SUMMARY - 3rd Annual Upper Mississippi River Conference

The i wireless Center, Moline, IL; August 25 – 27, 2010

For the third consecutive year, WIU's College of Arts & Sciences, through the Institute for Environmental Studies, has cosponsored the Upper Mississippi River Conference (UMRC). Since its inception in 2008, the UMRC has grown as a multidisciplinary venue for the exchange of information on contemporary issues of environmental, economic, and community sustainability along the Upper Mississippi River. The 2010 UMRC was attended by 145 registered participants from municipal, state, and federal agencies; nongovernmental organizations; higher education; and planning and design professionals.

As a cosponsor, WIU hosted the welcome reception which featured opening remarks by:

- Dr. Jack Thomas, WIU Provost & Academic Vice President
- Dr. Joe Rives, WIU Vice President for Quad Cities, Planning, & Technology
- Dr. Susan Martinelli-Fernandez, Dean, WIU College of Arts & Sciences

WIU speakers were followed by Kathy Wine, Executive Director of River Action, Col. Shawn McGinley, Commanding Officer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Rock Island District, and the Hon. Don Welavert, Mayor of the City of Moline.

During the welcome reception, WIU students, faculty, and staff provided attendees with a chance to experience Western's core values "in action". A total of 8 faculty, 5 staff, 7 graduate students, and 2 undergraduate students from both WIU campuses participated in the welcome reception.