

## **International Conference on Water and Civilization: Exploring Water History in the Horizon of the Community of Shared Future for Mankind**

### **The First Announcement**

Water is not only an indispensable material for human subsistence and development, but was also the driver of origination and development of the civilizations, which has a significant impact on the historical development. Therefore, water is a key to open the door of understanding human history. The study of the relationship between water and human civilization is not only helpful for us to understand human history from a new perspective, but also to construct our understanding and value of water. With the acceleration of global environmental changes and the increasing impact of climate change, global water crisis are also deepened. Accordingly it is the common mission of mankind to coping with the global water crisis for the sustainable utilization of water resources . Therefore the challenges of water crisis are not just for a country or a region, but globally that becomes a problem related to the common destiny of mankind. Today, we advocate the construction of the Community of Shared Future for Mankind and promoting the construction of The Belt and Road. The sustainable access and utilization of water have become inevitable global major interest and important guarantee for achieving these great missions. Therefore, it is a valuable topic to learning wisdom and experience from history to think about the water sustainability, and avoiding the mistakes of contemporary water management. In order to further enhance the understanding of the relationship between water and human civilization, improve the capacity of human beings to cope with the global water crisis and promote the development of water history research and use in China, Hubei University, China and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece jointed with the a series of institutions decided to organize International Conference on Water and Civilization: the Exploration of Water History in the Horizon of the Community of Shared Future for Mankind in China in 9-12 May, 2019. This conference bring together historians, hydrologists, anthropologists, water managers and policy makers and water educators to share their cases around the world, learn each other and discuss about the historical lessons for the water sustainability, and contribute to the research and utilization of water history in an new epoch.

**Theme of the conference**

International Conference on Water and Civilization: the Exploration of Water History in the Horizon of the Community of Shared Future for Mankind

**Conference schedule**

9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

**Topics but not limited as**

- 1) water and the origination and growth of civilizations.
- 2) Society history of water, which includes water's influence on the formation of a country and society, water and human's lifestyle, etc.
- 3) History of water conservancy, which includes the historical constructions and their influence of water conservancy projects, water managements and their influence, water conflicts and their influence, etc.
- 4) History of water culture, which includes water's influence on human's idea, religions, customs, lifestyle, culture inheritance and dissemination as well as the protection and use of water cultural heritage.
- 5) The historical wisdom in water utilization and management and its contemporary enlightenment to coping with the water challenges
- 6) Water civilizations and human community in the horizon of The Belt and Road.

**Conference organizers****Sponsors:**

Hubei University, China

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

**Executive organizers:**

Faulty of History and Culture, Hubei University

International Office of Hubei University

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Yangzte River Cultural Institute of China,

Changjiang Civilization Museum.

**International Supporting Institutions:**

International Water History Association(IWHA)  
UNESCO Global Network of Water Museums  
International Water Association Subgroup on Water and Wastewater Technology in  
Ancient Civilization (IWA-WWAC)  
Geological Society of Greece  
Greek National Hydrographic Association  
University of Valencia, Spain.  
Water Civilization international Centre, Italy

**Conference Schedule:**

Date	Event
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Arrival and check-in
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Opening ceremony, keynote speech and penal discussions
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Penal discussions and closing ceremony
May 12 <sup>nd</sup>	Local technological visit in morning and leave conference in afternoon

**Conference Avenue**

Conference center of Hubei University, No.368, Youyi, Wuchang District, Wuhan City, Hubei Province, PR China. Contact: 027-88663837

**Key dates and paper submission**

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Personal information and manuscript abstracts submission.

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, official acceptance notice.

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, The full paper submission.

Abstract and manuscript submission to [hbu2019\\_english@126.com](mailto:hbu2019_english@126.com)

Participants is requested to following the manuscript guide to organize their manuscript after the abstract is accepted.

**Conference expense**

There is no registration fee requested for participant. Local costs included transportation, food and hotel will be covered by the organizers except international travel costs and personal social insurance.

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