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30 Nations to Compete in 2008 International Stockholm Junior Water Prize Final

This August at the prestigious International Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition national winners from 30 countries will compete for the top honour, which includes USD 5,000 and a blue crystal sculpture.

H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden will present the Prize on August 19 during a ceremony starting at 19.00 in the Stockholm International Fairs and Conference Center. The international Stockholm Junior Water Prize contest, which is held during the World Water Week in Stockholm, August 17-23, encourages young people's interest in issues concerning water and the environment. The award is given annually for an outstanding water project by a young person or a small group of young people. With this, the competition seeks to inspire young people to a continued engagement for water and the environment. The international Stockholm Junior Water Prize is presented this year for the 12th time.

The finalists at the international Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) are the winners of national SJWP contests from the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, USA, and Vietnam.

About the Stockholm Junior Water Prize Competition

The national and international competitions are open to young people between 15-20 years of age, who have conducted water-related projects focusing on local, regional, national or global topics of environmental, scientific, social or technological importance. As a result of the competitions, thousands of young people around the world become interested in water.

The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) administers the competition, which is sponsored globally by ITT Corporation.

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High-resolution photos from the prize award ceremony will be available after 22.00 Central European Time on August 19, at www.worldwaterweek.org.

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