cc the poster co-ordinator, James Sukias (j.sukias@niwa.co.nz). You must be registered for the conference – so you can stand by your poster during poster sessions.

Poster presenters can still submit actual posters (ideally as .pdf files) for assessment as potential “keynote posters” (we have extended poster assessment to the end of August).

YWP programme

Young water professionals with an interest in Diffuse Pollution are crucial to the future of the IWA Diffuse Pollution Specialist Group and we have a number of measures planned to encourage participation and generate enthusiasm for our cause!

Pub Quiz

A special programme of social events has been arranged for Young Water Professionals, and ‘the young at heart’. The pub quiz on **Tuesday 20th** September in Hennessey’s Irish Pub will be open to all delegates (upper limit of 80). Why not get your colleagues together in a team, forget about diffuse pollution and test your general knowledge and at the same time enjoy some great food The quiz will be held in The Shed bar (1166 Amohau Street), and participation will cost \$5 per person. Tickets will be available at conference registration.

Zumba

Often at conferences there is little opportunity to get moving, however we believe physical activity is important so we’re inviting you to participate in Zumba fitness on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings after the formal conference proceedings (5.00-6.00pm). This is an exhilarating, effective, easy to follow dance fitness party that’s suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels. When you see a Zumba class in action, you’ll want to give it a try. Please indicate your intention to participate in this energizing, fun loaded fitness programme by emailing Deborah Ballantine.

d.ballantine@niwa.co.nz. Remember to pack your fitness clothing and come, join the party!

White Water Rafting

As an alternative to the traditional technical tour, and for those with a spirit of adventure who enjoy water sports, we are offering a whitewater rafting field trip in the Kaituna River, only 15 minutes from Central Rotorua. This excursion is on the highest commercially rafted river in the world and promises to be an exhilarating experience. All delegates, regardless of age, are welcome to join this trip - all that’s needed is a sense of adventure. Thrill-seeking beginners are welcome and instruction on paddle technique and safety will be given in the first 20 minutes. All equipment is provided except a swimsuit and towel).

Mentoring

We are offering a mentoring programme for Young Water Professionals so that students and early career water professionals can learn from more experienced water professionals. If you would like to be part of this programme, either as a Young Water Professional or an experienced water professional, please contact Deborah, indicating your main areas of interest, d.ballantine@niwa.co.nz.

During the conference we will have a lunch for those involved in this programme. We believe this is a valuable and rewarding experience for everyone involved and would like to encourage you to participate.

Weather

September is spring-time in Rotorua, and the rule for weather is anything goes. Expect changeable conditions with rain or showers one day, fine weather the next. Average temperature is 11C with a range of 5C - 16C.

Don’t forget to bring your swimmers (or not) for the hot pools and a rain jacket for the possible showers.

Looking forward to welcoming you to Rotorua.

Jim Cooke

Rob Davies-Colley

Co-chairs DIPCON2011

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