Dear Friends and Colleagues in the Water Community:

It’s the spring semester once again and time for the UA Hydrology and Water Resources’ 24th El Día del Agua, our annual student research symposium! El Día is one of the hallmark events of the School of Earth and Environmental Science’s EarthWeek 2014 and will feature an exciting display of innovative and cutting edge-posters from all areas of water science and a gathering of the best and brightest professionals, alumni, and faculty working in that field—all on *one day* and all in *one location*.

The Department of Hydrology and Water Resources and the HWR Student Association are again proud to be hosting El Día del Agua on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, in the Student Union Grand Ballroom. This year’s event will include a continental breakfast, oral paper and poster presentations both in the morning and afternoon, a buffet lunch with invited speaker, an afternoon keynote address, an awards ceremony, and a post-awards reception for sponsors, students, and attendees. Hale Barter (HWRS Alumnus), Hydrologist-Principal, Errol Montgomery and Associates, will be our luncheon speaker, and Kathleen Dominique from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development will be our afternoon keynote speaker. The day will end with an informal Pub “Suds” social hour sponsored by HWRSA, our student association.

As a member of the hydrology and water resources profession and a supporter of water science in general, I hope you will make a space in your calendar to attend this wonderful student-centered event. I hope you will also consider becoming a sponsor of El Día del Agua. As you know, the University of Arizona HWR department was the first autonomous department of hydrology and water resources in the nation and has a long history of academic and research excellence, and we’ll be celebrating our 50th Anniversary next year (Academic Year 2015-16). As our student population and the cost of education continue to grow, we are now, more than ever, in need of your sponsorship.

Your tax deductible contribution will help defray the costs of El Día del Agua’s many student-centered activities. As you can see from the attached agenda, you will have the opportunity to hear and meet our outstanding student presenters, as well as catch up with friends, colleagues, and fellow alumni.

Whether you contribute an individual student's registration, support one of the various El Día activities, or sponsor a significant prize or an award for an outstanding student researcher, your financial contribution is vital to the continued success of El Día del Agua.

Please take time to read more about the benefits of becoming a Sponsor at our El Dia 2014 website: [www.hwr.arizona.edu/el-dia-2014](http://www.hwr.arizona.edu/el-dia-2014) (click on Sponsors). You may contribute at the Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Individual Level. If you would like to discuss the details of your sponsorship, please feel free to contact me at 520-621-7120 or [winter@email.arizona.edu](mailto:winter@email.arizona.edu) or my administrative associate, Erma Santander, at 520-621-5082 or [ermasan@email.arizona.edu](mailto:ermasan@email.arizona.edu).

To all of you—alumni, friends, and sponsors alike—we look forward to seeing you at El Día del Agua! We are deeply grateful for your attendance and continued support of our students.

Sincerely,

*Larry Winter*

Dr. C. Larrabee (Larry) Winter  
Professor and Department Head
The Day of Water

El Día del Agua brings together graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, alumni, working professionals, and other members of the water community for a special day of oral and poster presentations, all devoted to water science. Expect to be amazed and inspired by our young student researchers. After attending El Día del Agua, we feel assured that you will leave confident about the future of our profession.

Agenda and Invited Speakers

El Día del Agua begins with a registration and continental breakfast hour and features oral and poster presentations throughout the day. A light buffet lunch will feature luncheon speaker Hale Barter, Hydrologist-Principal, Errol Montgomery and Associates. Following the afternoon presentations, Kathleen Dominique, a representative from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, will present the keynote address. An awards ceremony for the best oral paper and poster presentations will follow along with recognition of the most outstanding undergraduate and graduate faculty instructors in the department.

Awards Ceremony

El Día del Agua is a juried competition, and students will be competing for several prizes and awards, including:

- The Montgomery Prize for Best Oral Presentation ($2000)
- The Hargis Awards for Best Posters ($1000 for 1st Place, $400 for 2nd Place)
- The Donald R. Davis Undergraduate with Distinction Award ($400)
- The Eugene S. Simpson Award for Best Undergraduate Poster ($400)
- The Department of Hydrology and Water Resources Best Oral Presentation ($400)
- The Department of Hydrology and Water Resources Best Poster Presentation ($400)
- Recognition of Most Outstanding Undergraduate and Graduate Faculty Instructors

Post-Awards Reception and Pub “Suds” Social

Please join us for a small plates/drinks reception immediately following the awards ceremony. For those who can attend, the day will extend into the early evening with a Pub “Suds” Social hour sponsored by HWRSA, the student association.