



JST-NSERC Workshop on Sustainable Water Use

- Workshop is not a symposium nor a conference.
 *We have to develop friendship and mutual understandings.
 - *****For international collaboration under joint funding.
 - > Seeds, tools, targets, and opportunities.
- Integration and synergy of wisdom from various discipline always trigger innovation.
 - *****In academic field, and in societies.













Contacts for Topics

- Eutrophication of large lakes: Dr. Yachi
- Mercury issues: Dr. Asami
- **PPCP: Dr. Furumai**
- Climate Change: Dr. Kanae
- Cyanobacteria in Drinking Water: Dr. Asami
- Environmental Effects Monitoring: Dr. Furumai
- Sci & Eng. For Physical Habitat: Dr. Tsujimoto
- **AES'EAU-WaterNET: Dr. Asami, Dr. Embutsu**
- Canadian Aquatic invasive Species: Dr. Hayashi



Opportunities?



- **Alleviate CSO (Combined Sewage Outflow) in urban areas**
- ▲ Aquatic toxicology: quality + temperature, sediments, ...
- Comparative study how to secure safe drinking water supplies
 - Risk management strategy, high-tech counter measures, ...
- Multiple anthropogenic stressors on aquatic eco-systems/water
 & LULC Changes, social and climate changes, ...
- Impacts of multiple stressors on:
 - **Sustainable water supply, water (+food & energy) security, ...**
 - ***** Restoration and conservation of river environment, ...
 - **Wild fish, recreational fishing**
- Communicating water environment/"healthy river" with public
 - * Refurbish or remove dams environmental flows/controlled flooding, ...
- Transferring technology and wisdom on water to developing world.





International Collaborations

Exchange ideas, views, scholars...

Sharing common targets, motivations, tools, datasets, observational sites, numerical models, knowledge, ...

♦For example,

***** Joint case study in Canadian/Japanese lakes/watersheds?

- **Comparative study on watershed managements?**
- ***** Joint summer school on water security?

♦ Needs social scientists (?) Belmont Forum





Discussions (1)

- Joint efforts by ecologists and engineers
- Solution oriented approach
 - Scale issues: temporal, spatial
- **•** Specific versus general approaches
 - **Best practices in watershed management**
- **•** Threshold study of silt and sediment on fish
 - **Turbidity, pH, temperature, oxygen, shading, feeding, ...**
- Dams/reservoirs
 - **Flow management, removal, ...**
- **Water source protection/conservation. Regulation issues.**





Discussions (2)

- Water quality at the outlet from waste water plant should be monitored and criteria should be examined/revised.
- **Urban water management**
- Practical use of developed technology.
 - **Solution technologies can be developed for sharp issues**
- Comparative study

 - **Governance issues and/or management systems as well.**
 - **Wunderstanding the water use/management in paddy fields.**
 - ***** Different states have different ways of management in Canada.





Discussions (3)

- Impacts of Geo-engineering (as mitigation of climate change) on water.
 - Impacts of producing oil sand & biofuel crops on water.
- Communication design among stakeholders.
- Ecology side and engineering side 2.5 hour on the 2nd day to develop possible collaborations.
 - Identify the "Big Picture" (good questions and ideas) first, then think about the comparative advantages.





Discussions (4)

- Need to identify a few to several topics with higher priorities in the "sustainable water use" research.
- Requires integration and synergy among possible future projects under the joint call.
- Other tools/issues
 - **Stable isotopes**
 - **Point source** *v.s.* **non point source**
 - ***** Empirical numerical models \Leftrightarrow physically based models
 - > Enable to develop more universally applicable prediction tool.