



UNESCO-IHE, on behalf of the SWITCH Consortium and EU, has won the IWA's Sustainability Award 2012 for *'innovation in the practical realization of sustainable urban water management'*. The award was presented by IWA President, Glenn Daigger to Carol Howe (SWITCH Project Manager) at the IWA Biennial World Water Congress in Busan, Korea on 18 September 2012. SWITCH beat a global field of competitors for the honor.

The objective of the award is to encourage reflection by researchers and practitioners about the implications of their work and to recognize contributions which demonstrate significant progress towards the sustainable management of water resources in an urban environment.

The SWITCH approach of integrating water management at the city level, through learning alliances, research, demonstrations and training, has been taken up by the World Bank and others. SWITCH has influenced water policy, patented innovations, deployed a comprehensive training package in use by ICLEI and UNESCO-IHE, and produced multiple manuals, guidelines and analysis tools. To find out more go to [www.switchurbanwater.eu](http://www.switchurbanwater.eu)