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LEADING WATER ECOLOGIST SHARES INSIGHT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF FRESHWATERS OF THE PRAIRIES

SASKATOON, SK- What are the most pressing water management issues facing the Prairies? Find out from one of the world's leading water ecologists and one of Canada's most outspoken environmental scientists. Dr. David Schindler, Killam Memorial Professor of Ecology at the University of Alberta, is keynote speaker for the "Just Add Water" conference on October 3 & 4, 2002 at the Sheraton Cavalier in Saskatoon. **Dr. Schindler's presentation at 9:20am on Thursday, October 3rd will address "The Cumulative Effects of Climate Change and Other Human Activity on Freshwaters of the Canadian Prairies".**

Internationally recognized for his research on the harmful effects of acid and phosphorous-rich detergents on freshwater, his work has led to important public policy changes in North America and Europe. In 2001, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council awarded Dr. Schindler the Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering. The award includes \$1 million in research funding and is considered the highest honour for Canadian Researchers.

In the last few years, issues of water quantity and quality has received increasing attention and stirred much discussion about Canada's freshwater supply. Those charged with the task of managing water and land resources, particularly in the prairies, are facing increasing pressures to come up with sustainable water policies. Indeed some might say if we could "just add water", all our problems would be solved. Only with a good understanding about watersheds and how water quality can be impacted, can we make appropriate decisions about managing and protecting our water resources.

Throughout the conference, speakers from various levels of government, the scientific and research community, the legal profession as well as those involved in working with community stakeholders will provide their perspectives on the challenges of managing water and land resources in the prairie provinces. Among special guests on Thursday, October 3, 2002 are The Honourable Buckley Belanger, Minister of the Environment, who will be making a special announcement at 5:50pm and banquet speaker Susan Ormiston, a Broadcast Journalist with the CBC, presenting "Troubled Waters".

The "Just Add Water" conference is a presentation of Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin (PFSRB) in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc., the Saskatchewan Environmental Society and the Centre for Studies in Agriculture, Law and the Environment.

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