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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 on August 30.

"It is an incredible honor 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, have 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 express my grateful thanks to 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 USD 150,000 prize and a crystal sculpture. The money will be used to assist scientists, particularly women, from poor countries with their career development.

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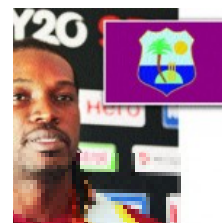
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