

# Thousands flock to Nelspruit water conference

Nearly 2 000 delegates attended this year's Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA) biennial conference held in Nelspruit earlier this year. The venue was quite unusual, being the Mbombela Stadium. This was the first time that this conference – a highlight on

the water calendar – was held in Mpumalanga. Speaking at the gala dinner, WISA CEO, Lester Goldman, said the organisation's vision remained clear: "We want promote innovations beyond the technical. We want to see innovations to solve the capacity and training challenges ahead.

Solving South Africa's water challenges is predicated on innovation. We wish to increase our assistance to struggling municipalities and increase awareness of WISA as an ally and a resource. Finally, we want to return to a culture of excellence instead of mediocrity."



*Thembi Masilela and Lethabo Ramashala from the Department of Water Affairs, along with Mosima Tele from ERWAT taking a closer look at one of the Water Research Commission's new reports.*

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*The Water Research Commission exhibition stand remained as popular as ever.*



*The friendly staff from Merck are Reggie Reddy, Colleen Petersen, Melanie May, Gurado Symms and Mark Ockhuis.*



*Poppie Sera, Mxolisi Scwebu and Ntandose Gamede, all from Rand Water.*



*Pulane Matsoso, Nondumiso Mckteka and Koketso Leballo from the Department of Water Affairs.*