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In recent years, AWRA has significantly increased its international water resources presence through increasing membership of water resources professionals from other nations, by participation in international meetings and organizations, and through publication of papers by international authors in the *Journal of the American Water Resources Association*. This is the first issue of *Water Resources IMPACT* dedicated completely to international water resources concerns and restoration plans for several countries including Korea, Moldova, Brazil, and Jordan. Also included is a snapshot of the ecological disaster that is the most secretive nation on Earth, North Korea. Several of the articles were recruited by the guest Associate Editor while attending the World Water Forum in Marseille, France, in March 2012. Learn and enjoy!

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