

## Water and James Joyce

I am pleased to comment on and to inform the readers of a special paper in this issue of the *Journal*. The paper is entitled 'a long the riverrun' and was delivered in lecture form when Professor Charles R. O'Melia received the Athalie Richardson Irvine Clarke Prize in June 2000. The Clarke Prize is awarded annually by the National Water Research Institute (USA), and recognizes outstanding research by scientists and engineers on the hydrologic, biologic, and chemical aspects of sustainable sources and supplies of water for humankind. Charles O'Melia is the Abel Wolman Professor of Environmental Engineering at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland (USA) and a member of the Advisory Board of the *Journal*. Professor O'Melia was recognized for his extensive research over forty years that contributed to a basic and better understanding of the physical and chemical processes in water treatment and for his work on the properties and behavior of particles in the natural water

environment. In receiving the prize of \$50,000 (US dollars) and a gold medal, Professor O'Melia was also cited for his high standards, character, and accomplishments.

I am pleased that the *Journal* is able to bring you this very stimulating paper by Professor O'Melia. The paper contains material of broad interest to our readers dealing with sustainable water supplies and water resources using four important and interesting cases: Cholera and Chlorine in Rwanda, Chlorides and Membranes in Israel, Watershed Management for New York City, and the Chesapeake Bay (Eastern USA) Ecosystem. Regarding how James Joyce fits into all of this, well you just have to read the paper.

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