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Water Research Symposium to Honor the Late Dr. Robert Bowman

The 2009 Water Research Symposium is dedicated to the memory of the late New Mexico Tech Professor Robert Bowman. Dr. Bowman died in June after a brief bout with cancer. He was a well known and respected member of the New Mexico water community and taught many students over his twenty-plus years at New Mexico Tech. Dr. Bowman served on the WRRI water symposium committee that organizes the annual event at New Mexico Tech.

Every August, water experts, students, private consultants, and interested citizens gather at the Macey Center at New Mexico Tech for a one-day symposium that showcases recent water research projects. Participants come from throughout the Southwest to listen to their colleagues present posters and oral descriptions of their current water-related research.

This year, 34 posters will be exhibited and 37 oral presentations are scheduled for concurrent sessions. The presentations span a wide range of water related topics including improving irrigation efficiency; characterizing infiltration, evapotranspiration, and runoff; enhancing, conserving, and protecting water supplies; modeling and forecasting water supplies; and preventing pollution and controlling contaminants.

The symposium is hosted by the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute in collaboration with Sandia National Laboratories, Los Alamos National Laboratory, the U.S. Geological Survey, New Mexico State University, New Mexico Tech, University of New Mexico, Daniel B. Stephens and Associates, and the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission.

The symposium is scheduled for August 11, 2009 at the Macey Center. Opening remarks and a tribute to Dr. Bowman will start at 8:30 a.m. in the Theater.

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Following opening remarks, author Patricia Bobeck will talk about her translation of Henry Darcy's major work, "The Public Fountains of the City of Dijon," originally published in 1856. In the book, Darcy describes the planning and construction of the water supply system in Dijon, France in 1832-1840. Buried at the back of the book is Darcy's rationale for and description of the experiments that led to Darcy's Law.

Bobeck is a geologist and linguist. Prior to her geologic career, she studied languages in France and Switzerland. She has worked for environmental agencies in Texas for 17 years overseeing groundwater and soil remediation at industrial, hazardous, and radioactive waste sites.

Everyone is welcome to attend the symposium. Registration is online at <http://wrri.nmsu.edu/conf/tc09/symposium.html> . Participants can register at the door but the WRRRI encourages preregistration online. The fee for the conference is \$20, which includes lunch and a copy of all the presentation and poster abstracts. For more information on the symposium, call the WRRRI at 575-646-4337.

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The New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute is a nonprofit organization that funds water-related projects at all of New Mexico's universities. Press may attend the symposium free of charge; feel welcome to attend.