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The Lake Winnipeg Foundation will bring local, science-based solutions to the 14th Living Lakes Conference in Nanchang, China, an event hosted by Global Nature Fund (GNF), a non-profit environmental foundation with headquarters in Germany.

From Nov. 18 to 24, representatives from some of the 104 members of GNF's international network will be discussing lakes in densely populated areas and how best to balance people and nature. LWF is a founding member of Living Lakes Canada, one of six national Living Lakes networks working throughout the world to protect freshwater resources.

In 2013, GNF designated Lake Winnipeg as its "Threatened Lake of the Year," bringing international attention to the increasing size and frequency of harmful algae blooms in Manitoba's iconic lake, the result of a process known as eutrophication.

"LWF's presence in China will allow us to update the global community on the work we've been doing to help restore and protect the health of our great lake," says Alex Salki, a retired research biologist and the current chair of LWF's Science Advisory Council. (Salki will be presenting in Nanchang on Canadian and provincial efforts to improve and sustainably manage riparian zones and wetlands.)

"Lake Winnipeg isn't the only lake suffering from eutrophication," Salki adds. "We're excited for the opportunity to share LWF's eight-point health plan with people dealing with similar challenges in other freshwater lakes. Our plan translates science into action, and we think it can be a helpful model for other jurisdictions looking to develop their own solutions."

For more information or to schedule interviews, contact: Marlo Campbell at: communications@lakewinnipegfoundation.org; 204-956-0436.

Please note Alex Salki will be available for interviews until 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14. Phone interviews from China can be arranged during the conference.

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