

WEFTEC Celebrates 80 Years

2007 EVENT BRINGS THE LATEST IN WATER AND WASTEWATER SOLUTIONS TO SAN DIEGO

By *Caitlin Cunningham*

Water and wastewater professionals from across the nation and abroad are gearing up for the 80th annual Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference (WEFTEC.07).

Exhibition planners expect to host more than 17,000 guests and 1,000 exhibitors at this year's show, which will be held Oct. 13 to 17 at the San Diego Convention Center. WEFTEC is the largest water quality event in North America and the largest annual water quality exhibition in the world.

"It is imperative that busy water and wastewater professionals make the time to step out of their demanding work-a-day world to allow themselves an opportunity to network with their industry peers and to analyze their current and future goals and objectives," said Water Environment Federation President Mohamed Dahab. "WEFTEC is a literal smorgasbord of training, information exchange, system and technology updates, as well as an opportunity to volunteer and give back to the industry."

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WEFTEC.07 offers education and training opportunities for individuals committed to water, sanitation, public health and the environment.

"WEFTEC is designed to be flexible

and allow attendees to design their own learning experience based on their specific areas of expertise and professional interests," said Dahab. A number of the event's educational opportunities may be of particular interest and benefit to storm water professionals:

- "Mercury in the Water Environment: Navigating the Latest Regulatory Developments" workshop—Saturday, Oct. 13, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



1,000 exhibitors will provide new product and service information.

- "Managing Peak Wet Weather Flows in Municipal Wastewater Systems" workshop—Sunday, Oct. 14, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- "Putting the LID on Storm Water" technical session—Monday, Oct. 15, 8:30 a.m. to noon.
- "Managing Stormy Weather: Best Practices" technical session—Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1:30 to 5 p.m.
- "Watersheds Without Borders" technical session—Wednesday,

Oct. 17, 1:30 to 5 p.m.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

More than 1,000 leading companies will display their newest water quality research findings, technologies and services in the WEFTEC exhibit hall. The show floor, which measures more than 26,000 sq ft, will host exhibition hours Oct. 15 to 17.

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Laureate Dr. Perry L. McCarty will deliver the keynote address during the opening general session. A first-timers/new members orientation, committee meetings and facility tours will provide opportunities for networking and hands-on learning. WEFTEC.07 also will host a golf tournament, "A Taste of Latin America" fundraising event and the 22nd annual U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards.

To register for WEFTEC.07, visit www.weftec.org.

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