

Sobsey accepts International Water Association award

A TEAM OF RESEARCHERS LED BY DR. Mark Sobsey received the International Water Association's 2008 Project Innovation Award for their research endeavor, "Ceramic Water Filters in Cambodia: A Sustainable Solution for Rural Drinking Water Treatment." The project is one of the Gillings Innovation Laboratories at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health.

Sobsey, Kenan Distinguished University Professor of environmental sciences and engineering in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public



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Health, accepted the honor at the Association's East Asian and Pacific Awards Ceremony on June 26 in Singapore.

Dr. Joe Brown, a recent graduate of the UNC doctoral program in environmental sciences and engineering and current faculty member at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, proposed the original water purification project and worked with Sobsey and others to initiate and field-test it in Cambodian homes. ▶▶

After successful testing, Sobsey, Brown and others established the Carolina Global Water Partnership, a research collaboration between UNC's Gillings School of Global Public Health and its Kenan-Flagler Business School, which is exploring ways to commercialize household water treatment technologies in developing countries.

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