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2008 NEW YEAR GREETING MESSAGE

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As the year 2007 draws to an end, we feel that we can look back on a very successful and eventful year for WASER, and its new Council would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for your continuing support for the Association and sincerely wish all members a happy and prosperous New Year for 2008.

During the last year there have been many new developments for the Association, including:

- (1) The election of a new WASER Council for 2007-2010. The new Council that was elected by all members of WASER includes 17 Council Members from 13 countries. They are: President: Des E. Walling (UK), Vice Presidents: G. Di Silvio (Italy), C. Ted Yang (USA), Secretary General: Qiyang Yu (China) Council Members: Chunhong Hu (China), Zhaoyin Wang (China), Ulrich C.E. Zanke (Germany), S.P. Sen (India), F. Yazadandoost (Iran), H.E. Nakagawa (Japan), Jim Bogen (Norway), Wojciech Froehlich (Poland), Roman S. Chalov (Russia), Gerrit Basson (South Africa), Sam S.Y. Wang (USA), John R. Gray (USA), A. Szollosi Nagy (Hungary)
- (2) The Second Council Meeting of the WASER was successfully held in Moscow, prior to the 10th ISRS, on the afternoon of July 31, 2007. 21 participants attended the council meeting. The meeting reviewed the various activities undertaken over the past three years and the current finances of WASER. In addition, they discussed and decided the venue and theme for the 11th ISRS and discussed and approved the work plan for 2007 to 2010. The meeting approved two candidates for honorary membership of WASER and the creation of the WASER Qian Ning International Prize for Erosion and Sedimentation Technology, as well as the winners of the first prize.
- (3) The WASER General Assembly was successfully held in Moscow during the 10th International Symposium on River Sedimentation, on the afternoon of August 4, 2007. WASER members and participants from all over the world attended the Assembly. Prof. Des E. Walling, President of WASER, presided over the General Assembly and delivered a general report on the activities and development of WASER. Prof. G. Di Silvio, Vice President of WASER, announced the conferment of honorary membership on two members of the Association and briefly reviewed their important accomplishments and contributions. Prof. Chih Ted Yang, Vice President of WASER, announced the list of recipients of second WASER prize for the best papers published in the "IJSR". Mr. Dingzhong Dai, Director of the Qian Ning Foundation for Sedimentation

and Erosion Technology announced the creation on the Qian Ning International Prize of WASER and the first winners of the prize.

Honorary membership of WASER:

Dr. Bingnan Lin (China), Dr. Erich Plate (Germany)

Recipients of Second WASER Prize for the best papers published in the IJSR:

G. Q. Wang, X.D.Fu and X.K.Wang for the paper "Kinetic Modeling of Constitutive Relations for Particle Motion in Low to Moderately Concentrated Flows", IJSR Vol.20.No.4, 2005

W.Wu and S.Wang for the paper "Depth Averaged 2-D Calculation of Tidal Flow, Salinity and Cohesive Sediment Transport in Estuaries", IJSR Vol.19, No.3, 2004

U.C.E.Zanke for the paper "on the influence of Turbulence on the Initiation of Sediment Motion", IJSR Vol.18, No.1, 2003

Winners of the First Qian Ning International Prize of WASER:

Prof. Des E. Walling (United Kingdom), Prof. Sam S. Y.Wang (United States of America)

(4) The 10th ISRS sponsored by the WASER and IRTCES was successfully held in Lomonosov State University, Moscow, Russia on August 1 to 4, 2007. 237 participants from 30 countries attended this important event. The symposium proceedings with 6 volumes published by Moscow State University include a total of 374 scientific papers from 38 countries.

(5) The quality of the International Journal of Sediment Research (IJSR) has been further improved. The number and range of contributors have increased significantly over the past two years and IRTCES has made important improvements to the compilation of the Journal. Following the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2006 between IAHR and IRTCES, and another agreement signed in 2007 between ELSEVIER and WASER and IRTCES, the visibility and quality of the Journal will be raised further. The second issue of the WASER Newsletter was edited, published and distributed by the WASER Secretariat and was warmly welcomed by the WASER members.

(6) WASER has endeavoured to be involved in a broad range of international meetings as a co-sponsor. Meetings that WASER has co-sponsored in 2007 include:

(a) The International Bedload Surrogates Workshop, held in Minneapolis, USA, April 11-14, 2007. About 50 scientists with expertise and (or) interest in bedload monitoring representing nine countries attended this workshop held at the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory (www.safl.umn.edu). Others from around the world participated via live webstream on 11-13 April 2007. Archived videos may be viewed at (www.nced.umn.edu/BRIC_Archived_Streams.html).

(b) The International Conference on Erosion and Torrent Control as a Factor in Sustainable River Basin Management, held in Belgrade, Serbia, from September 25-28, 2007. This very successful Symposium marked the centenary of the development of erosion and torrent control in Serbia. It attracted more than 100 participants from many different countries and included a Field Excursion to several interesting sites in Serbia, in order to demonstrate the important work of Serbian scientists and engineers in erosion and torrent control and water resource development.

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(7) The WASER Website has expanded and it has continued to attract increasing attention from scientists and engineers in many different parts of the world.

(8) The Advanced Training Workshop on Reservoir Sedimentation Management co-sponsored by the WASER and organized by the IRTCES was held in China from Oct.10 through Oct.16, 2007. Twenty nine participants from 12 countries attended the training course.

The Association is continuing to grow. Looking back over the past year, we hope that the various activities and developments will continue to play an important role in raising the profile of WASER and in facilitating the creation of its own unique identity. The Officers and Council of WASER will do their best to promote the development of the Association during 2008, but your support for our young association will be very important in ensuring its success.

We remind you to visit the WASER web site (<http://www.waser.cn>) for new features such as News, Photos, Meeting Announcements and Information and much more. We also hope that members will send us their news, photos, and announcements related to soil erosion and sedimentation, so that they can be posted on the WASER website and shared with our all members.

With very best wishes

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Giampaolo Di Silvio, (Italy), Vice President of WASER



Chih Ted Yang, (USA), Vice President of WASER

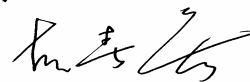


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Shangfu Kuang, (China), Director of IRTCES



Chunhong Hu, (China), Vice Director and Secretary General of IRTCES



Qiyang Yu, (China), Vice Director of IRTCES and Secretary General of WASER

