

WEF Member Associations Send Aspiring Water Scientists to National Stockholm Junior Water Prize Competition



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Contact: Lori Harrison, (703) 684-2480

lharrison@wef.org

May 2, 2007

WEF Member Associations Send Aspiring Water Scientists to National Stockholm Junior Water Prize Competition

Alexandria, Va. - The Water Environment Federation (WEF) proudly announces the state winners of the 2007 Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) competition - the most prestigious youth award for a water-related science project (see list below). WEF Member Associations selected and will sponsor the students and their science teachers to attend the national competition, hosted by the Arizona Water & Pollution Control Association, June 21-23, 2007 in Phoenix, Ariz.

The purpose of the SJWP is to increase students' interest in water-related issues and research, and to sensitize them - as future leaders - to global water challenges. The competition is open to projects aimed at improving quality of life through improvement of water quality, water resources management, water protection, and water and wastewater treatment.

"As the size and scope of the global water challenge continues to evolve, it is truly gratifying to see so many young people turned on to research and scientific inquiry in the water and environmental fields," said WEF President Mohamed Dahab. "The Water Environment Federation and its Members Associations are encouraged by the students' pursuit of excellence in the spirit of competition and proudly support their interest in water quality issues through this worthwhile program."

The U.S. winner will receive \$3,000 and an all expense paid trip to Stockholm, Sweden for the international competition as well as the opportunity to present their research to water quality experts at WEFTEC@.07, the Federation's 80th annual technical exhibition and conference, this October in San Diego, Calif. In addition, the U.S. winner's school will receive a \$1,000 grant to enhance science education and research in the classroom and up to three finalists will receive \$1,000 each.

In the United States, WEF and its Member Associations organize the national and state SJWP competitions with support from ITT Corporation (also the international sponsor), The Coca-Cola Company and Delta Air Lines. Internationally, HRH Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden is the patron of the prize. The international competition will take place during World Water Week, August 11-17, 2007 in Stockholm, Sweden. The international winner will receive \$5,000 (USD) during a royal ceremony in the presence of HM King Carl XVI Gustaf and HM Queen Silvia.

For more information, visit www.sjwp.org.

About WEF

Founded in 1928, the Water Environment Federation (WEF) is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization with 32,000 individual members and 80 affiliated Member Associations representing an additional 50,000 water quality professionals throughout the world. WEF members, Member Associations and staff proudly work to our mission to provide bold leadership, champion innovation, connect water professionals, and leverage knowledge to support clean and safe water worldwide. To learn more, visit www.wef.org.