

# Announcing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Lake of the Woods Water Quality Forum

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Lake of the Woods Water Quality Forum is scheduled for March 8 & 9, 2006 at Rainy River Community College in International Falls, Minnesota. This is a professional symposium intended for researchers and resource managers working and/or interested in research and management activities related to the Rainy River Basin and Lake of the Woods. The Forum is sponsored by the Rainy River Basin Water Resources Center, Lake of the Woods District Property Owners Association, North American Lake Management Society, Rainy River Community College, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Lake of the Woods Water Sustainability Foundation and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

The Symposium, which will include presentations, a poster session and a discussion of emerging issues, will be held on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> will be dedicated to working groups and workshops.

A registration form is attached to this notice. Please note the \$25 conference fee.

A summary of the first symposium can be downloaded at: <a href="www.lowdpoa.com">www.lowdpoa.com</a> . The 2005 Forum proceedings can be accessed at <a href="http://rainybasinwater.org">http://rainybasinwater.org</a> .

A final notice will be distributed in February along with a list of presenters and registration information.

There's still time to submit an abstract for a presentation or poster!

Please see "Submittal" information below.

Rainy River Community College International Falls, MN

#### **New for 2006**

- 1. The Forum Organizing Committee has added an "Emerging Issues" section to the presentations during the symposium. The Committee will recruit two speakers, one representing the scientific community the other a political body or resource management agency, who will close the symposium with presentations on emerging issues that will affect water research and management for Lake of the Woods and its upstream watersheds. This year's speakers are Dr. Mark Seeley, a University of Minnesota climatologist, and Mr. Gord Miller, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario.
- 2. We're continuing and expanding the focused working groups on the second day, including:
  - Nutrient and Algal Issues (called Paleolimnology in 2005)
  - Coordination of Volunteers
  - Mercury in the Aquatic and Terrestrial Environment
  - Remote Sensing
- 3. We're adding workshops to the second day's schedule. This year the workshops will focus on maintenance and calibration of multi-probes.
- 4. In order to offset expenses and ensure sustainability of the Forum, the Committee has decided to institute a nominal fee of \$25 (US or Canadian) for those attending the Forum.

#### **Submittal**

Those interested in presenting papers, ongoing research or posters must submit the following information to Katie Brosch (<a href="mailto:katie.brosch@pca.state.mn.us">katie.brosch@pca.state.mn.us</a>) by January 30, 2006:

#### **Presenter Information:**

Name
Research Organization or Agency
Mailing Address
Telephone Number
E-mail Address

#### **Submittal Information:**

Presentation or Poster Title of presentation or area of research Abstract or summary of presentation

### **Organizing Committee**

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March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Rainy River Community College 1501 Highway 71 International Falls, Minnesota, USA

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Please complete this form (one per person) and e-mail, fax, or mail by February 28, 2006 to Katie Brosch at:

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- Fax: 218-723-4727
- Snail-mail: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 525 South Lake Avenue, Suite 400, Duluth, MN 55802, USA

The Forum registration fee of \$25 includes refreshment breaks and lunch for both days. The Organizing Committee asks that you pay via check. You may mail checks for your registration fee to Katie Brosch at the address above or pay at the Forum. Please make the checks payable to Rainy River Community College. Travel and accommodation costs are the responsibility of the individual. A block of rooms is reserved for March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in International Falls. The rate is \$69 per night if reservations are made at least two weeks in advance.

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I am presenting at the forum yes	no
I cannot attend the 2006 Forum, but please ke	ep my name on the distribution list
The following agencies/people should also be	added to the distribution list: