



Water Quality & Health Council Member Joan B. Rose, PhD, Receives
Stockholm Water Prize

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Some 3,000 scientists, government officials and policy experts representing 120 countries gathered in Stockholm this week for the 26th annual World Water Week conference. Organized by the Stockholm International Water Institute, World Water Week is “the annual focal point for the globes’ water issues,” according to the [Institute's website](#). A highlight of the week was the presentation by H.M. Carl XVI Gustaf, King of Sweden, of the Stockholm Water Prize to Water Quality & Health Council member, Professor Joan B. Rose.

Professor Rose, an original member of our 25-year old Council, is a Michigan State University microbiologist and world expert on the protozoan parasite *Cryptosporidium*. To her colleagues on the Council, Joan is our ever-joyful, international water superstar, and we are proud to know and work with her. As a co-founder of the ambitious [Global Water Pathogen Project](#), Professor Rose organized over

100 scientists from around the world into nine expert teams to address key fecal pathogen groups and the measures necessary to control those pathogens. The project will feature an online “open access integration platform” that will be updated regularly by the experts. Using the online tool, engineers and scientists working anywhere in the world will be empowered to tap into the best available science for reducing human exposure to fecal pathogens.

It is with pride that we salute our friend and colleague on this happy occasion!