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LAKESIDE GARDENS IN EUROPE... AND WELLS IN AFRICA

**A TOTAL OF 2,500 EUROS HAVE BEEN RAISED TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION
OF A WELL IN AFRICA WITH AMREF**

The fundraising project to build a well in Africa, which was supported by the **International Conference and Exhibition "Lakeside Gardens In Europe"** (Verbania, 30 September - 8 October 2006), organised by *Regione Piemonte - Protected Areas Planning Sector* with the *Museum of Landscape of Verbania*, and held to coincide with the "Publishing & Gardens" Fair organised by the Municipality of Verbania, has achieved its target. Thanks to all those who made donations, a total of **€ 2,535** was raised. This sum will be used by AMREF to build a well in East Africa, an area that has been affected by severe drought over the past few years.

Water was one of the key themes of the International Conference: experts from all over Europe presented the most fascinating examples of symbiosis between lakes and gardens. However, the event also highlighted the fact that water, a wonderful decorative element, is also a life-giving and precious source of sustenance. This is why the conference chose to raise funds for **AMREF, which has worked on development projects in Africa for 50 years.**

The sum raised to build the "Lakeside Gardens 2006" well will also be used to fund the training of local technicians to maintain and conserve the water supply. In addition, it will also fund health and medical education programmes for the community that will benefit from the well and to encourage the spread of vegetable plots and smallholdings in the area.

The names of those who kindly contributed and their reflections on the theme of water as a precious resource have been included in the **Supporters Roll of Honour** which can be viewed on the Conference website www.museodelpaesaggio.it/giardinidilago2006 and on the Amref website www.amref.it

AMREF wishes to thank all those who contributed to the success of the initiative: the donors, the organisers of the International Conference and Exhibition "Lakeside Gardens in Europe", Regione Piemonte - Protected Areas Planning Sector and the Museum of Landscape in Verbania.

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