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Side event: Water as the historical scene for the alliance of civilization

Water can be used as a tool for alliance of nations. Each civilization has developed its own water culture to use water and those cultures have contributed to the alliance of civilizations. The Danube River Protection Convention can be cited as an example of alliance of civilization.

Since the development of civilizations depend on rivers and hydraulic structures, the hydraulic water works are crucial. Development of many civilizations was dependent on how the water resources were used and managed.

Historical water works in the Eastern Europe should be protected and preserved for future generations.

Lessons learned from historical hydraulic structures should be discussed during the 5th Water World Forum.

There are many historical water works that use water or mitigate the harmful effects of water.

Many civilizations are established near or alongside the rivers and archeological and historical as well as social information can be obtained from the historical water infrastructures.

The accumulations are the only objects that make water systems manageable, from quantitative point of view. Therefore, complex, integral and sustainable water resources systems, with acceptable environmental and social influences, with large accumulations for redistribution of the water resources in time domain, will be the key structures of human survival in the future.

A number of traditional rules and measurements that have been learned so far can be used for in today's modern water management systems.

The historical hydraulic structures should be documented and they could be used as an open museum in order to understand the engineering perspectives of these structures.

These issues might be presented as a paper in "Topic 6.5: Water and Culture" of the 5th World Water Forum.