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Welcome to FLOODsite Public News

FLOODsite progress

We have just completed our third year of the research and reported on progress to the European Commission. Five of our research tasks are now complete with reports available on the project website; in fact the website has now 100 documents available for public download. The project is on track, we have met all major milestones and deliverables due by the end of year 3. Many more are due in the coming 12 months. A copy of the annual Executive Summary is available on the project website; look for recent reports at: http://www.floodsite.net/html/whats_new.asp

Special Journal Issues

Our research on the probability of extremes was completed earlier this year and has been submitted as a series of 13 papers for a special issue of the Journal of Hydraulic Research and will be printed later this year. We are planning more special journal issues to collect the research knowledge from other FLOODsite tasks as they complete. Also of interest, is the extra issue just published of the Journal of Hydraulic Research on the dam break flow results of the EC FP5 IMPACT project; see www.iahr.org.

European Symposium on Flood Risk Management Research



The European Symposium on Flood Risk Management Research took place on 6th-7th February 2007 in Dresden (Germany). Nearly 250 participants from 38 countries joined the event and the scientific programme ranged from extreme events to citizen involvement. The Symposium explored the breadth of work in the FLOODsite tasks and in related national

and EC funded projects. The symposium communication is available as a news item on the FLOODsite website (see above). Publication of the scientific papers from the event is in progress as advertised on www.Dresden-FRC.de/EFRM_2007.

Related research on Flood Risk Management

Our annual reporting included a description of actions we have taken on linking to major national research programmes. In all we have active links to 79 other projects and actions including those established for the implementation of the proposed EU directive on the assessment and management of flood risks. Two of the largest programmes which have connection to FLOODsite are in the UK and Germany. Visit <http://www.rimax-hochwasser.de/index.php?id=400&L=1> for the homepage for the German programme RIMAX; at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/enviro/fcd/research/newslett/index.htm> you will find the newsletters from the UK research programme.

The European Conference on Flood Risk Management – research into practice

The FLOODsite team are promoting an international conference as one of our dissemination activities. We have booked accommodation and lecture facilities in Oxford (UK) for the three days and will be establishing conference web pages soon. The plan is issue an open call for papers and posters later this year for peer-review and selection for the conference.

Watch out for more news and reserve the dates in your diary now – 30th September to 2nd October 2008.



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