



## SYMPOSIUM THEMES

Water is the most important resource on this planet, and a significant proportion of global investment and infrastructure is concerned with ensuring its supply, management, quality, and transportation. Every €1 invested in clean water can yield €4–€13 in economic returns, but when its use becomes unsustainable and its supply limited, polluted, or even too abundant during flood events, our society and its infrastructure can fail.

All forms of development interact with water at a physical, policy, regulatory, social, or cultural level. In the face of future climate change adaptation and mitigation, new infrastructure will need to be resilient to both current and future hydrological risks. The impact assessment (IA) of water effects for new infrastructure or water-relevant policies, plans, and programmes (through EIA or SEA, for example) is a complex and critical step within the appraisal of investment, operational, or future sustainable management cycles.

This IAIA symposium aims to:

- Advance a multidisciplinary discussion about the challenges and opportunities associated with the management of water-related impacts across investment sectors.
- Support IA professionals in effectively meeting challenges associated with water IA, management, and planning.
- Promote new approaches in impact assessment.

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

### IAIA Special Symposium

### Water and Impact Assessment: Investment, Infrastructure, Legacy

31 August - 2 September 2016

Bishop Grosseteste University (BGU)  
Lincoln, England, United Kingdom



## WATER TOPICS COVERED WILL INCLUDE:

- IA applications in the water sector, such as water management, quality, drought, storage, transport, flood protection, abstraction, and catchment/river/aquifer management.
- The consideration of water in IA in other sectors.
- Catchment and landscape scale plans and strategies.
- Consideration of ecosystem services.
- National models and regulatory frameworks.
- Water quality as it relates to public water supply, waste water treatment and health issues.
- Water sector infrastructure in eastern Europe.
- IA, flood risk and coastal management.
- Urban water management and design, including blue and green corridors and safety/health/amenity.
- Climate change adaptation and IA.
- Offshore and marine spatial planning and IA.
- New ways of funding water-related projects and the role of IA.
- Considering virtual water in planning and IA procedures.
- The role of IA in balancing water, energy, and natural resource needs.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

*Abstracts invited starting 15 March 2016*

From March through May, abstracts are invited for paper and/or poster presentations on the topics and sessions listed in the preliminary program. Accepted papers and posters with the primary author registered by 5 July are listed in the final program.

**PROCEDURE:** All speakers and presenters at this symposium must submit an abstract. Submit a paper abstract if you intend to make an oral presentation. Submit a poster abstract if you prefer to display a visual presentation. A maximum of two abstracts may be submitted per person. Detailed submission instructions will be posted when the submission process opens in March.

**ACCEPTANCE:** After the submission period closes on 31 May, the program committee will review abstracts and contact authors regarding acceptance status.

**REGISTRATION:** All presenting authors are required to submit a completed registration form and full payment by 5 July in order to be listed on the final program. IAIA does not have funds available to pay registration and travel expenses for delegates; all speakers must pay the posted fees.

**ABSTRACTS DUE 31 MAY 2016**

## IMPORTANT DATES: MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

- **15 March 2016**  
Abstract submission process opens  
Registration opens  
Preliminary program available
- **31 May 2016**  
Abstract submission deadline
- **5 July 2016**  
Registration deadline for presenting authors  
Early Bird registration deadline
- **12 August 2016**  
Registration closes
- **15 August 2016**  
Final program posted
- **31 August - 2 September 2016**  
Symposium

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## ABOUT IAIA

IAIA is the International Association for Impact Assessment, organized in 1980 to bring together researchers, practitioners, and users of various types of impact assessment from all parts of the world. IAIA involves people from many disciplines and professions. Our members include corporate planners and managers, public interest advocates, government planners and administrators, private consultants and policy analysts, university and college teachers and their students. IAIA has members from over 120 nations.

For 35 years IAIA has been holding annual conference events all over the world to promote best practices in impact assessment.

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