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## Nominees Sought for International Water Prize

The second round of the Prince Sultan Bin AbdulAziz International Prize for Water has been announced and nominations for individuals and organizations are due Dec. 31, 2005. The prize is awarded by the Prince Sultan Research Center for Environment, Water, and Desert at King Saud University in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It was created to recognize outstanding research and innovations at the international level in each of five branches of the prize. The winner of each branch receives SR 500,000 (around U.S. \$133,000). Nominations must be made by an academic or scientific organization, and may be for one or more individuals or organizations.

For the 2004 to 2006 award period, specific topics to be awarded in each branch are:

- Surface water: water harvesting
- Groundwater: management of coastal aquifers
- Alternative (non-traditional) water resources: treatment and reuse of wastewater
- Water resources management: integrated and sustainable water resources management in arid and semi-arid regions
- Protection of water resources: ground water pollution by urban activities

Herman Bouwer of the U.S. Soil Conservation Lab in Phoenix was one of two U.S. winners of the first round of prizes.

For more information and to apply, visit [www.pspipw.org](http://www.pspipw.org).

## New Mexico Researchers Draw Statewide Interest

Nearly 200 people attended the Aug. 16 New Mexico Water Research Symposium at New Mexico Tech in Socorro. Organized by the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute, this low-cost, one-day symposium featured more than 30 speakers and as many posters.

Focusing on the theme of advances in hydrologic methods and instruments, presenters described the research of state and federal agencies, universities, and consultants working at sites throughout the state. Topics ranged from vadose zone measurements of temperature and moisture flux to arsenic removal and other water purification technologies, tracking monsoon flood events, perchlorate bioaccumulation in tamarisk leaves,

artificial recharge, evapotranspiration at Elephant Butte Reservoir, and much more.

Based on the size of the crowd and comments from attendees, New Mexico water professionals look forward to this event each year to find out about current projects, catch up with colleagues, and forge new connections.

Abstracts for talks and posters are available on NMWRRI's Web site at [wri.nmsu.edu/publish/publications.html](http://wri.nmsu.edu/publish/publications.html).



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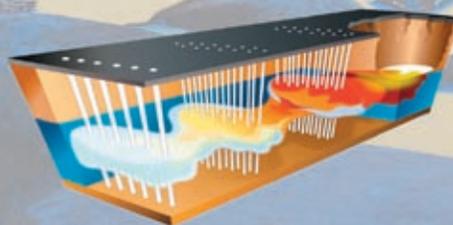
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