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WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION RESEARCH (WASER)

2015 NEW YEAR GREETING MESSAGE

December 24, 2014

Dear WASER Members,

As the year 2014 draws to an end, we feel that we can look back on a successful year for WASER, and its Fourth Council would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support for the Association and wish all members a happy and prosperous New Year for 2015.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BONNE ANNÉE!

新年好!



After the election of the new Fourth Council, with Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio as President, in Sept. 2013, there have been several important developments and achievements for the Association, including:

(1) WASER is continuing to grow and now has over 355 members (including sponsoring members).

(2) As the official Journal of both IRTCES and WASER, the quality of the International Journal of Sediment Research (IJSR) has been further improved. The number and range of contributors have increased significantly. On December 30, 2013, the "China Annual Academic Journal International Citation (2013 version)" compiled by the Research Center for the Measurement and Evaluation of Chinese Academic literature and Chinese Academic Electronic Magazines(CD) and Tsinghua University Library officially indicated that the IJSR was included in the list of "China's most influential international academic journals".

The **SCI IF of the IJSR in 2014 is 0.977.**



(3) The 12th International Symposium on River Sedimentation (12th ISRS), the principal scientific meeting of WASER and IRTCES, was held in Kyoto, Japan in September 2013. In total, 370 participants from over 30 countries attended this very successful Symposium.

During the Symposium, the President of WASER organized the 1st WISA (Workshop on International Sediment Advances) which brought together representatives of the main international organizations (ISI, IAHR, IAHS and ICOLD) active in Sediment research.



Opening ceremony of the 12th ISRS held in Kyoto

(4) A Meeting of the WASER Council was held in Kyoto, Japan on September 1, 2013, one day before the 12th ISRS. The Council Meeting was attended by 19 members representing both the Third Council and the Fourth Council. Nine reports were presented at the meeting.

These included the President's report by Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio, the Treasurer's report by Prof. Xiaoying Liu, a report on the nomination of Honorary Members by Prof. Chih

Ted Yang, a report on the International Qian Ning Prize for Erosion and Sedimentation Technology by Prof. Yanjing Zhang, a report on the Award Papers from the “International Journal of Sediment Research” by Prof. Des Walling, an introduction to the draft work plan for 2013 to 2016 by Prof. Chunhong Hu and an overview of the venue, sponsors and central theme of the 13th ISRS, which will be held in Stuttgart, Germany in 2016, by Prof. Silke Wieprecht. Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio presided over the meeting which concluded with a declaration of the result of the poll for election of members to WASER Council for 2013-2016, and approval of the nominations for SG (Prof. Chunhong Hu), Treasurer (Prof. Xiaoying Liu) and Co-opted Council Members (Prof. Des Walling, Prof. Chih Ted Yang and Prof. Gerrit Basson) for the Council for 2013-2016.

The composition of the fourth Council of WASER:

President: G. Di Silvio (Italy)

Vice Presidents: Ulrich C.E. Zanke (Germany) Zhaoyin Wang (China)

Secretary General: Chunhong Hu (IRTCES) Treasurer: Xiaoying Liu (IRTCES)

Elected Council Members:

Grant Douglas (Australia), Helmut Habersack (Austria), Geraldo Wilson Junior (Brazil), Li Yitian (China), Shoji Fukuoka (Japan), Silke Wieprecht (Germany), Nikolay Alexeevsky (Russia), Mustafa Altinakar (USA), Matt Romkens (USA).

Co-opted Council members:

Des Walling (UK), Chih Ted Yang (USA), Gerrit Basson (South Africa)



(5) Prof. Des Walling was nominated as an Honorary Member of WASER

and this nomination was approved during the WASER Council Meeting. Prof. G. Di Silvio, President of WASER presented the certificate and medal of Honorary Member to Prof. Des Walling during the General Assembly.



Prof. Des Walling is the founding President of WASER; He served as President from 2004 to 2010. He has devoted considerable time and effort to the establishment of WASER. As the first President, he established the framework for the operation of WASER. His distinguished leadership and management skills were key to the success of WASER. Prof. Walling is an internationally renowned expert in soil erosion, sediment yield and sediment transport. He has published 520 professional papers, and 34 books and edited volumes. He has received several international awards and medals in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments.



(6) The Winners of the Third WASER

Prize for Best Papers published in the International Journal of Sediment Research were announced during the General Assembly and they were presented with their awards. They are shown in the table below.



Vol.(No.)	Pages	Authors and the first author's affiliation	Title
27(4)	426-438	Guo-an YU, Zhao-yin WANG, He-Qing HUANG, Huai-xiang LIU, Brendon BLUE and Kang ZHANG Key Laboratory of Water Cycle and Related Land Surface Processes, Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences	Bed load transport under different streambed conditions – a field experimental study in a mountain stream
26(4)	445-459	Baosheng WU and Lingyun LI State Key Laboratory of Hydroscience and Engineering, Tsinghua University	Delayed response model for bankfull discharge predictions in the Yellow River
26(3)	269-282	Hossein AFZALIMEHR, Razieh MOGHEBEL, Jacques GALLICHAND and Jueyi SUI Water Engineering Department, Isfahan University of Technology, Iran 84156	Investigation of turbulence characteristics in channel with dense vegetation
27(2)	141-157	Hao ZHANG, Hajime NAKAGAWA, and Hideaki MIZUTANI Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, Japan	Bed morphology and grain size characteristics around a spur dyke

(7) [The winners of the Third Qian Ning International Prize](#), Prof. G. Di Silvio and Prof. Hajime Nakagawa were declared by Prof. Chunhong Hu, Deputy Director and SG of the IRTCES and SG of WASER.



Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio has been full Professor of Hydraulics at the University of Padua, Italy, since 1976. He was Director of the Department of Hydraulic, Marine Environmental and Geotechnical Engineering (IMAGE) from 1996 until 2002 and also Director of the International Centre of Hydrology, Padua University. He is the author of more than 80 papers. He is a Committee member of the Fluvial Hydraulics Section of the IAHR, which he chaired from 1991-1995. He also chaired the IAHR Division of Geophysical Hydraulics from 1995-1999. He is Chairman of the International Coordination Committee for Reservoir Sedimentation (ICCORES) and is currently President of WASER and also a member of the Steering Committee of the UNESCO ISI.



Prof. Hajime Nakagawa is a Vice Director and a Professor of the Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI) of Kyoto University, Japan. He is also a Director of Ujigawa Hydraulics Laboratory of DPRI. He has published around 110 papers in international journals and

conference proceedings and around 180 papers in Japanese journals and conference proceedings etc. He has co-authored 13 books published in Japanese. He has been a WASER council member from 2007 to 2013. He is currently the Chairman of the Committee on Hydrosience and Hydraulic Engineering of the Japan Society of Civil Engineers.



(8) **The establishment of a Temporary Working Party** (or ad-hoc Committee) devoted to improving WASER's administration and management. After its first meeting in Kyoto in 2013, the TWP has continued its activity by email for a large part of 2014 and it has produced a Report that has been submitted to and approved by the Council. It is hoped that the operation of WASER will improve further through the work of the TWP.

(9) **Participation of WASER in the Inter-organizational "Forum on Water Security"** held in Chengdu, China on September 9, 2013. The representatives of seven associations dealing with different aspects of water issues met in Chengdu, China to discuss ways to collaborate on enhancing water security around the world. Eight participants made presentations. Prof. Zhao-Yin Wang participated in the Forum and made a presentation as vice-President and official representative of WASER.



(10) **Death of Prof. Lin Bingnan**, visionary founder, indefatigable supporter, valuable advisor and Honorary Member of our Association, passed away on January 3rd, 2014.



Prof. Lin Bingnan was an outstanding researcher on hydraulics and river dynamics and one of the pioneers and founders of hydraulics as a discipline in China. He was a Senior Academician of the Chinese Academy of Science and one of the founders of the International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation (IRTCES) under the auspices of UNESCO and the World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research (WASER). He was also Honorary Chairman of the Advisory Council of IRTCES and Honorary President of the China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research.

Looking to the future in 2015, WASER will continue to work hard to improve both its website and Journal as well as to collaborate with IRTCES to prepare for the 13th ISRS, the meeting of the Fifth Council and the General Assembly to be held in Stuttgart, Germany in 2016. WASER members are encouraged to participate in and contribute to these important future events.

The Officers and members of the Fourth Council of WASER will do their best to promote the development of the Association during 2015, but your support for our Association will be very important.

You are encouraged to visit the WASER web site (<http://www.waser.cn>) for features such as News, Photos, Meeting Announcements and Information and much more. We also hope that members will send their news, photos, and announcements related to erosion and sedimentation to the Secretariat of WASER (E-mail to: liuxy@iwhr.com or wasersecretariat@126.com, so that they can be posted on the WASER website and shared with all our members.

The Officers and members of the Fourth WASER Council would also like to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks to IRTCES for its very important support in hosting and sustaining the Secretariat of our Association over the past year. They join with the Director of IRTCES, Prof. Shangfu Kuang,

in sending to all members of WASER their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year for 2015.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FOURTH WASER COUNCIL:

President:

G. Di Silvio (Italy),



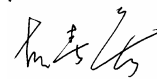
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