



The World Bank's Water Sector Writing Contest on Wikipedia



WRITE THE BEST WATER ARTICLE ON WIKIPEDIA AND WIN A WEEK-LONG TRIP TO THE WORLD BANK HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The World Bank Water Wikipedia writing contest is an effort by the World Bank to engage with Universities for its Wikipedia Pilot Project. The competition is open to students currently enrolled at participating universities worldwide. First place contestants will be offered invitations for a week-long paid visit to the World Bank Water Days in Washington D.C.

What is the World Bank Wikipedia Pilot Project (WPP)?

The WPP seeks to provide relevant, reliable and up-to-date knowledge on water topics to professionals and other users in an easily accessible, and interactive format. The WPP consists of a series of articles posted on Wikipedia providing an overview of the water sector in a particular country or city. Each note contains systematic information, data, useful external links and much more. Content is drawn from publicly available sources and has been largely compiled by World Bank staff so far. The World Bank now asks the broader academic community to participate in the preparation and maintenance of Wikipedia water notes. The World Bank WPP website: <http://go.worldbank.org/33XZGJETV0>

What is the contest about?

The World Bank Wikipedia writing contest includes three categories in which to compete. Each contestant will choose ONE of the following three categories to compete in: (i) writing an original Wikipedia note on a water topic, (ii) preparing a comparative analysis based on existing World Bank WPP water notes, or (iii) updating current World Bank WPP water notes. A review panel will evaluate each piece and choose one winner from each of three categories. Your work should be submitted by Friday December 31st, 2010. Winners will be announced Friday January 14th, 2011.

What can I win?

The World Bank will award three first-place recipients -one from each category- with invitations for a week-long paid visit to the World Bank Water Days, a series of presentations and discussions by World Bank staff about their work, water sector challenges and good practices. Water Days will be held at the end of January 2011. In addition, winners may have an opportunity to present their work during Water Days.

For more information and to register, please send your inquiry to:
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