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13:00 Welcoming Remarks, Professor Van-Thanh-Van Nguyen, Director of the Brace Centre for Water Resources Management

Opening Remarks, Professor Christophe Pierre, Dean of Faculty of Engineering, or his delegate

13:10 Keynote Speaker: Prof Shiv Prasher, Chair Bioresource Engineering, Environmental Pollution from Veterinary Pharmaceuticals

13:45 Sogol Rasouli, Quantifying Nitrogen Export from Artificially Drained Agricultural Fields in the Pike River Watershed during Fall Rainfall Events, Natural Resource Sciences

14:05 Felexce Ngwa, A Multiplex Real-Time PCR for Early Detection of Toxigenic Cyanobacteria in Freshwater Bodies, Bioresource Engineering

14:25 Zian Sally, Community Water Supply Schemes: Ensuring that Progress towards the MDG for Water and Sanitation is Sustained, Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics

14:45 Sarah Lebel, Hydrological Modeling of a Small Agricultural Watershed in India, Bioresource Engineering

15:05 Basanta Biswal, Do Wastewater Treatment Processes Impact the Virulence Risk of Escherichia coli? Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics

15:25 Mohan Basnet, Stabilization and transport behavior of palladized zero valent iron nanoparticles in model groundwater environments, Chemical Engineering

15:45 Arti Bhakta, The Effect of Freeze-Thaw and Temperature Stress on the Transport and Survivability of Pathogenic Escherichia coli in Granular Porous Media, Depts. of Civil Engineering and Chemical Engineering

16:05 Adamo Petosa, Mobility of Metal Oxide Nanoparticles in Saturated Granular Porous Media: Influence of Water Chemistry and Particle Coating, Chemical Engineering


16:45 Zeinab Hosseinidoust, Using bacteriophage to capture and kill food and waterborne pathogens, Chemical Engineering

17:05 Sylvana Hochet, Effect of Eucalyptus plantations on the hydrology of high Andean catchments, Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics – Water Resources

17:25 Meysam Najari, On the Range of Applicability of the Piezo-Conduction Equation, Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics

17:45 Simone Bourke, Calibration and Validation of DRAINMOD for Determining Vertical and Deep Seepage, Bioresource Engineering

18:05 Usman Khan, Understanding substance flows of morphine to the various national aquatic environments, Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics

18:25 Closing Remarks: Prof. Roger Cue, Interim Associate Dean of Research, Faculty of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

18:35 Reception: Wine and Cheese and presentation of Awards for the best presentations

Refreshments will be provided throughout the presentations

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