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Pacific Institute President Peter Gleick Receives IWRA Ven Te Chow Award and Delivers Ven Te Chow Lecture at World Water Congress in Brazil

September 28: Dr. Peter Gleick, president and co-founder of the Pacific Institute, received the 2011 Ven Te Chow Award at the International Water Resources Association's XIVth World Water Congress in Porto de Galinhas, Pernambuco, Brazil. On September 28, he delivered the Ven Te Chow Award Lecture on the triennial Congress's theme of "Adaptive Water Management: Looking to the Future."

The Ven Te Chow Memorial Award and Lecture is one of the most prestigious awards of the IWRA, named in honor of founder Prof. Ven Te Chow (1919-1981), the eminent water scientist who was a leading figure in water resources in the second half of the 20th Century.

Dr. Peter Gleick is one of the world's leading experts on water issues and author of the seminal biennial series *The World's Water*. A 2003 MacArthur Fellow, his research and writing has influenced the conversation on the critical connections between water and human health, climate change, sustainable water use, privatization and globalization, and international conflicts over water resources. In 1987 he founded the Pacific Institute in Oakland, Calif. (www.pacinst.org), one of the world's leading independent research nonprofits addressing global environment and development issues, especially in the area of freshwater resources.

"A sustainable world with clean water for all is attainable," said Dr. Gleick. "Solutions to most of our water problems exist. The challenge now is to commit the time, money, and effort needed to apply these solutions."

Peter Gleick was dubbed a "visionary on the environment" by the British Broadcasting Corporation. In 1999, he was elected an Academician of the International Water Academy in Oslo, Norway and in 2006, he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C. He is the author of seven books, including *Bottled and Sold: The Story Behind Our Obsession with Bottled Water*, and he is a featured expert in the new documentary *Last Call at the Oasis*. In the seventh volume of *The World's Water*, coming out in October, Dr. Gleick and Pacific Institute experts address issues of sustainable water management and climate change impacts and adaptation in policy, energy, business, and more.

The International Water Resources Association is an international network of multidisciplinary experts on water resources. Dr. Gleick of the Pacific Institute is the 10th recipient of the association's Ven Te Chow Award.