

UNIVERSITAS 21 CONFERENCE ON WATER
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The University of Birmingham was proud to host the 2008 *Universitas 21* Postgraduate Research Conference on Water from 20 July to 25 July, 2008. This event, designed specifically for Postgraduate Researchers from any discipline with an interest in some aspect of water, provided researchers with an opportunity to present their work orally, as a poster, and as a short published article, as well as working in teams to provide novel solutions for the problems of

tomorrow. Researchers studied with experts in the field as well as active researchers, and also experienced a range of cultural events to help them be innovative and creative.

The conference was organised by the graduate school of the University of Birmingham, and the organisation committee also included current Ph.D. students from the University of Birmingham who are involved in research related to water issues. The conference was a great success and covered a wide range of research areas, including water resource management and climate change; health, cleanliness and society; controlling and harnessing water power; politics and economics of water; and aesthetics, art and the 'culture' of water.



All participants have benefited from attending the conference. Students now have a broader understanding of the issues surrounding water research, and have made new friends across the U21 network, which may lead to interdisciplinary collaborations. Furthermore, some new ideas and solutions to the most current water problems have been generated. The conference also played a positive role in improving communication and presentation skills for participants. Finally, all attendees were expected to write a short article about their work, which will be published on the web.



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