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Conservation Authority Wins Esteemed International Thies Riverprize

NEWMARKET (September 22, 2009) For the second time in less than ten years, one of Ontario's Conservation Authorities has won the esteemed International Thies Riverprize.

The award, presented annually in Brisbane, Australia, was awarded to Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. Considered the 'Nobel Prize' for outstanding environmental work in watershed management, it is the most highly regarded and valuable river management award in the world.

"This award validates the work of Conservation Authorities in Ontario and shows that our work is world quality. We are very proud to be recognized as world leaders in watershed management," says Dick Hibma, Chair of Conservation Ontario.

The annual prize is awarded to organizations that are engaged in the very best practices in watershed management. It is presented to the project that represents the world's best effort to conserve natural watershed resources for future generations. The Grand River Conservation Authority won in 2000.

Runners up this year included the Avon River (England), the Lower Owens River (United States), the Yellow River (China) and the Polochic Basin (Guatemala).

For more information on the this year's winner of the International Thies Riverprize 2009 go to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority website at: <http://www.lsrca.on.ca/News/prlakeSimcoeWins.html>

For more information on the 12th Annual Riversymposium in Brisbane, Australia, where the International Thies Riverprize was awarded go to: <http://www.riversymposium.com/>

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