

International Fellows tap into groundwater expertise

Senior Fellows from India and Pakistan have been finding solutions for critical groundwater issues in their home countries by tapping into UniSA's expertise.

Dr Falendra Kumar Sudan (University of Jammu), and Debapriya Dutta (Department of Science and Technology Government) from India and Professor Bakshal Khan Lashari (from Pakistan's Mehran University of Engineering and Technology) compared the groundwater policies and management of Australia and their countries as Fellows of the International Water Management Institute.

They found South Australia's legal and institutional arrangements under the Natural Resources Management (NRM) Act to be particularly useful, especially the south-east operations of the NRM plan and the NRM Council.

Visits with independent experts and stakeholders including the SA Farmers Federation, government departments of land, water and biodiversity, environment and heritage, and the community also helped the Fellows adapt sustainable water use plans for use in their countries.

The research training program was led by the Director of UniSA's Centre for Comparative Water Policies and Laws, Professor Jennifer McKay, who will travel to India and Pakistan to review its proposed implementation in March.