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EREF SUPPORTED STUDENT/PROJECT AWARDED BEST STUDENT MANUSCRIPT AT THE FIRST GLOBAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

Alexandria, Va. – The Global Waste Management Symposium (GWMS) and 5th Intercontinental Landfill Research Symposium (ICLRS), held consecutively and in cooperation, on September 7-12, 2008 at the Copper Mountain Conference Center, Colorado served as a forum for the presentation of both applied and fundamental research and case studies on solid waste management and landfills. Participants included designers, facility owners and operators, policy makers, university researchers, government agencies, waste service companies, consultants, vendors, members of leading trade organizations, and scientific foundations. The symposiums attracted more than 600 people from the national and international community.

Of the approximately 130 presentations, 15 percent either reported on research funded by the Environmental Research and Education Foundation (EREF) or were presented by students that received scholarships from EREF. Of particular note was a presentation by Lisa Damiano of the University of New Hampshire titled: *Electricity Production from the Management of Leachate with Microbial Fuel Cells*. The research sponsored by EREF has shown promise in producing electricity from landfill leachate using microbial fuel cells as well as treating the leachate. In addition, the manuscript was awarded first place for the *Best Student Manuscript* by a juried panel that reviewed all manuscripts. Michael Cagney, President and CEO of EREF, stated that “the symposium is a unique international forum for advancing empirical knowledge on various treatments of solid waste; we are elated that Lisa’s work was seen as best of the best.”

The Environmental Research and Education Foundation is the only public foundation in the U.S. whose sole focus is developing and evaluating new approaches for the management of municipal solid waste. For more complete information on EREF, go to its website www.erefdn.org or call 703.299.5139.