

# **DRAFT WORK PLAN OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION RESEARCH 2013-2016**

***(To be approved by the Council) <sup>1</sup>***

As a non-governmental, non-political and non-profit organization at all times free of racial, gender or national prejudice, the World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion (WASER) was founded in Yichang of China in October, 2004. Its objectives are to promote the study and development of the science of erosion and sedimentation interpreted in its widest sense, and to foster the application and dissemination of knowledge on sedimentation and erosion. Since 2004, WASER, based on its mission has made progress in the aspects of sponsoring and co-sponsoring international symposia and international study tours, co-publishing international Journal of Sediment Research(IJSR), establishing WASER website, conducting research and training, strengthening organizational building and recruiting new members. What the association has achieved today has created a better condition for further development of WASER.

2013-2016 is still the continuous development period of WASER to tamp its base, to standardize and perfect itself, gradually and also the period of its growth up, spreading its influences and building up its authority. The association will closely circumfuse its objectives to

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conduct a series of activities in the aspects of organizing symposia and workshops, discussing key issues, formulating criteria, training and research, information promulgation and dissemination although it is very difficulty; Meanwhile, the association will make arduous efforts to strengthen organizational building, to consummate bylaws and constitutions, to expand numbers of memberships, to quick self-development and to energetically promote cooperation and exchange among scientists, engineers, various organizations, social groups and inter-governments via active and effective work for the contribution to development and advancement of the field of soil erosion and sedimentation.

## **1 MAJOR WASER ACTIVITIES PLANNED 2013-2016**

### **1.1 Committees and Reviewing Work**

(1) The Nomination Committee for 2016-2019 Council will be established to conduct nomination, supervision and election of officers and member of council for 2016-2019.

(2) Nominating the WASER representative in the International Qian Ning Prize Foundation Committee for Erosion and Sedimentation Technology to conduct selecting, reviewing and awarding for the prospective recipients of the third International Qian Ning Prize.

(3) The Selection Committee for the Award for Distinguished Contributions to" International Journal of Sediment Research(IJSR)" in 2016 will be established to conduct selection of recipients for best papers published in IJSR.

(4) The Temporary ad-hoc Committee Devoted to Improving WASER administration and management will be established to conduct relevant

activities in the future three years.

(5) Review and Selection of the Honorary Members of WASER.

## **1.2 To Sponsor and Co-sponsor International Activities**

(1) To co-sponsor the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Estuaries and Coasts to be held in Oman in 2015.

( 2 ) To co-sponsor the 13<sup>th</sup> ISRS, the fifth Council and the fifth Council Meeting and General Assembly to be held in Germany in 2016 and make choice of host for the 14<sup>th</sup> ISRS.

( 3 ) Other matters to be decided.

## **1.3 To Strive for Participation in Relevant International Initiatives**

WASER should continue its efforts to strengthen cooperation with UNESCO, IAHR, IAHS etc, and to actively participate in IHP with focus on ISI, IFI, FRIEND and construction of Global Sediment Data Base etc.

## **1.4 To Build a more Informative Website of WASER**

Members of WASER are encouraged to provide their news, photos, announcements and information related to soil erosion and sedimentation to enrich the website and it is hoped that the database on membership, data base on information of demand and supply, database on knowledge popularization etc. could be established gradually.

## **1.5 To Improve the Quality of Journal of IJSR**

IJSR is the official Journal of the WAER, which is jointly sponsored by the IRTCES and WASER. WASER members are encouraged to submit their high-quality papers or recommend excellent papers for the

Journal in order to continue improve its quality and to expand its influence and increase its impact index at the present impact factor of 0.718 by Thomson Scientific Citation Index (SCI) in the amount of 15 papers each issue.

## **1.6 To Organize Training Courses, Research and Workshop**

- (1) To co-sponsor international Training Courses and conduct case study and workshop on key issues of sediment and erosion control.
- (2) To conduct bio-lateral or international cooperation research projects initiated by the WASER Council.

## **2. BUILDING OF ORGANIZATION AND INSTITUTIONS**

### **2.1 Establishment of a Temporary ad-hoc Committee Devoted to Improving WASER administration and management**

It is suggested to establish a temporary ad-hoc Committee devoted to improving WASER administration and management and this small working group will comprise, as agreed, Prof.Hu Chunghong (SG) and his IRTCES colleague Prof.Liu Cheng, Prof.Giampaolo Di Silvio (President), Prof.Des Walling (past-President), Prof.Wang Zhaoyin (Vice-President) Prof. U. Zanke(Vice President) and by Prof. Liu Xiaoying (Treasurer). Its activity will be provisionally outlined at a meeting to be held during ISRS2013 and defined in detail by email communications, following its formal approval by the new Council.

## **2.2 Recruiting New Members and Close Communications among Council Members**

### **2.2.1 Recruiting New Members via various ways**

It is still the most important work for the Association to recruit more and more new members in order to build a big and strong association.

(1) It is hoped that all council members, secretariat etc. should make every effort to publicize the association, to recommend and encourage scientists and engineers joining in WASER.

(2) All the symposia sponsored or co-sponsored by WASER should be requested for 10% discount registration fee for members of WASER in order to attract more scientists and engineers for joining in WASER. It is also suggested that a 1-3% all registration fee of Symposia should be made for activities of council (including funding partial travel costs for some council members for the symposium, council meeting and meeting costs etc.)

(3) On site service for membership registration and information dissemination should be provided at the symposia when staff of secretariat of WASER present.

(4) Encouragement and high recognition should be given to those that have outstanding achievements in recruiting new members.

### **2.2.2 Close Communication among Council Members**

It is suggested that Council members can convene internet meeting periodically for reviewing reports and proposals from WASER Secretariat and providing instructions and suggestions for future work.

(1) Periodical communication and timely contact between officers with council members, between the secretariat with council members, among council members and officers can be kept for consultation on activities and events about WASER.

(2) Various means of communication and contact including E-mail, internet, postal correspondence, telephone, fax etc will be made available gradually. Registration, charging membership due, unified number and unified certificates will be standardized. It is considered to increase data base service of website.

## **2.3 Raising Funds and Efficient Work for the Association**

At present, the major financial source is from contribution of the IRTCES. More financial resource for the association is needed in order to build an influential and strong association.

In the future 3 years, the association will actively seek for international funds or be generated in the association.

Activities on consultation and research can be also positively conducted for generating funds and providing services by use of densely distributed talents and self predominance of the association.

It is suggested that all council member can make joint efforts to raise more funds for the association.

Finally, As the Deputy Director General and SG of the IRTCES, I would like on behalf the IRTCES to express our heartfelt thanks to all the past council members and officers who have done great job in promoting development and advancement of the sediment and erosion research, and also would like to express our continue support to the development of WASER for a strong Association in the future.