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Meet WLC20 Invited Speakers

We are excited to announce two of the distinguished WLC20 Invited Speakers!

Professor Susie Wood (New Zealand)

A leading researcher in lake health assessment, focusing on the impacts of climate change and degradation, as well as advancing lake restoration strategies.

• Professor Zhengwen Liu (China)

Specializing in ecosystem restoration, exploring how degraded lakes with lost vegetation can be transformed into diverse and thriving environments.

Learn more about the speakers here: https://mailchi.mp/eb4a9fd3966b/20th-world-lake-conference-2025-save-the-date-13759620?e=4107f9e1ab

Also, related articles will be featured in the upcoming ILEC Newsletter #72, so stay tuned for that as well!

Less than 5 months to go to WLC20!

As we have welcomed the Year of the Snake (zodiac animal), we celebrate wisdom, transformation, and adaptability?qualities that are essential in protecting our water resources. Just as snakes serve as key indicators of ecosystem health, lakes act as sentinels for integrated river basin management, reflecting changes in water quality, biodiversity, and climate.

This July in Brisbane, the 20th World Lake Conference (WLC20) will bring together global experts to explore innovative solutions for safeguarding our lakes and freshwater systems. As we celebrate renewal and transformation in this Year of the Snake, we invite you to be part of this global conversation. Register today to start your journey!

- Register now to secure your spot: <u>https://www.wlc20.org/registration</u>
- Submit your abstract and showcase your work to a global audience: <u>https://www.wlc20.org/abstracts</u>
- Visit the 20th World Lake Conference website for more details and deadlines: https://www.wlc20.org

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■ ILEC News Pick-up - Curated updates

 \bigcirc Visit from Ambassador of Japan to Nicaragua

H.E. Masahiro Ogino, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Nicaragua, visited ILEC on March 4. We discussed the environmental conservation promotion project in Managua, Nicaragua, which ILEC has been planning in collaboration with Shiga Prefecture and Shiga University.ILEC presented the background of its establishment and the activities focusing on Promoting Sustainable Lake Management and Mainstreaming of Lakes. Additionally, we introduced the 20th World Lake Conference to be held in Brisbane, Australia, this July. We also conveyed that the recently established UN

observance, "World Lake Day" (August 27), was designated in honor of the opening day of LECS'84 (1st World Lake Conference). Furthermore, we touched upon the achievements of the JICA training participants from Nicaragua and made efforts to strengthen collaboration in future projects.

 \bigcirc Cooperation for FY2024 Regional Understanding Program by JICA Kansai

From January 23 to 24, 2025, ILEC carried out the 2024 Regional Understanding Program at the request of JICA Kansai. This fiscal year, marking its 6th iteration, the program was organized jointly with part of the JICA Training Program.

For more detailed information and photos about the program, please visit our website: <u>https://www.ilec.or.jp/en/news/16279</u>

Please take a look!

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We are currently running a special support campaign to help young people and those from developing countries participate in the 20th World Lake Conference. Your support will provide opportunities for many individuals to participate and contribute to the future of lakes. We sincerely appreciate your support.

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