

Household Water Treatment & Safe Storage Network – Technical Meeting
HWTS09
21st – 23rd September 2009
The Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland



Dear Colleague,

In order to avoid clashing with the World Water Week event in Stockholm in August, the 2009 International Research Colloquium of the Network to Promote Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage (HWTS09) has been rescheduled to take place in Dublin, Ireland from 21st – 23rd September 2009 at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) which is situated in the heart of Dublin City Centre, Ireland. Please note that the date for submission of oral or poster presentations has been similarly revised and is now April 17th 2009.

This first dedicated meeting of the HWTS Research Task Group will be co-sponsored by the RCSI and the HWTS Network of the World Health Organisation (WHO). Interested participants are invited to submit abstracts for presentations addressing the results of household water treatment and safe storage HWTS research or the impact of implementation activities, with a focus on developing countries. It is expected that the presentation conform to the overall goal and one or more of the following objectives of the international symposium.

Overall Goal: To consolidate effective strategies for addressing barriers in introducing, scaling up and achieving sustainable HWTS interventions at a country level and how this can be applied, particularly in African regions or in other developing countries.

Specific Objectives

1. Present the results and impact of strategies and practices for introducing, scaling up HWTS interventions and achieving sustainable practice.
2. Report on issues/barriers/success factors for introducing, scaling up HWTS interventions and achieving sustainable practice (use of subsidies/give-aways, role of government/private sector/NGOs, sustainability of approaches, technical problems of products, etc.) based on actual field experience.

3. Describe technologies and practices for safe storage of drinking water and its potential synergies/ linkages with other disease control programmes (e.g. respiratory infections, dengue fever).
4. Report on the effectiveness of emerging technologies and its impact on improving the microbiological and chemical quality of water or improving health.
5. Present the results of strategies for creating demand for HWTS intervention: social marketing, training and education, monitoring and evaluation.
6. Present results from point-of-use water treatment and storage interventions in special settings such as emergency and among persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Based on the objectives of the meeting, the following types of papers or posters are invited for submission:

1. Reviews, Reports, Case Studies of applied Concepts, strategies or field experiences in implementing HWTS interventions and their sustainability, with lessons learned (policy development, creating demand, capacity building, monitoring and evaluation, identifying deficiencies and gaps, etc.).
2. Research and development on emerging technologies (HH water treatment, safe storage, drinking water quality testing).
3. Critical and analytical reviews of household-based water treatment and storage interventions.
4. Consumer research, cost analyses, and willingness-to-pay/ability-to-pay studies and economic analyses.

PAPER REVIEW PANEL

A Paper Review Panel will carefully review all abstracts and select a limited number of presentations for each thematic session. Presentations should not exceed 10-15 minutes to allow ample time for discussion.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING PAPER FOR PRESENTATION

- Relevance of the study to the symposium objectives
- Consistency with the objectives of the Network
- Degree of innovation in implementation approach or study methodologies.
- Methodological rigor and overall quality of the research or analysis
- Degree of impact: - outreach and social acceptance of HWTS intervention - sustainability of HWTS application - health impact)

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 17th April 2009. Abstracts should be submitted to hwts09@rcsi.ie as Word document, in English. Text in single space, 12 point font, not exceeding one page or 350 words. All authors mentioned, with the name of the presenting author underlined. Name of organisations with full address (including phone, fax and e-mail).

SUBMISSION OF POSTERS

Suggested dimensions for the posters are 90x140cm. Poster abstracts should be submitted as a Word document, in English. Text in single space, 12 point font, not exceeding one page or 350 words. All authors mentioned, with the name of the presenting author underlined. Name of organisations with full address (including phone, fax and e-mail). by email to hwts09@rcsi.ie by 17th April 2009.

Local Organising Committee (Dublin, Ireland)

Kevin McGuigan (Chair)	Phone: +353 1 402 2437
	FAX: +353 1 402 2458
Loraine Monard (Registrations)	Email: hwts09@rcsi.ie
Conference Website	www.rcsi.ie/hwts09