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Education

Title: Degree in Political and Social Sciences - Faculty of Political and Social Sciences - National University of Cuyo - Argentina

Graduate Studies: Public Administration – Faculty of Economics Sciences, University of Buenos Aires. Public Policy Management – University of Litoral

Workplace

Undersecretariat of Water Resources. Argentina

Professional Experience

2001 to date - Professional staff member – Policy analyst - Undersecretariat of Water Resources - Ministry of Federal Planning, Public Investment and Services

1975 to 2000- Professional staff member - Ministry of Social Development - Areas: Development of Social Capital, Strengthening of Civil Society, Social Welfare and Community Promotion

1990-99- Consultant: International Cooperation on Water Issues – Secretariat of International Cooperation and Secretariat of Science and Technology - University of Buenos Aires

Member Latin American Center for Globalization and Prospective-
CeLGyP Argentine Node of The Millennium Project – WFUNA
<http://www.millennium-project.org>

Vice president Argentina Water Forum – Country Water Partnership - GWP - Global Water Partnership www.gwpargentina.org

Coordinator Interdisciplinary Working Group "**Action for Water**" – Madariaga Foundation

Teaching and research

Water Policy, Integrated Water Resources Management, – National University of La Plata

Participation in relevant projects

“An Integrated Assessment of Human Vulnerability to Hydroclimatic Extremes in the Río De La Plata Basin” - 2006

IV World Water Forum – Mexico 2006 – “Broadening Perspectives in the Face of Increasing Risks” - NeWater – The Millennium Project -
Co-organized session held on March 21, 2006,

- Preparation of and support to the session FT5.15 at World Water Forum 4 in Mexico. Assistance on the presentation of the local actions from Argentina –
- Mission report with key recommendations on organisation and suggestions for future cooperation between Newater and the Millennium Project. Report and suggestions for future cooperation and institutional agreements between NeWater, CelGyP (as representative of The Millennium Project) and the Undersecretariat of Water Resources, the National Water Institute, or other organizations of Argentina.

Framework Program La Plata River Basin. “Vision for the Basin – Argentina” - 2004 –GEF-CIC

“Building Knowledge Tools for the use of Advanced Hydroclimatic Monitoring and Prediction in Latin America” –2004 – American Association of the Advancement of Sciences- AAAS

“Soil Moisture Variability in the Río de la Plata Basin: Assessments of the Impact of its Variability and Forecast Applications for end Users”-
2003 - IAI-Small Grant Projects Workshop

“Integrated Management of Water Resources in the Americas: Challenges and Emerging Issues.” Third Summer Institute on Interdisciplinary Science in the Americas, organized by the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) and the Rosentiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science of the University of Miami (UM) -2001

Latest activities: meetings and other events

August 2007

Guatemala - Sixth Inter-American Dialogue on Water Management - “From Dialogue to Action: Strengthening partnerships and building the basis for achieving the Millennium Development Goals”

December 2007

On December 6th 2007, in Buenos Aires city, **the Argentinean Water Forum was constituted** – **FADA**, formalized with the adhesion of 28 GWP founding members. On January of 2008 FADA was accredited by the Global Water Partnership Headquarters in Stockholm as official Country Water Partnerships.

March 2008

First GWP Latin America inter-regional meeting held in Lima, Peru on March 1–2, focused on knowledge exchange, climate change and IWRM.

Ibero-American Seminar on Integrated Water Resources Management: Water experts and authorities from 20 Ibero-American countries met on March 3rd and 4th in Lima to learn and exchange experiences on the drafting and implementation of water management policies.

June 2008

GWP South America General Assembly took place on the 11th of May in the Senate of Argentina, in Buenos Aires. The vicepresident of Argentina, Julio C. Cobos closed the event.

July 2008

The Millennium Project Planning Committee meeting, July 24-26, Washington, DC, USA

August 2008

Annual GWP Consulting Partners meeting in Stockholm 15-17 August. The event brought together 165 delegates from 75 countries. This year's focus was the 2009-2013 Strategic Plan.

Buenos Aires, March 2009