

First International Conference on Fog and Fog Collection

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The First International Conference on Fog and Fog Collection took place in Vancouver, Canada, 19 to 24 July 1998. The conference was organized to address a need to bring together scientists working on fog related issues and those in the development community who are using or wish to use fog as a managed water resource. The conference had three main themes: the science of fog (physics, chemistry, meteorology, forecasting, etc.); the role of fog in sustainable forestry; and the role of fog collection in development projects.

The Symposium on the Project for the Rehabilitation of the Lomas in Mejía, Peru, sponsored by the European Union and the Universidad Nacional de San Augustin de Arequipa, was held on the Friday, 24 July, of the conference. It was well attended with audience participation by approximately 100 of the delegates. The papers presented by the project members from Europe and South America are included in the Proceedings Volume of the conference. Copies are available in major libraries throughout the world as well as in the National Library of Canada. The papers include both scientific and overview articles. Contributions to the organization of the sessions were made by Dr. Roberto Semenzato, Professor Percy Jimenez and Professor Pilar Cereceda who was one of the Directors of the Fog Conference.

The conference was held at the Westin Bayshore Hotel on the shore of Burrard Inlet during perhaps the warmest and sunniest weather that Vancouver has seen in 50 years. This provided the 160 delegates from 41 countries with the perfect opportunity to enjoy an excursion above the treeline in the Coastal Mountains as well as an evening dinner cruise in the ocean around the city. A large 40 m² fog collector outside the hotel was a magnet for the media and delegates alike and provided one of many venues for this group, with very different backgrounds, to get to know one another.

The conference had nine Institutional Sponsors, sixteen Corporate Sponsors, and four Endorsements. These are listed on the conference web site, along with other information, at <http://www.tor.ec.gc.ca/armp/Events.html>. The Proceedings Volume of the Conference contains 125 papers and is 500 pages with a Table of Contents and Author index. Ordering information can be obtained from Dr. Robert Schemenauer, P.O. Box 81541, 1057 Steeles Ave. West, North York, Ontario, Canada, M2R 2X1 or robert.schemenauer@ec.gc.ca.