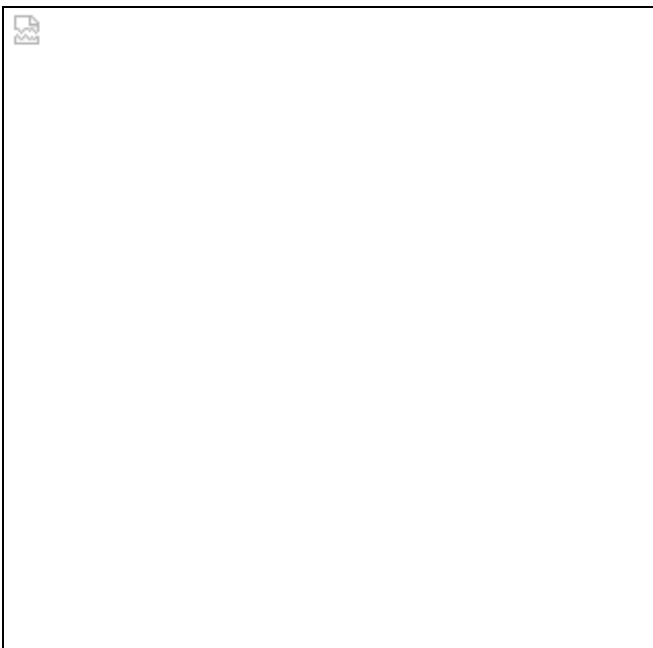


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Int'l Water Management Institute wins Stockholm Water Prize



Director General of IWMI, Dr Colin Chartres receiving the prize from the King of Sweden, Carl XVI Gustaf at a Royal Prize Ceremony and Banquet held in Stockholm City Hall.

Sri Lanka-based **IWMI (International Water Management Institute)** was presented with the prestigious Stockholm Water Prize at the annual World Water Week held in Stockholm last month.

Director General of **IWMI**, Dr Colin Chartres received the prize from the King of Sweden, His Majesty Carl XVI Gustaf at a Royal Prize Ceremony and Banquet held in Stockholm City Hall.

"It is an incredible honour for all of us and I'd like to thank the award committee for recognizing **IWMI's** work with such a high-profile accolade," said Dr Chartres.

"The real winners, however, are **IWMI's** dedicated staff who, for just over a quarter of a century, has consistently delivered scientific research of the highest quality.

Our work has had a profound influence on water management policy throughout the globe, delivering real benefits for some of the poorest people in developing countries."

"I would also like to thank our many and diverse partners here in our host country Sri Lanka ministries, agencies and private sector organizations, whose contribution over the years has been vital to the receiving of this award."

In March this year, the Stockholm International Water Institute announced its selection of **IWMI** as the 2012 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate. The prize was awarded for **IWMI's** pioneering research that has served to improve agricultural water management and enhance food security, protect environment health and alleviate poverty in developing countries. "**IWMI** is the first international research institution to be recognized for this accolade."

The Stockholm Water Prize is the 'world's most prestigious prize given for

outstanding achievements in water-related research activities. As the Stockholm Water Prize Laureate 2012, **IWMI** received a US \$ 150,000 prize and a crystal sculpture. The money will be used to assist scientists, particularly women, from poor countries with their career development.

IWMI has been the driving force in promoting policies and techniques to help farmers produce 'more crop per drop', and in implementing solutions that enable agriculture to cultivate enough food to feed the world's growing population with limited water resources.

In Sri Lanka, working with local and international partners, **IWMI** has an active portfolio of projects, capacity building and training programs designed to meet local needs. Established in Sri Lanka in 1985 under an Act of Parliament, **IWMI** is the only international non-governmental organization headquartered in Sri Lanka and has regional offices across Asia and Africa.

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