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28 Nations to Compete in 2011 International Stockholm Junior Water Prize Finale

This August, the winners of national competitions from 29 countries will compete for the prestigious international Stockholm Junior Water Prize.

The international Stockholm Junior Water Prize finale will be held during the 2011 World Water Week in Stockholm, August 21-27, the leading annual meeting place for the planet's most urgent water-related issues. Competing projects will be on display at the World Water Week exhibition hall, where each finalist will be interviewed by a committee of international water experts. The 2011 Prize will be presented by H.R.H Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden on August 23 during a ceremony at Stockholm International Fairs.

Each year, thousands of young participants enter national Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) competitions in over 30 countries. The finalists this year are the winners of national SJWP contests, which fielded a record 5000 submitted projects worldwide in 2011. Finalists will represent the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Canada, Chile, China, Cyprus, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, Russia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, Ukraine, USA and Vietnam.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the international Stockholm Junior Water Prize programme.

About the Stockholm Junior Water Prize Competition

The competition is open to young people between 15-20 years of age, who have conducted water-related projects focusing on local, regional, national or global topics of environmental, scientific, social or technological importance. As a result of the competitions, thousands of young people around the world develop personal interests, undertake academic study, and often pursue careers in the water or environmental fields.

The international winner receives a USD 5,000 award and a prize sculpture. The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) administers the competition, which is sponsored globally by ITT Corporation.

H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden is the Patron of the Stockholm Junior Water Prize.

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The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) is a policy institute that contributes to international efforts to combat the world's escalating water crisis. SIWI develops and promotes future-oriented and knowledge-integrated policies, towards sustainable use of the world's water resources leading to sustainable development and poverty eradication.

