

Dr. John S. Gladwell

Dr. John S. Gladwell's first degree, a B.S. in Business Administration (Trinity University, USA, 1953), was followed by B.S. and M.S. in Civil Engineering (Texas A&M University, USA, 1959 and 1961) and finally a Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering (University of Idaho, USA, 1970).



He has served on the Civil Engineering faculties of Washington State University, the University of Maine and the University of Idaho. He also served several years in the Division of Industrial Research of Washington State University in hydraulic research. Dr. Gladwell is a Registered Professional Engineer (Civil Engineering) in the State of Washington (USA).

Before going with UNESCO in 1980, he had also worked with the US Forest Service, the US National Water Commission, the US Office of Water Resources Research, as the Director of the Idaho Water Resources Research Institute, and as a consultant to the US Water Resources Council. Moving to Paris, France, Headquarters of UNESCO he worked until 1992 in the Science Sector, International Hydrological Programme. In that office he had responsibility for programs in planning, groundwater management, and special problems of the Humid Tropics (which he developed as a major program). For a number of years before retirement he served as Acting Director.

During his years with UNESCO he established a publication series dealing with the problems of the humid tropics, and was instrumental in the development and production of a state-of-the-art book on the problems and situations of tropical regions: *Hydrology and Water Management in the Humid Tropics*. He also served as editor and contributor to a recently published book on sustainable development: *Sustainability Criteria for Water Resource Systems*. Both books were published by Cambridge University Press.

He has also worked with the International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS) in the development of technical conferences. Among other things, he is now working on a contribution to the *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems* on the subject of sustainable water resource systems.

Moving to Vancouver, BC, Canada, in 1992 he established a consulting firm, HYDRO TECH INTERNATIONAL. For several years he was Honorary Consul General for the Republic of Panama for Western Canada. For a number of years he has served on the Board of Governors of CATHALAC (a regional humid tropics research center located in Panama), and continues to be involved as a consultant and advisor to organizations in the solution of water related issues and problems of the humid tropics. For three years he was a member of the Canadian National Committee for the International Hydrological Programme.

Dr. Gladwell has maintained an active international lecturing program, which has included sponsorship by the US National Academy of Sciences, the US National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Organization of American States, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO and numerous other professional organizations.