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**LAKESIDE GARDENS IN EUROPE...
AND WELLS IN AFRICA****FUND-RAISING EVENT FOR AMREF'S WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS IN AFRICA**

In Africa, every day too many women and children are obliged to walk for hours in search of water. Often only to reach a polluted muddy stream. Eighty per cent of diseases are linked to a lack of water or poor resource management: this is why **AMREF Italia Onlus** has launched "**Blue Revolution**", a project that has undertaken to raise funds in order to build wells in Africa (each well costs 2,500 €).

This project is supported by the *Regione Piemonte - Settore Pianificazione Aree Protette* in the occasion of the **International Conference and Exhibition "Lakeside Gardens In Europe"** (Verbania, 30 September - 8 October 2006), organised with the *Museo del Paesaggio di Verbania* as part of the Bookfestival "Editoria & Giardini" held by the *Comune di Verbania*.

Water is one of the founding themes of the Conference, which will be attended by experts from all over Europe who will present the most fascinating examples of symbiosis between gardens and lakes. However, it is worth remembering that water, which is a wonderful decorative element, is also a life-giving and precious source of sustenance.

Thanks to the **fundraising for AMREF's water-supply projects** in Africa, the participants to the Conference (which inscription is FREE) **from May to 8 October** can send a free contribution towards the **construction of a well in East Africa**, an area recently struck by a severe famine caused by the lack of rainfall.

The sum of **2,500 €**, required to build a well will also be used to fund the training of local technicians to maintain and conserve the water supply. In addition, it will also be used to run health and medical education programmes for the community using the well, aimed at encouraging vegetable plots and smallholdings in the involved area.

Your support will help us to achieve this important objective!

Send your contribution to AMREF by 8 October 2006, payable to: **Postal account no. 35023001**, AMREF Italia Onlus - via Boezio 17 - 00193 Rome (Italy), stating as the reason for payment: **LAKESIDE GARDENS EVENT**. A copy of your receipt should be sent by fax to +39 011 4324759 (Organizing Secretariat): your name and any reflections on the theme of water as a precious resource will be included in the **Supporters Roll of Honour** of this initiative, whose results will be published on the Conference website www.museodelpaesaggio.it/giardinidilago2006

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