Workshop on Groundwater Governance:

Drawing connections between Science, Knowledge, and Policy-Making



s part of the British Council Researcher Links scheme, the University of Strathclyde, in partnership with CeReGAS (Centro Regional para la Gestion de Aguas Subterraneas en America Latina in Caribe), plans to hold a workshop for participants from the UK and Uruguay. The workshop will take place in Salto, Uruguay at the Universidad de la Republica de Uruguay, Centro Universitario Region Litoral Norte, on 22-26 February 2016 and will be led by distinguished academics from both countries.

This event seeks to bring together 30 scholars and researchers (see eligibility criteria below) from the UK and Uruguay to hold an academic discussion on "Groundwater Governance: Drawing connections between Science, Knowledge, and Policy-Making" with various subthemes including public and international policy for the sustainable development and management of groundwater.

The objective of the workshop is to facilitate the sharing of knowledge in both directions and the building of links for future collaboration. In addition to specialist sessions on the focus of the workshop (groundwater governance), participants will also have an opportunity to share and explore how groundwater governance operates in the United Kingdom and in Uruguay and, from a transboundary perspective, in the Guarani Aquifer System.

The organising committee is inviting applications for participation from interested scholars based at higher education and research institutions in the UK and Uruguay. Applicants should submit their application package to francesco.sindico@strath.ac.uk by 10 December 2015.

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The application package must include: **1)** an expression of interest outlining your research interests/expertise including any current or future international collaborator/s and your future research career plan (maximum 750 words); 2) your up to date CV: and **3)** a letter from the head of your department (or current supervisor) and future research supervisor indicating your academic title and date of PhD award (if applicable). This letter should also explain how the topic of the workshop is relevant to your current and future research. Applicants must ensure that they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- 1. Hold an academic (research or teaching) position in the UK or Uruguay;
- Be an early career researcher (PhD awarded not earlier than 2. January 2006, with allowances made for career breaks) or a PhD researcher in her/his final stages of her/his doctorate;
- 3. Work on subjects relevant to the themes of the workshop as evidenced by the applicant's publications and awarded degree;
- 4. If a researcher does not have a PhD but has the equivalent experience and works in a field where a PhD is not necessary for their research activity, they may still be considered to participate.
- 5. Have a basic knowledge of English.

The final selection will be made by a panel comprising members of the organising committee and senior academics from the UK and Uruguay. Selected applicants are expected to be notified before December 30, 2015.

Travel (economy class), subsistence and accommodation costs will be covered for all participants. Travel insurance is also covered. Should you have any questions concerning the workshop, please do not hesitate to contact **CeReGAS** at ceregas@ceregas.org.







