



FINAL REPORT

AUSTRALIA-SPAIN WATER FORUM

An interdisciplinary approach

Sydney 29-31 October 2015

SIMS (Sydney Institute of Marine Science)

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The association of Spanish Researchers in Australia-Pacific (SRAP) is a non-for-profit organisation which commenced operation in 2014 and was officially incorporated in April 2015. SRAP's objectives include: (1) Networking and support for Spanish Researchers in Australia-Pacific; (2) between Australia-Pacific and Spanish research institutes and universities; (3) Participate, influence and help to shape the Spanish Research System. SRAP organises and promotes research-related events and aims to organise one major event per year. The 2015 event was the Australia-Spain Water Forum.

The Australia-Spain Water Forum (ASWF) was an initiative of the SRAP, the Instituto Cervantes Sydney and Macquarie University. The aim was to create a multidisciplinary forum to commemorate the end of the UN Decade for Action 'Water for Life'. The event consisted of two days based on water scarcity, culture of water, science of the coasts, sustainable water and bridging science and water industry. The third day dedicated to SRAP and links with other European researchers in Australia. In addition SRAP collaborated in the satellite research roundtable "The Social Implications of water resources management and treatment" organised by the European Centre on Shared Complex Challenges, at the University of Melbourne. A detailed program of the Forum and the roundtable can be found in Appendix A. The two events have been very successful with some 100 delegates attending the forum over the three days. The press release is shown in Appendix B. We have received positive feedback through personal comments and by e-mail (Appendix C). The summary of all the activities carried out by SRAP in 2015 appears in Appendix D.

ASWF was productive event where the importance of water was highlighted from a multidisciplinary point of view. The main conclusions of the forum were:

1. In a planet where the population is growing water remains as a limited resource.
2. Education is key for water management as water efficiencies can turn into a double-edge sword (i.e., water use increases due to increased efficiencies) .
3. Water is culturally important. Art raises awareness about water and traditional uses of water should be respected.



4. Human impacts on water quality can and should be minimised using environmentally friendly technology.
5. Climate change will change the geography and availability of water and only research can help forecast those scenarios.
6. Aquaculture will be important for food security. Increasing efficiencies in environmentally friendly aquaculture can be achieved through research.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

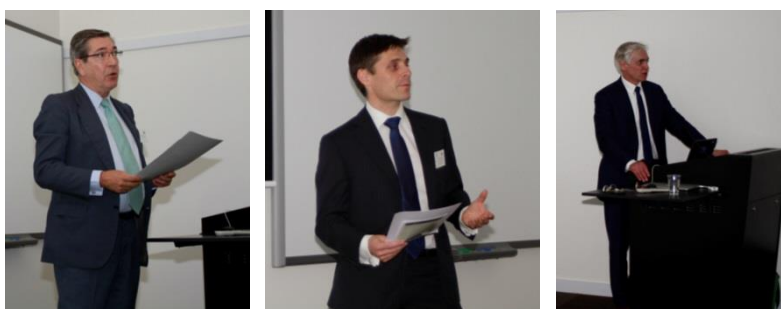
- Dr Ana Vila-Concejo (Chair, SRAP, Sydney University)
- Prof Luis Salvador-Carulla (President SRAP, Sydney University)
- Mr Victor Ugarte (Director Sydney Instituto Cervantes)
- Ms Natalia Villena (SRAP, Macquarie University)
- Dr Ana Rubio-Zuazo (SRAP, Sydney University/ Hornsby Council)
- Dr Xabier Vazquez-Campos (SRAP, University of New South Wales)
- Dr Cesar Espada (SRAP, Embassy of Spain in Australia)
- Dr Sergio Leon-Saval (SRAP, Sydney University)
- Ms Izaskun de Allende (Instituto Cervantes, Sydney)
- Mr Juan Ruiz (Instituto Cervantes, Sydney)

SUMMARY OF THE EVENT

DAY 1 (attendance ~30 people)

Acknowledgement of country: Brad Morridge, Murri from the Kamiraloi Nation (NSW DPI Water-Aboriginal Water Initiative) acknowledged the traditional owners of the land where SIMS is located.

The SRAP Chair, Dr Ana VilaConcejo (Sydney University) opened the forum and was followed by an opening statement by Mitchell Isaacs (Office of the NSW Chief Scientist) Mr Isaacs emphasised the history and importance of water for humanity and the existing parallels between Spain and Australia. His final remarks referred to the possibility of a third world war being fought over water; he then remarked that everyone participating in this forum should reflect on the fact that they are really working towards world's peace. Mr Victor Ugarte, (Director of Instituto Cervantes in Sydney) then outlined the multidisciplinary program, Mr Manuel Cacho (Ambassador of Spain in Australia) welcomed everyone to the event highlighting the important work that SRAP is doing for the image of Spain in this region. The **opening lecture** by Prof Sakkie Pretorius, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) from Macquarie University, was a compelling comparison between the wine industry modernisation and the adaptations required to increase water efficiencies.



From left to right: Mr Manuel Cacho, Ambassador of Spain in Australia, Mr Mitchell Isaacs, Office of the New South Wales Chief Scientist and Engineer, Prof Sakkie Pretorius, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Macquarie University

The keynote address on **Water Scarcity**, chaired by Ana Vila-Concejo (Sydney University) was delivered by Ms Josefina Maestu (Director of the United Nations Office to Support the International Decade for Action ‘Water for life’, 2005-2015). Her address focussed on the UN’s global achievements and what remains to be done in the future. The address was then discussed by Prof Jennifer McKay (University of South Australia) and Dr Amgad Elmahdi (Bureau of Meteorology) who provided an Australian perspective on water scarcity.



Round table on water scarcity, from left to right, Dr Amgad Elmahdi, Prof Jennifer McKay and Ms Josefina Maestu.

The second session was about **The Culture of Water** and was chaired by Dr Cesar Espada (Cultural Delegate at the Spanish Embassy in Australia). There was a talk by Ms Jennifer Turpin, Turpin + Crawford Studio, about her work with water; she showed several of her master pieces and their connection with water. Mr Chris Maxworthy then presented new historical evidence that shows that Spain was planning on invading Australia in 1796. We then had the screening of Isabel Coixet’s documentary about the disappearance of the Aral Sea: “Aral. The lost sea”.

These sessions were followed by cocktails where typical Spanish food was served.



Celebrating Spanish Culture with Spanish Food

DAY 2 (attendance ~45 people)

SIMS CEO Prof Peter Steinberg welcomed delegates to Day 2.

The first session of the morning was **The Science of Coasts**, chaired by Dr Ana Rubio-Zuazo. The first speaker outlined how tropical expansion modifies wave climate and therefore coastal evolution. It was presented by A/Prof Ian Goodwin from Macquarie University. The second talk, by Dr Ana Vila-Concejo (Sydney University) was about the effects of storms on coral reefs. Prof Bruce Thom (Sydney University) spoke about coastal management issues in Australia. Dr Adriana Verges (University of New South Wales) showed evidence of the links between tropical expansion and herbivore migration being responsible for the disappearance of kelp forests. She also presented her new project on replanting Crayweed in the shores of Sydney, a crowd-funded project that will be launched shortly. Finally, Prof Peter Steinberg presented the World Harbour Project emphasising the role of Australian (Sydney) and Spanish (Vigo) partners.

The second session, chaired by Mr Alberto Cerdan (Senior Trade Commissioner at the Embassy of Spain) was about **Bridging the Science and Industry of Water**. The first talk by Dr James Hazelton (Macquarie University) showed how national water accounting standards can be set to manage water allocations. Dr Javier Artal gave a talk representing Acciona Australia; he presented an objective account on the efficiencies and impacts of water desalination plants. Mr Peter Brew (Adasa Systems) presented an account on the modernisation and efficiency of agriculture irrigation systems both in Spain and Australia over the last 20 years. Mr Brad Moggridge (Aboriginal Water Initiative from NSW Department of Primary Industry) told a compelling story about the importance of water for the Aboriginal people of Australia, how water is essential to their traditions and how the Aboriginal Water Initiative is working with traditional communities to preserve this. The last talk of this session was given by Dr Amgad Elmahdi (Australian Bureau of Meteorology) who provided extremely useful information about Australian water data sources and web-based systems available to best manage water resources like irrigation and dam levels.



Day 2 at the ASWF

The third and last session of the day was about **Sustainable Water** and it was chaired by Dr Adriana Verges (University of New South Wales). There were two talks about aquaculture, with Dr Melanie Bishop (Macquarie University) providing information about a pilot study to re-establish extinct oyster reefs in Australia's coast. Dr Alvaro Roura (La Trobe University) spoke about the advancement of research in Octopus aquaculture with emphasis on his experiments to establish the feeding mechanisms and patterns of octopus larvae in the wild. Mr Stephen Summehayes and Mr Simon Leyva (Cook River Alliance) provided a summary of their work along the Cook River by harvesting and treating stormwater and implementing sustainable practices in reducing impervious surfaces in urban areas. Finally Dr Ana Rubio-Zuazo (University of Sydney and Hornsby Council) highlighted the connectivity between the processes resulting from people living in the upper areas of a catchment and the downstream users like the oyster industry or even recreational users: boaters and swimmers.

The Water Forum was closed by Dr Ana Vila-Concejo who thanked everyone for their contribution and for attending the forum. She highlighted the value of the multidisciplinary approach for scientific dissemination.

The lunch was a remarkable way of celebrating Spanish culture; all speakers and delegates truly enjoyed the paellas served.



Paella on Day 2 of the ASWF

DAY 3 – Special Session on Spanish and European Researchers in Australia (Attendance~20 people)

The day was opened by Prof Luis Salvador-Carulla (President of SRAP, Sydney University). He provided a summary of SRAP activities in 2015 (see Appendix C for a full summary). This was followed by a presentation from Dr Cesar Espada (Spanish Embassy in Australia) who highlighted the importance of SRAP being an independent association of Spanish researchers that worked with the support of the Spanish Embassy.

This was followed by a round table chaired by Dr Ren Yi (Director of Research Training and International Research Training Partnerships, Cotutelle and Joint PhD Programs, Macquarie University). Dr Yi opened the round table highlighting the importance that partnerships with European researchers have for Macquarie University and Australian research in general. The participants of the round table then each introduced themselves and did a short presentation. Mr Thomas Biedermann (Office of Attache for Science and Technology of the French Embassy in Australia) presented the case of the network of French researchers and how the embassy plays a key role in that network. Dr Dimitri Perrin, a French researcher from the Queensland University of Technology and former president of the French Research Association in Japan, presented an account of the French association in Japan; he highlighted that the French association in Japan did not only include French researchers but was open to all French—speaking researchers of all nationalities. Dr Sergio Leon-Saval (Vice-President of SRAP, Sydney University) presented the case for SRAP to join an Australian Network of European Researchers and how this would lead to having one voice in Europe and thus increasing the possibilities of being heard and lobbying European Research to be more open to Australian research. Ms Helen O'Neill (Director of the Australia British Council and President of the EUNIC cluster in Australia) spoke of the opportunities that a European network of researchers would bring. She highlighted the fact that this is to happen in a very good moment since the British

Council is seeking to work more in science and the British researchers are looking to SRAP and beginning to think about forming their own association. She also pointed out that the Australian Federal Government will soon make an announcement on innovation where she hopes that links with European research will be highlighted. This was followed by an interesting discussion moderated by Dr Ren Yi. The main conclusions were that Australia should participate more actively in European Research (and vice-versa) and that the associations of researchers should start working towards the formation of a Network of European Researchers in Australia.



Round table moderated by Dr Ren Yi (left). Sitting down from left to right: Mr Thomas Biedermann, Dr Sergio Leon Saval, Dr Dimitri Perrin, Ms Helen O'Neil.

The second session of the day was about the development of SRAP, with delegates from different parts of Australia-Pacific providing a summary of their progress to date:

- Victoria. Dr Alvaro Roura (La Trobe University) provided an update of how they are starting to get organised and how they plan to have their first Research Bites event in December 2015.
- TAS. Dr Waldo Nuez (University of Tasmania) reported on how they are starting to get organised. Their first Research Bites event is planned for December 2015.
- ACT. There is a large group in Canberra. Dr Marina Trigueros (Cariboo Design) reported on first research bites for March 2016. They are also starting to get organised in collaboration with Cesar Espada from the Spanish Embassy.
- Regional NSW. Dr Sergio Ruiz-Halpern from Southern Cross University, spoke of his time in Lismore
- Sydney. Dr Oscar Perez-Concha (Cancer Institute NSW) provided an account of the history of SRAP, how it started and how in a very short time it has achieved so much. He highlighted the enthusiasm and dedication of every SRAP member.

Dr Ana Vila-Concejo officially closed the Water Forum, thanking all speakers and delegates and recalling the remarks of Mr Mitchell Isaacs (Office of the NSW Chief Scientist) about how working with water is working towards peace. She also highlighted the achievements of SRAP and the fact that we are now starting something new: a Network of European Researchers in Australia.



Spanish culture was again celebrated through a lunch which included a selection of Spanish tapas and pinchos.



SRAP members that attended the third day of the Australia-Spain Water Forum

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An event by: Spanish Researchers in Australia Pacific (SRAP), Catedra Instituto Cervantes and Macquarie University.

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Endorsement: The United Nations Office to Support the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005-2015 and the Embassies of Spain in Australia and in New Zealand.

Collaboration: The University of Sydney.





PURPOSE OF THIS SEMINAR

The United Nations General Assembly, in December 2003, proclaimed the years 2005-2015 as the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life'. Its primary goal was to promote efforts to fulfil international commitments made on water and water-related issues in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015.

This year is the last of the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005-2015. The purpose of this seminar is to address the crucial importance of water at present, from the point of view of health as well as energy, social and cultural development. Spain and Australia share a high concern for water resources, water treatment and water management, the marine environment and the economic and social implications involved.

THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2015

Time	Agenda
1PM	Registration
2PM – 2.50PM	Conference opening – Ana Vila-Concejo (Chair of Australia-Spain Water Forum (Forum Presentation))
> 2PM – 2.30PM	Opening Statement – Professor Mary O'Kane (NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer) Program presentation – Victor Ugarte (Director Instituto Cervantes of Sydney) Welcome – Manuel Cacho (Ambassador of Spain to Australia) and Ana Vila-Concejo (Chair of Australia-Spain Water Forum)
> 2.30PM – 2.50PM	Opening lecture – Professor Sakkie Pretorius (Macquarie University Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research)
2.50PM – 4PM	Keynote Lecture – Josefina Maestu (Director United Nations Office to Support the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005-2015)
> 3.30PM – 3.40PM	Discussant – Professor Jennifer McKay (Professor of Business Law University of South Australia Business School)
> 3.40PM – 4.00PM	Round table and Q&A – Josefina Maestu, Professor Jennifer McKay and Dr Amgad Elmahdi (Manager Water Resources Assessment Section and Australian experts)
4.00PM – 5.30PM	The culture of water – Chair: Cesar Espada (Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Spain)
> 4.00PM – 4.20PM	An artist's perspective – Jennifer Turpin
> 4.20PM – 4.40PM	'What if Spain had conquered Australia in the 18th century?' – Chris Maxworthy (Member Australian Association for Maritime History)
> 4.40PM – 5.00PM	Introducing the documentary 'Aral. The Lost Sea' (video conference) – Isabel Coixet (Film Director)
> 5.00PM – 5.20PM	Spanish documentary: Aral. The Lost Sea
> 5.20PM	Welcome cocktail

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2015

Time	Agenda
9.20AM – 9.30AM	Welcome to SIMS – Professor Peter Steinberg (SIMS CEO)
9.30AM – 11.10AM	The Science of Coasts – Chair: Ana Rubio (Hornsby Shire Council-SRAP)
> 9.30AM – 9.50AM	Tropical expansion and coastal evolution – Associate Professor Ian Goodwin (MQ, ASPRO Climate Risk (CoRE))
> 9.50AM – 10.10AM	Tropical and temperate coastal research – Dr Ana Vila-Concejo (USYD-SRAP)
> 10.10AM – 10.30AM	Coastal Management in Australia – Professor Bruce Thom (USYD)
> 10.30AM – 10.50AM	Climate change and the tropicalisation of temperate reefs – Dr Adriana Vergés (UNSW-SRAP)
> 10.50AM – 11.10AM	World Harbour Project presentation – Professor Peter Steinberg (SIMS)
11.10AM – 11.50AM	Coffee break
11.50AM – 1.30PM	Bridging the science and industry of water – Chair: Alberto Cerdán (Senior Trade Commissioner, Embassy of Spain)
> 11.50AM – 12.10PM	'National Water Accounting Standards' – Dr James Hazelton (MQ)
> 12.10PM – 12.30PM	Water Desalination – Cliff Stone and Carlos Cerezo (Acciona Australia)
> 12.30PM – 12.50PM	Irrigation modernisation in Australia and Spain – Peter Brew (Consultant Adasa Sistemas)
> 12.50PM – 1.10PM	Aboriginal cultural value of water – Brad Moggridge (NSW DPI Water)
> 1.10PM – 1.30PM	Where our water comes from: Climate Resilient Water sources – Amgad Elmahdi (BOM)
1.30PM – 2.30PM	Lunch
2.30PM – 3.50PM	Sustainable Water – Chair: Adriana Vergés (Senior Lecturer at the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences UNSW)
> 2.30PM – 2.50PM	Genetic solution or dilution: can selective breeding future-proof oysters? – Associate Professor Melanie Bishop (MQ)
> 2.50PM – 3.10PM	Healthy Oysters, Healthy Waterways – Dr Ana Rubio-Zuazo (Hornsby Shire Council-SRAP)
> 3.10PM – 3.30PM	Octopus on the move: a genetic look to their diet and microbiome – Dr Alvaro Roura-Labaga (Department of Ecology, Environment and Evolution La Trobe University-SRAP)
> 3.30PM – 3.50PM	Local Government catchment collaboration for a healthy waterway – Stephen Summerhayes and Simón Leiva (Cook River Alliance)
3.50PM – 4.10PM	Closure and summary – SRAP organisers / Instituto Cervantes



European Union Centre on
Shared Complex Challenges

Water Research Roundtable:

'The social and economic implications of water resources, management and treatment

Guest Speaker: Ms Josefina Maestu,

Coordinator, UN-Water Decade Program on Advocacy and Communication (UNW-DPAC) and
Director, United Nations Office, International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005-2015

When: Tuesday, 27 October 2015

At: 10.00am – 1.00pm (Lunch to be provided)

Where: Carlton Connect Seminar Room LAB 14, 700 Swanston Street, CARLTON, Victoria

Chair: Professor Peter Scales, Deputy Dean, Melbourne School of Engineering
and Director, Australia-China Water Centre

Participants

Name	Organisation
Professor Peter Scales	University of Melbourne
Mr. Juan Carlos Gafo Acevedo	Consul General of Spain, Melbourne
Victor Ugarte,	Instituto Cervantes Sydney
Prof Luis Salvador-Carulla,	University of Sydney
Marc Riera	Valoriza
Professor Alfredo Martinez Esposito	University of Melbourne
Professor Lee Godden	University of Melbourne
Professor John Langford	University of Melbourne
Associate Professor Valentin Pauwels	Monash University
Professor Michael Grace	Monash University
Professor Lee Crase	Latrobe
Professor Hector Malano	University of Melbourne
Professor Michael Stewardson	University of Melbourne
Dr Robert Argent	Bureau of Meteorology, CSIRO
Dr Brian Cook	University of Melbourne
Professor Veeriah Jegatheesan (Jega)	RMIT
Prof Rui Marques	Portugal
Dr Meenakshi Arora	University of Melbourne
Sallie Geary	UN Association of Australia
Marian Schoen	University of Melbourne



Appendix B Press Release

SRAP *Australia-Spain Water Forum* PRESS RELEASE

Sydney, Australia, 29-31 Thursday, 19 November 2015

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Do you care about water? Australia and Spain will come together on a three day symposium to share their view on the importance of water in the 21st century.

The Australia-Spain Water Forum is a seminar organised at the beautiful [Sydney Institute of Marine Science](#) in Chowder Bay, which brought a broad perspective about water in nature and explored the importance of water and water-related issues for the 21st century. Spain and Australia share a high concern for water resources, water treatment and water management, the marine environment and the economic and social implications involved.

The seminar was organized by the association of Spanish Researches in the Australia Pacific (SRAP), Cátedra Instituto Cervantesⁱ (Academic Forum), Macquarie University Sponsored by New South Wales Trade & Investment, the Spain-Australia Council Foundation, FECYT (Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology), BBVA, Emirates and with the collaboration of the University of Sydney, as a key event at the end of the UN 2005-2015 International Decade for Action "Water for Life". The aim of this strategy has been to fulfil international commitments made on water and water-related issues in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

This three-day seminar provided a multidisciplinary approach to the crucial importance of water from multiple perspectives including health, environment, ecology, energy, social and cultural development. It was opened by the Spanish Ambassador, Mr Manuel Cacho, Mr Victor Ugarte, Director of Instituto Cervantesⁱⁱ Sydney and Professor Mary O'Kane, NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer. Some of the specific topics of focus have been water scarcity, the culture of water, the science of coasts, sustainable water, bridging the science and industry of water. Amongst the speakers Josefina Maestu, Director United Nations office to Support the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' described the lessons learnt from the water decade for the implementation of the new goals in the post 2015 agenda. Two days prior to the forum, a satellite Research Roundtable was conducted at the European Union Centre of Shared Complex Challenges, University of Melbourne, to address the vital role of water in today's society.



Appendix C – Feedback

Twitter https://twitter.com/srap_ieap

Chris Maxworthy @cgmaxwor 19h19 hours ago
Chris Maxworthy Retweeted Dr Adriana Vergés

I really enjoyed my presentation with Water Forum.
Thank you @srap_ieap @CervantesSydney last week.
Great team SRAP.

EmbajadaEspAustralia @EmbajadaEspAust Oct 30
EmbajadaEspAustralia Retweeted Ángel López-Sánchez

Last day at the Spain Australia Water Forum in Sidney.
Great job by @srap_ieap !!!

eMails

**Andres Cacho, Ambassador
Embassy of Spain
Canberra, Australia**

Muchas gracias Luis.

A ti y a todos los que habéis contribuido al éxito del Foro del Agua.

Seguiremos colaborando en todo lo que necesitéis, en particular en los eventos que tenéis previstos para el año que viene en Canberra.



Josefina Maestu, Coordinator

United Nations Office to support the International Decade for Action, 'Water for Life' 2005-2015, UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication

Os escribo para daros la enhorabuena por las magnificas conferencias organizadas en Melbourne y en Sydney durante la ultima semana de Octubre y en las que he tenido el placer de participar como Conferenciante invitada.

He quedado muy gratamente impresionada por la forma en la que la Comunidad Científica Española en Asia- Pacífico esta organizada y como se la apoya desde la Embajada, los consulados y las organizaciones del servicio exterior de España. Por supuesto la apuesta cultural y científica del Instituto Cervantes ha quedado claramente reflejada en la organización de estas conferencias con una programación variada y de lo mas interesante. Las relaciones con las organizaciones de la UE están sin duda sirviendo para potenciar estos esfuerzos.

Las Profesora Jennifer MaKay de Adelaida que también participó en la conferencia en Sydney y a la que conozco desde hace mucho tiempo (participio con un articulo en un libro sobre mercados de agua del que soy editora) también dejo constancia de su deseo de continuar cooperando con vosotros y apoyar al Instituto Cervantes en potenciales actividades en Adelaida.

Un fuerte abrazo y buen trabajo! Estáis construyendo algo muy valioso.

Peter Brew

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ADASA Sydney Office**

Dear Ana, Victor, and Luis,

I wanted to congratulate you on the Australia-Spain Water Forum and thank you for the opportunity to speak.

The Forum was extremely well organised and the talks were wide ranging and informative. The opportunity to debate issues with people of the calibre of Josefina Maestu and Professor Mary O'Kane was priceless.

These sorts of events are very valuable opportunities for networking, especially for a company like Adasa, which is working in such a specialised area and we made a number of valuable contacts that otherwise would not have been possible.

Please pass on my personal thanks and those of Adasa to all the organisers and sponsors. If there is a possibility to participate in an equivalent forum in Spain, I would be very pleased, indeed excited, to attend and participate.

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Javier Artal
Acciona Agua

Hola Ana,

Perdona que me marchara el viernes al aeropuerto deprisa y corriendo sin despedirme, quería agradecerte la oportunidad de participar en el foro del agua el pasado viernes. Creo que la convocatoria fue un éxito, me habría gustado quedarme algún día más... ¡Es agradable relacionarse con españoles de vez en cuando!

Un saludo,

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Jennifer Turpin
Turpin & Crawford Studio (Sydney)

I would like to thank you SO MUCH for inviting me to be part of the Water Forum Australia/ Spain.

It was absolutely brilliant!

I was completely energised to hear what other people are doing in so many areas of water research and water management.

It was so very informative for me as an artist working creatively with water to hear about other people's work on the subject.

And it was so wonderful to meet the water scientists, engineers, planners and policy makers who presented at the forum - both local Australians and all the lovely Spanish people –local and visiting.

It was such a pleasure too to be surrounded by the Spanish culture with delicious lunch and convivial drinks.

And what a treat to be at Chowder Bay- a magic place!

My only sadness was to miss the "costal water" talks on Friday morning. I hope Ana, we can catch up so we can exchange further about our work on water.



Thank you to your and your organising team from SRAP and The Cervantes Institute for organising such a fabulous Forum.

Paula Llull

Art Curator & blogger

Felicidades a todos, ha sido un forum super interesante y perfectamente organizado. He aprendido muchísimo de todas las presentaciones y siento haberme perdido algunas. Ya tengo ganas de que llegue el próximo foro!

Saludios

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Appendix D – Summary of SRAP's activities 2015

10 January	Cooperation with "Cátedra Instituto Cervantes" (Cervantes Institute Academic Forum) and the Embassy of Spain in Canberra (starting on January 2015)
1 March	We started monthly meetings of the SRAP Board
13 March	1 st SRAP Research Bytes Sydney. Organised by Oscar Pérez Concha Participants: Luis Salvador-Carulla, Ana Vila-Concejo, Ana Rubio, Natalia Villena, Sergio Leon-Saval, Adriana Vergés, Ana Fernández, Angel López Sánchez, Maria Comas-Soberats, Xavier Vidal-Asensio, Abelardo Pardo, Gabriel Molina-Terriza, Oscar Pérez-Concha.
10 April	Approval of the memorandum and articles of the association
17 June	European Climate Diplomacy Day at the Instituto Cervantes, Sydney SRAP Collaboration by Adriana Vergés
25 – 26 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting FECYT (Spanish Research Agency) and preparatory meeting for the development of the "Federación de Asociaciones de Investigadores Españoles en el Extranjero" (Federation of Associations of Spanish Researchers Abroad) in Madrid <p>Attendance: Luis Salvador-Carulla, Ana Vila and César Espada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of SRAP to Spanish institutions in Madrid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Meeting with H.E. Virginia Greville, Australian Ambassador in Spain ii) Presentation of SRAP to Instituto Cervantes in Madrid with Mr Eduardo Sánchez, director of Strategy and Planning at the Instituto Cervantes. iii) Presentation of SRAP to Mr Alonso Dezcallar, President of España-Australia Council.
8 – 9 September	Collaboration with "Catedra Instituto Cervantes" (Cervantes Institute Academic Forum) in the organisation of the Conference on Organ Transplant with Dr Rafael Matesanz, Cervantes Institute in Sydney SYMPOSIUM "Leading Practice in Organ Donation: The Way Forward", September 9th 2015.
24 September	2 nd SRAP Research Bytes Sydney. Organised by Ana Rubio Participants: Xabier Vázquez Campos, Patricia Menéndez, Marina Trigueros, Jose Barrero, Isabel Maria Caballero Leiva, Carlos de Pablos Ortega, Paco Sanchez-Bayo, Macarena Gordillo.
9 October	Follow up meetings in Madrid with FECYT, Instituto Cervantes and España-Australia Council. Signature of the Cooperation Agreement between SRAP and España-Australia Council.
27 October	Roundtable Water and the social and economic implications of water resources, management and treatment, International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005-2015 , 27 October 2015. University of Melbourne. In cooperation with the European Centre on Shared Complex Challenges and Catedra Instituto Cervantes



29 – 31 October	Australia – Spain Water Forum at SIMS (Sydney)