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## AGENDA FOR THE WASER COUNCIL MEETING

**Venue: Room No. 47.06**

**Time: 15:00 - 18:00, Sept. 18, 2016**

**Chairman:** Prof. Di Silvio, President of WASER

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| 15:00-15:10 | 1. Welcome and apologies for absence (Prof. Di Silvio)  |
|             | 2. Appointment of the new Secretary-General (Prof. Di Silvio)   |
|             | 3. Issues on the Qian Ning International Prize (Prof. Di Silvio)  |
| 15:10-15:20 | 3. Minutes of the previous meeting and matter arising (Prof. Di Silvio)   |
| 15:20-15:35 | 4. The President's report (Prof. Di Silvio)   |
| 15:35-15:40 | 5. The Treasurer's report (Prof. Liu Cheng, Treasurer of WASER)   |
| 15:40-15:50 | 6. Report on the honorary member (Prof. Des Walling, Past President of WASER)   |
|             | 7. Report on the award papers of "International Journal of Sediment Research"<br>(Prof. Fang Hongwei, Chief Editor of IJSR) |
|             | 8. Announcement of the list of the Fifth Council Members (Prof. Di Silvio)  |
| 15:50-16:00 | Coffee Break  |

**Chairman:** Prof. Wang Zhao-Yin, New President of WASER

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| 16:00-16:15 | 9. Presentation and Discussion on draft Secretariat work report for 2013-2016 and work plan for 2016-2019 (Prof. Liu Guangquan, Secretary General of WASER) |
| 16:15-16:30 | 10. Presentation and discussion on issues of the 14th ISRS (Prof. Lin Pengzhi, Local Organizer)   |
| 16:30-17:30 | 11. Discussion on revision of the Statutes (if required)  |
|             | 12. Discussion on the development of WASER and future ISRS (Prof. Wang Zhao-Yin)  |
| 17:30-17:40 | 13. Minutes, any other business, and Wrap-up (Prof. Wang Zhao-Yin)  |
|             | 14. Closing   |

Group photo

## **MINUTES OF THE FOURTH WASER COUNCIL MEETING**

The fourth Council Meeting of the World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research (WASER) was held in Kyoto, Japan on September 1, 2013. The Council Meeting was attended by 19 members representing both the Third Council and the newly elected Fourth Council. Participants included Professor Giampaolo Di Silvio (Italy), President of the Third and Fourth Council, President Professor Desmond Walling (UK), President Second Council; Third Council; Professor Chih Ted Yang (USA) Vice President Second Council, Member Third Council; Professor Gerrit Basson (South Africa), Members Second Council, Vice Presidents Third Council, Professor Chunhong Hu (China), Member Second Council, Secretary General Third and Fourth Council; Professor Hajime Nakagawa (Japan), Members of the Second and Third Councils; Professor J M Romkens (USA), Prof. Grant Douglas (Australia), Prof. Geraldo Wilson Junior (Brazil), Prof. Nikolay Alexeevsky (Russia), Member Third and Fourth Council; Prof. Yi Tianli (China), Prof. Shouji Fukuoka (Japan), Prof. Silke Ursula Wieprecht (Germany), Prof. Mustafa S. Altinakar (USA), Members Fourth Council; and Professor Xiaoying Liu (China), Treasurer Second to Fourth Councils. A number of staff from the WASER Secretariat and several observers also attended. Apologies for absence were received from Professor Zanke C. E. Ulrich (Germany), Vice President, Third and Fourth Council; Professor Zhaoyin Wang, Vice President, Third and Fourth Council, and Professor Guangqian Wang (China), Member Third Council; Prof. Jim Bogen (Norway), Member Second and Third 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 2010 to 2013 by Prof. Chunhong Hu and an overview of the venue, sponsors and central theme of the 12th ISRS by Prof. Silke Ursula 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 2010-2013, and approval of the nominations for Secretary General (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 meeting also approved

- (1) The nomination of Prof. Des Walling (UK) as ONLY Honorary Member of WASER by Prof. Chih Ted Yang, Past Vice President.
- (2) The nomination of four papers for the Third WASER Prize for Best Papers published in the International Journal of Sediment Research by Prof. Des Walling, namely,

Year	Vol.(No.)	Pages	Author(s) and the first author's affiliation	Title
2012	27(4)	426-438	<b>Guo-an YU</b> , 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 Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences	Bed load transport under different streambed conditions –a field experimental study in a mountain stream
2011	26(4)	445-459	<b>Baosheng WU</b> and Lingyun LI State Key Laboratory of Hydrosience and Engineering, Tsinghua University	Delayed response model for bankfull discharge predictions in the Yellow River
2011	26(3)	269-282	<b>Hossein AFZALIMEHR</b> , 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
2012	27(2)	141-157	<b>Hao ZHANG</b> , Hajime NAKAGAWA, and Hideaki MIZUTANI Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, Japan	Bed morphology and grain size characteristics around a spur dyke

(3)The nomination of Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio (Italy) and Professor Hajime Nakagawa (Japan) as the recipients of the Qian Ning International Prize by Qian Ning International Prize Committee

The meeting discussed and modified the draft work plan 2013-2016, and the secretariat was asked to finalize and implement the plan under the leadership of the WASER Council. The venue, sponsors and central theme of the 13th ISRS were also discussed and a number of important comments and suggestions were provided to the LOC, A 10% discount on the registration fee for WASER members should be guaranteed and a 3% levy on the registration fee for WASER funds was requested (the final decision on this rests with the LOC). The Council strongly appealed to all members to provide proposals for the venue of the 14th ISRS in 2019.

Suggestions from the Council meeting about future nominations, awards and prizes (e.g., containing the number of recipients and submit timely proposals to the Council) have led to the establishment of a Temporary ad-hoc Committee devoted to Improving WASER administration and Management. The Committee will comprise, as agreed, Prof. Giampaolo Di

Silvion(President), Prof. Chunhong Hu (SG) and his IRTCES colleague Prof. Chen Liu g, Prof . Des Walling (past president), Prof. Zhaoyi Wang (Vice President), Prof. U. Zanke (Vice President) and by Prof. Xiaoying Liu (Treasurer) and its activity was outlined and some urgent matter were discussed at the meeting held on Sept.2 afternoon during ISRS2013. The President Giampaolo Di Silvio will contact in due time the other members of the council to initiate its activities.

#### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES DURING THE TERM 2013-2016

The Council activities during the term have been conducted by email and will be summarized in the President's Report. The minutes of these activities are represented by the following Notes transmitted to the Council members: 1st Note (20/11/2014); 2nd Note (10/08/2015); 3rd Note (08/10/2015); 4th Note (21/01/2016); 5th Note (21/03/2016); 6th Note (24/07/2016).

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio, President of WASER**

1. *Primum vivere, deinde philosophari*, namely 'First live and then philosophize'. This Latin saying - attributed to the English philosopher Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679) but probably much older – simply reminds us that living and staying alive is a necessary prerequisite for eventually achieving greater things. Indeed, at the beginning of my present and last term of office as President, the vital functioning of WASER in terms of secretarial support appeared disturbingly ineffective and therefore its potential for meaningful activities as an international scientific organization were seriously compromised.

2. To revitalize the organizational machinery of the Association, a *Temporary Working Party (TWP)* was established with the purpose of improving WASER's administration and management. The TWP, comprising the Council Officers and a representative of IRTCES, was engaged for much of the present term in overcoming a variety of obstacles to a satisfactory solution of the problem. However, following the decisive intervention of Prof. Kuang Shangfu, Director of IRTCES, in September 2015 the Secretariat of WASER was eventually restructured and strengthened, with Prof. Liu Cheng appointed to the new position of Executive Secretary and Prof. Shi Hongling joining the Secretariat staff.

3. A further vital function of WASER that required attention was that it was imperative to restore and improve its communication system with the outside world. In fact, both the *Website*, effectively the "front-office" of the Association, and the *Newsletter*, the means of maintaining contact with those interested in the activities of WASER, had been seriously neglected for a long period. At the end of 2015, however, thanks to the strenuous efforts of the new Executive Secretary in his role as Website manager and Newsletter editor, WASER's communication system was reorganized and relaunched. The restructured WASER Secretariat has also been instrumental in assisting the LOC of the *13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on River Sedimentation (ISRS)*, the main official conference of WASER, as well as in providing technical support to the *International Journal of Sediment Research (IJSR)*, the prestigious scientific journal jointly sponsored by WASER and IRTCES.

4. After the successful revival of the Secretariat, the WASER Council turned its attention to a further important endeavour, namely strengthening WASER's links with the many persons active in sediment research and applications who have shown an interest in our Association and who have been involved in its past activities. For a number of reasons, a negligible proportion of these people were regular (paid up) members of WASER. After a lengthy discussion, the Council decided to invite these individuals to join what would be designated the *WASER Community*, and to waive for them the annual subscription fee to WASER. Members of the WASER Community were granted the same rights as the regular members of WASER (e.g. the right to vote in Council elections) with the exception of benefits with a monetary value (e.g. special arrangements for the

ISRS registration fee and for the IJSR subscription). It should be noted that the Council saw this as a temporary arrangement and that the existence of the WASER Community and the rights granted to its members may be reviewed in the future, possibly in the framework of an overall review of the WASER policy on membership and payment of membership fees.

5. Currently, the WASER Community has several hundred members, representing a variety of disciplinary and geographical areas. The Community's participation in the *election of the new Council for 2016-2019* has provided the election process with a much greater democratic legitimacy than the few regular members of WASER would have provided. The Officers and ordinary members of the new Council have been elected from a slate of candidates nominated by a Nomination Committee, as required by the Statutes. The names of the *elected President, vice-Presidents* and *ordinary members* of the Council 2016-2019 have been posted on the WASER Website and they will be officially introduced later in the present meeting.

6. Besides the *elected members*, the new Council also includes *co-opted members* (to be identified according to the Statutes by the new Council) and, since this year, an *ex-officio member*, namely the Editor in Chief of the IJSR. The inclusion of the ex-officio member has required an amendment to the Statutes which has already been approved by the present Council and posted on the WASER Website.

7. The *Secretary General* is an Officer of WASER nominated by IRTCES and appointed by the Council. IRTCES has nominated a new Secretary General, Prof. Liu Guangquan, for the next term 2016-2019. However, in order to allow him assume his role immediately in the absence of the present Secretary General, Prof. Liu's appointment has been dealt within the present Council meeting as the first item on its agenda.

8. In addition to the matters indicated above, in the course of this year the Council has discussed and approved the following ordinary business, which will be reported later during the present meeting:

-*Qian Ning Prize* : not awarded this year;

-*Honorary Membership*: awarded to Prof. Chi Ted Yang;

-*Venue of the 14th ISRS in 2019*: to be hosted by Sichuan University, Chengdu (China). The University of Padua (Italy) has been provisionally identified as the venue for the 15th ISRS in 2022;

-*IJSR Best Paper Awards*: Prizes awarded according to the Report provided by Prof. Fang Hongwei.

9. In accordance with its statutory mission, during the current term WASER has taken several initiatives aimed at promoting international cooperation: in particular co-sponsoring meetings and conferences organized by other Associations and devoted to particular or complementary aspects of sediment research. Also worthy of mention is the staging of the second *International Workshop on International Sediment Advances (WISA)*, which involves the participation of



representatives of several other organizations and is included in the programme of the present ISRS in Stuttgart.

10. *In conclusion*, I am pleased to report that at the end of the current term (2013-2016) the vital functions of WASER are in a much healthier state than at the beginning and that looking to the future we are able to aspire to achieving far more than simply staying alive. Thanks to an efficient Secretarial structure and to the existence of a sizeable and committed WASER Community, our Association can now pursue its objectives through new initiatives and activities, complementing the excellent achievements of the International Journal of Sediment Research and the very successful series of International Symposia on River Sedimentation.

I am confident that if these favourable conditions continue, the new President, Officers and Council of WASER will represent and have the support of a lively Association, capable of growing, expanding and flourishing within the family of international scientific and professional organizations.

Finally, I would like to conclude my Report by expressing the thanks of both myself and the Association for the important support that we have received over the past three years. Grateful thanks are extended to IRTCES and its Director Professor Kuang Shangfu and to the Secretariat provided by IRTCES. Without the support of IRTCES, the Association would not exist. Thanks are also due to the Officers and Council Members and others who have supported the work of myself and the Council. Turning more explicitly to the Secretariat, I must highlight the outstanding support provided by Professor Liu Cheng, the Treasurer and Executive Secretary who is with us here in Stuttgart, and thank him for his work. I would also like to thank other members of the Secretariat over the past three years, who are unable to be with us, and, in particular, the Secretary General, Professor Hu Chunhong, the past Treasurer, Professor Liu Xiaoying, and Professor Shi Hongling. Professor Liu Xiaoying served as WASER Treasurer from the inception of the Association in 2004 until last year and gave very valuable service to the Association over those 11 years. His contribution is greatly appreciated.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Prepared by Prof. Liu Cheng, Executive Secretary General and Treasurer of WASER

## 1. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL

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### WASER Council, Term of 2013-2016

President:	Di Silvio G., Italy
Vice-presidents:	Zanke C.E. Ulrich, Germany Wang Zhaoyin, China
Secretary-General:	Hu Chunhong, China
Treasurer:	Liu Xiaoying Liu Cheng (Executive from September 2015)
Members:	Grant Douglas, Australia Helmut Habersack, Austria Geraldo Wilson Junior, Brazil Yitian Li, China Silke Ursula Wieprecht, Germany Shoji Fukuoka, Japan Nikolay Ivanovith Alexeevsky, Russia Mustafa S. Altinakar, USA M. J. M. Romkens, USA
Coopted Members:	Desmond E. Walling, UK C. T. Yang, USA Gerrit Basson, South Africa Hajime Nakagawa, Japan

### WASER Council, Term of 2016-2019

President:	Wang, Zhaoyin, China
Vice-presidents:	Habersack, Helmut, Austria Nakagawa, Hajime, Japan
Secretary-General:	Liu, Guangquan
Executive Secretary-General and Treasurer:	Liu, Cheng
Elected Members:	Brils, Jos, The Netherlands Lanzoni, Stefano, Italy Li, Yitian, China Meddi, Mohamed, Algeria Melville, Bruce, New Zealand Minella, Jean, Brazil Romkens, Matt, USA Wieprecht, Silke, Germany Yang, Kejun, China

Ex-officio member: Fang, Hongwei, China

Automatically Coopted Members: Giampaolo, Di Silvio, Italy  
Ulrich, Zanke C.E., Germany

## 2. WASER FINANCIAL REPORT

This report contains the WASER Financial Report for the period 2013-2016. It comprises:

- (1) The Association's Financial Statement;
- (2) The IJSR's Financial Statement
- (3) An Appendix listing valid membership dues in 2016

All figures are quoted in USD (\$) in this report.

### 2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT (in USD) for WASER Secretariat as at August 30, 2016

<b>INCOME</b>	2014	2015	2016	Sum.
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>140</b>
-Membership fees	0	140	0	140
-Interest	None	None	None	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	2014	2015	2016	Sum.
<b>Total</b>	<b>4440</b>	<b>8758</b>	<b>5110</b>	<b>18308</b>
-Website	500	4700	500	5700
-Financial equipment	420	470	940	1830
-Cost of Audit	470	470	470	1410
-Cost of money transfer	0	38	0	38
-Taxes	2400	2400	2400	7200
-Office costs Secretariat	650	680	800	2130

Operational Surplus/Deficit = total income - total exp.= - **USD 18,168**

**\*Salaries for WASER Secretariat staff (about USD 130,000 per year) and payments for financial staff from IWHR, who assist WASER financial management, are not included.** The extra costs in the past 3 years have been met by IRTCES and the Chinese government via various projects

### 2.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENT (in USD) for IJSR as of August 30, 2016

<b>INCOME</b>	2014	2015	2016	Sum.
<b>Total</b>	<b>27600</b>	<b>45500</b>	<b>38600</b>	<b>111700</b>
-Publication fees (for Chinese authors only)	23400	39000	32000	94400
-Subscription fees	4200	6500	6600	17300
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	2014	2015	2016	Sum.
<b>Total</b>	<b>102250</b>	<b>140000</b>	<b>154700</b>	<b>396950</b>
-Publication cost	5500	6200	4700	16400
-Elsevier cost	0	23400	23400	46800
-Reviewer payment	1800	0	0	1800
-Salaries	93750	109000	125000	327750
-Office costs	1200	1400	1600	4200

Operational Surplus/Deficit = total income - total exp.= - **USD 285,250**

**\*The extra costs in the past 3 years have been met by IRTCES and the Chinese government via various projects**

## Appendix 1 Records of valid WASER Members

No.	Name	Country	Year of payment	Valid to
1	Huang Heqing	China	2010	LIFE MEMBERSHIP
2	Roslan Zainal Abidin	Malaysia	2008	LIFE MEMBERSHIP
3	Howard Chang	USA	2006	2020
4	Sam S. Y. Wang	USA	2006	2020.12
5	Fahmi Hidayat	Indonesia	2015	2020
6	Yadav Sanjaykumar Madhusudan	India	2015	2020
7	Pedro Abel Basile	Argentina	2009/2013	2017.12
8	Geraldo Wilson Junior	Brazil	2006	2016.12
9	Newton DE Oliveira Carvalho	Brazil	2006	2016.12
10	C.V.J. Varma	India	2006	2016

(1) Total Number of valid WASER members at present:10

(2) Total new WASER members during 2013-2016: 2

## 3. CONCLUSION/SUGGESTION

### 3.1 Conclusion

(1) Membership fees have generated a very small sum during the past three years. The total income of WASER is USD 140 and the total expenditure is USD 18,303 (Salaries for WASER Secretariat staff and payments for financial staff from IWHR, who assist WASER financial management, are not included). It is obvious that there is a large difference of USD 18,168 between the total income and expenditure.

(2) There is a huge gap of USD 285,250 between the total income and expenditure for the IJSR office. The total income is USD 111,700 and the total expenditure is USD 396,950.

(3) There are no other funds available from international donors or other organizations.

(4) Only 2 new members joined the Association in the past three years, and most of the previous members have not renewed their membership.

(5) All the extra costs are borne by IRTCES and the Chinese Government. The main funds for operating the Secretariat of WASER and the IJSR office are provided by IRTCES.

### 3.2 Suggestions

- (1) Major efforts should be made by the Association to generate additional funds to support the operation of the WASER secretariat.
- (2) Greater attention should be directed to recruiting fee-paying members of WASER.

### 3.3 Specific Suggestions for Membership

- (1) Three types of WASER membership should be included: Individual members, corporate members and members of the WASER Community. All individual and corporate members shall pay or renew their membership dues regularly. They are entitled to all customary rights listed in the Status.
- (2) The registration fee for members of the WASER Community is 0. Members of the WASER Community receive WASER Newsletters and communications, and have the right to vote in WASER Council, elections. However, they do not receive reduced registration fees when attending international meetings organized by the Association and cannot purchase publications at a preferential price.
- (3) All members, including present and past Council members, shall renew their membership dues regularly except for Honorary Members, past Presidents and Vice Presidents, and office members of the Secretariat.
- (4) All the symposia sponsored or co-sponsored by WASER should be requested provide a 10% discount on the registration fee for members of WASER in order to encourage more scientists and engineers to join WASER. It is also suggested that a 3-5% levy on Symposia registration fees should be imposed to support the activities of the Association.
- (5) It is also suggested that the organizers of the ISRS should promote WASER membership by ensuring that the total sum represented by the ISRS registration fee for WASER members and the WASER 3-year membership fee is less than the standard registration fee. .
- (6) Proposed new membership dues are listed as the Table below, these have been discussed and approved by IRTCES. The new membership dues are being submitted to the WASER Council and Assembly for final approval.

**Proposed WASER membership dues**

Type	6 Years		3 Years		1 Year	
	IJSR Printed copy	IJSR Printed copy	IJSR E-copy	IJSR Printed copy	IJSR E-copy	
Individual (USD)	480	250	40	90	15	
Individual (RMB)	3000	1600	250	600	100	
Student (USD)			20		8	
Student (RMB)			140		50	
Corporate (USD)	660	340		120		
Corporate (RMB)	5000	2800		1000		

**Note:** The subscription fee for IJSR is USD 96 or RMB 900 per year.

# **DRAFT SECRETARIAT WORK REPORT FOR 2013-2016 AND WORK PLAN FOR 2016-2019**

**Prepared by Prof. Liu Guangquan, Secretary-General of WASER**

The World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research (WASER) was founded during the 9<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on River Sedimentation held in Yichang, 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. After 12 years of development, WASER is becoming a well-known Association worldwide.

## **1. ACTIVITIES DURING 2013-2016**

### **1.1 Restructuring of the WASER Secretariat**

The WASER Secretariat was restructured in September 2015. Prof. Liu Cheng, Deputy Division Chief of IRTCES, was designated the Executive Secretary and Treasurer of WASER. Prof. Shi Hongling also joined the staff of the Secretariat, but unfortunately she is now working in IWHR and is no longer able to support the Secretariat.

Prof. LIU Guangquan, the Deputy Director of IRTCES, was nominated by IRTCES in August 2016 as the Secretary-General for 2016-2019. His appointment will be dealt with by the WASER Council at today's meeting.

A Temporary ad-hoc Committee devoted to improving WASER administration and management was established in 2013. The committee has now finished its work and has been terminated.

### **1.2 Reconstruction of the WASER website and relaunching of the WASER Newsletter**

Work on reconstructing the WASER website and its management system started at the beginning of 2014. The newly updated WASER website has been in operation since October 2015 after several major changes. The website has been updated regularly, including the sections covering WASER and erosion/sedimentation related news, the IJSR journal, ISRS symposia and its proceedings, and related documents and research papers.

The first issue of the relaunched WASER Newsletter was circulated in November 2015, and to date three issues of the Newsletter and one New Year message have been produced and circulated. The Newsletter aims to facilitate communication across the WASER community and includes WASER news, news from the sediment world, the contents of the International Journal of Sediment Research and the

journal International Soil and Water Conservation Research, as well as information on upcoming conferences.

### **1.3 WASER Community establishment**

The WASER Community was established to identify and establish contact with those people with an interest in the Association and to facilitate communication by creating a mailing list. Members of the WASER Community are currently entitled to free receipt of the WASER Newsletters and communications, and are entitled to vote in the WASER Council elections. However, they do not enjoy preferential treatment when attending international meetings organized by the Association and cannot purchase publications at a preferential price.

The Secretariat collected mailing lists of participants in the 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> ISRS, previous members of WASER, including its founding members, participants in all five International Conferences on Estuaries and Coasts (ICEC), subscribers to the UNESCO-ISI, IJSR reviewers and participants in several IAHR Congresses. Several thousand emails were sent out inviting recipients to register their interest in WASER by joining the WASER Community. As of August 2016, 215 experts from 40 countries and regions have been registered as the members of WASER Community.

### **1.4 Technical support for the 13<sup>th</sup> ISRS and establishing the venue for the 14<sup>th</sup> ISRS**

The Secretariat has maintained close contact with the LOC of the 13<sup>th</sup> ISRS, providing necessary technical support for the symposium organization, including distributing the symposium announcement through different mailing lists, several websites and newsletters, providing mailing lists of previous symposia, organizing Chinese participants, and providing suggestions and other help.

The Secretariat began the process of establishing the venue for the 14<sup>th</sup> ISRS in January 2016. Proposals from Sichuan University, China and the University of Padua, Italy had been received by the deadline. The final decision by WASER and IRTCES was to accept the invitation from Sichuan University to host the 14<sup>th</sup> ISRS in 2019. .

### **1.5 Technical support for the IJSR**

The Secretariat has maintained close contact with the IJSR office and has provided necessary technical support for the journal, including manuscript reviewing as well as organizing the reviewing process, recommending reviewers, distributing IJSR content lists through the WASER website and newsletters, and providing suggestions and other help.

The SCI Impact Factor for the IJSR has increased steadily from 0.977 in 2013 to 1.306 in 2014 and 1.388 in 2015.

### **1.6 Supporting elections and selection of candidates for prizes and other awards**

The Secretariat has provided support for the nomination and election of Officers and Council members, the nomination and approval of Honorary Members, and the nomination of papers and selection of winners for the IJSR awards.

### **1.7 Daily routine work and domestic administrative affairs**

The Secretariat has carried out its daily routine work which is necessary for the day to day administration and management of the Association.

As a registered International Association in China, the Secretariat of WASER must conform to Chinese laws and related management requirements specified by the Chinese authorities. The Secretariat is required to prepare a number of documents, including an annual report, a financial audit and tax audit for annual inspection by the Ministry of Civil Affairs. It must also be inspected and audited by the National Audit Office. An application for exemption from regulations governing employment of persons with disabilities and other requirements has also been drawn up and submitted.

## **2 ACTIVITIES PLANNED 2016-2019**

### **1.1 Sponsorship or co-sponsorship of international activities**

(1) As the Association's symposia, the 14th ISRS will be hosted by Sichuan University in 2019. This will be the venue for the sixth Council Meeting and General Assembly. The Secretariat will provide any technical supports required by the LOC to ensure successful organization of the symposium.

(2) The venue of the 15th ISRS has been provisionally considered to be Padua, Italy, and to be held in 2022 must be decided prior to the 14th ISRS.

(3) WASER has sponsored the 1st World Conference on Soil and Water Conservation (CONSOWA) to be held in Lleida, Spain, on 12-16 June 2017, and the IRTCES sponsored the 6th International Conference on Estuaries and Coasts (ICEC 2018) will be held at Caen, France in 2018. A proposal that WASER should co-sponsor ICEC 2018 is being submitted to the Council for approval.

(4) Other international conferences/workshops sponsored or co-sponsored by WASER to be decided.

### **1.2 Participation in relevant international initiatives**

WASER should continue its efforts to strengthen cooperation with UNESCO, IAHR, IAHS and ICOLD, and to actively participate in IHP with a focus on ISI, IFI, IDI, WLRI and FRIEND etc.

### **1.3 Improved information sharing through the website and newsletters**

The Secretariat will continue its efforts to share erosion and sedimentation related news, information, technical publications and other materials through the Association's website and newsletters among WASER members and the sediment community. Members of WASER are encouraged to provide their contributions to the Secretariat.



#### **1.4 Improve the quality of the IJSR journal**

IJSR is the official Journal of WASER, which is jointly sponsored by the IRTCES and WASER. WASER members are encouraged to submit their high-quality manuscripts and to recommend excellent papers for the Journal, in order to further improve its quality, expand its influence and increase its impact factor.

#### **1.5 Training courses, workshop and research project organization**

Taking the advantage of the expert resources of the Association, WASER should consider to: (1) organize, sponsor or co-sponsor international training courses and workshops on key issues relating to erosion and sedimentation at appropriate times; (2) conduct bilateral or international cooperative research projects or case studies initiated by the WASER Council; and (3) submit study proposals for financial support from international organizations or the members' own countries.

#### **1.6 Council elections, prizes and awards**

The Secretariat will support the process of nominating and electing the Officers and Council for 2019-2022, and the nomination and election of Honorary Members, and the nomination and selection of candidates for the IJSR awards and the Qian Ning Prizes for next term.

#### **1.7 New Members Recruiting**

Expansion of the membership of WASER by recruiting new members must be seen as a very important area of activity for the Association, in order to increase its size and ensure its future. Three types of WASER membership should be included: Individual members, corporate members and members of the WASER Community. All individual and corporate members shall pay or renew their membership dues regularly. They are entitled to all customary rights listed in the Status. The members of WASER Community are entitled to free WASER Newsletters and communications, and are permitted to vote in the election of the WASER Council, but they are not eligible for reduced registration fees when attending international meetings organized by the Association or to purchase publications at a preferential price.

(1) It is hoped that all Council members and existing members of the Association, as well as the Secretariat, will make a concerted effort to publicize the Association, and to recommend and encourage scientists and engineers to join the Association.

(2) All the symposia sponsored or co-sponsored by WASER should be requested provide a 10% discount on the registration fee for members of WASER in order to encourage more scientists and engineers to join WASER. It is also suggested that a 3-5% levy on Symposia registration fees should be imposed to support the activities of the Association.

(3) It is suggested that the organizers of the ISRS should help to promote the recruitment of WASER members by adjusting the registration fees. The total sum that includes the ISRS registration fee for WASER members and the minimum WASER 3-year membership due should be lower than the registration fee for standard participants.

(4) On-site services for membership registration and information dissemination should be provided at symposia where staff of the secretariat of WASER are present.

(5) Encouragement and appropriate recognition should be given to those who demonstrate outstanding achievements in recruiting new members.

### **1.8 Close Communication among Council Members**

It is suggested that Council will continue, as in the past, to discuss and deliberate matters via emails; individual members should actively participate in communications through emails, postal correspondence, telephone calls and faxes, internet conferences and other means to facilitate discussion of the Association's activities, reviewing of reports and proposals from the WASER Secretariat and providing instructions and suggestions for future work.

### **1.9 Fund Raising**

At present, the major source of financial support for WASER is the contribution from IRTCES. More financial resources for the Association are needed, in order to build a more influential and stronger association.

In the future 3 years, the Association will actively seek to obtain international financial support or to generate funds from within the Association.

Consulting and research activities under the auspices of the Association that make use of the corporate expertise of Association members could also provide a means of generating funds. It is suggested that all Council member can make joint efforts to raise more funds for the Association.

Finally, as the Deputy Director 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 a great job in promoting the development and advancement of sediment and erosion research, and I also would like to express our continued support for the ongoing development of WASER to produce a stronger Association for the future.

## **TED YANG HONORARY MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION STATEMENT**

Chih Ted Yang is a highly experienced hydraulic engineer specialising in river training, management and restoration, a world renowned scientist in the field of sediment dynamics and a much appreciated university professor. Among his numerous important achievements, his most well-known contribution to research on sediment transport and fluvial morphology is probably Yang's theory of minimum rate of energy dissipation. Different formulations of this general concept have provided a basis for interpreting and understanding a wide range of fluvial processes and features and solving many different river engineering problems.

Ted Yang provided important support for the establishment of WASER and he was present at the foundation of our Association in 2004 during the 9th International Symposium on River Sedimentation held at the Three Gorges Dam Site, where he was elected one of the two first vice-Presidents of our Association. Ted served in this position until 2010, a period which covered the crucial first two terms of WASER's existence. Since then he has been co-opted as a Council member and has continued to provide important support and advice.

For his outstanding service to both the Association and to the sediment studies more widely, it is a great pleasure for me to recommend Chih Ted Yang to the Council as an Honorary member of WASER, as proposed unanimously by the Nomination Committee.

Giampaolo Di Silvio

# RESULTS OF THE AWARD FOR BEST PAPERS PUBLISHED IN IJSR IN 2016

Dear Giampaolo

I'm pleased to report you that *International Journal of Sediment Research (IJSR)* has completed the selection of best paper, for the Award for Distinguished Contributions to Sediment Research in 2016. Three best papers are selected based on the following procedures: (1) determining candidate papers; (2) setting up the selection committees; (3) votes and results statistics.

Detailed information present as following for your consideration.

## 1. Candidate papers

Members of the editorial board of the *IJSR* have screened 139 papers published in this Journal during 2013-2015, and 12 candidate papers are selected based on following principles:

(1)The cited times, are important index reflecting the paper's quality and popularity, and the papers with high cited times were first selected;

(2)Considering the fact that cited times may be affected by the published year, especially for those published in the latter half of 2014 and in 2015, the reviewers' comments are also taken into consideration, and articles with high evaluation in the first review process were considered;

(3)Chief Editor read 17 preliminary selected paper carefully and decide the 12 candidate papers.

The following are the 12 candidate papers.

	Year	Vol.(No.)	Pages	Author(s)	Title
1	2013	28(1)	1-14	Xi-xi LU, Li-Shan. RAN, Song LIU, Tong JIANG, Shu-rong ZHANG, and Jian-jun WANG	Sediment loads response to climate change: A preliminary study of eight large Chinese rivers
2	2013	28(1)	90-102	Temporetti PEDRO, Snodgrass KIMBERLEY, and Pedrozo FERNANDO	Dynamics of phosphorus in sediments of a naturally acidic lake
3	2013	28(3)	269-284	Stefania EVANGELISTA, Mustafa S. ALTINAKAR, Cristiana DI CRISTO, and Angelo LEOPARDI	Simulation of dam-break waves on movable beds using a multi-stage centered scheme
4	2013	28(4)	273-281	Arman HADDADCHI, Darren S. RYDER, Olivier EVRARD, and Jon OLLEY	Sediment fingerprinting in fluvial systems: review of tracers, sediment sources and mixing models
5	2014	29(1)	1-10	Mehdi MAANANI, Ana Carolina RUIZ-FERNÁNDEZ, Mohamed MAANAN, Paul FATTAL, Bendahhou ZOURARAH, and Mohamed SAHABI	A long-term record of land use change impacts on sediments in Oualidia lagoon, Morocco
4	2014	29(2)	278-284	Min CONG, Tao JIANG, Yu-zao QI, Hong-po DONG, De-qiang TENG, and Song-hui LU	Phosphorus forms and distribution in Zhejiang coastal sediment in the East China Sea
7	2014	29(3)	285-303	Yu-chuan BAI and Zhao-yin WANG	Theory and application of nonlinear river dynamics
8	2014	29(4)	471-480	Qian-qian SHANG, Hong-wei FANG, Hui-ming ZHAO, Guo-jian HE, and Zheng-hui CUI	Biofilm effects on size gradation, drag coefficient and settling velocity of sediment particles

9	2015	30(1)	1-12	Seema C. SHAH-FAIRBANK and Pierre Y. JULIEN	Sediment load calculations from point measurements in sand-bed rivers
10	2015	30(1)	63-67	Ian KNACK and Hung-tao SHEN	Sediment transport in ice-covered channels
11	2015	30(2)	117-130	Hong-lu QIAN, Zhi-xian CAO, Gareth PENDER, Huaihan LIU, and Peng HU	Well-balanced numerical modelling of non-uniform sediment transport in alluvial rivers
12	2015	30(4)	273-284	Moritz THOM, Holger SCHMIDT, Sabine U. GERBERSDORF, and Silke WIEPRECHT	Seasonal biostabilization and erosion behavior of fluvial biofilms under different hydrodynamic and light conditions

## 2. Members of the Selection Committee

The selection committee consists of 15 distinguished scientists in this field as listed below. Copies of the candidate papers were sent to them for further consideration, and each member was requested to recommend five papers out of the 12 candidate papers.

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| 1 | Gabriella Balacco<br>Professor<br>g.balacco@poliba.it<br>Italy   | 9  | Hajime Nakagawa<br>Professor<br><a href="mailto:nakagawa@uh31.dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp">nakagawa@uh31.dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp</a><br>Japan |
| 2 | Fabián A Bombardelli<br>Professor<br>fabombardelli@ucdavis.edu<br>USA  | 10 | Witold Reczyński<br>Professor<br>wreczyn@agh.edu.pl<br>Poland   |
| 3 | Raphael W. Crowley<br>Professor<br>r.crowley@unf.edu<br>USA  | 11 | Danny Reible<br>Professor<br>danny.reible@ttu.edu<br>USA  |
| 4 | Subhasish Dey<br>Professor<br>subhasish.dey@iitkgp.ac.in;<br>India   | 12 | Thorsten Stoesser<br>Professor<br>stoesser@cf.ac.uk<br>UK   |
| 5 | Massimo Greco<br>Professor<br>grecom@unina.it;<br>Italy  | 13 | Jueyi Sui<br>Professor<br>sui@unbc.ca; <a href="mailto:jysui2@yahoo.com">jysui2@yahoo.com</a> ;<br>Canada                       |
| 6 | Qingquan Liu<br>Professor<br>qqliu@imech.ac.cn<br>China  | 14 | Des Walling<br>Professor<br>D.E.Walling@exeter.ac.uk<br>UK  |
| 7 | Charles Steve Melching<br>Professor<br>steve.melching17@gmail.com<br>USA   | 15 | Lafhaj Zoubeir<br>Professor<br>zoubeir.lafhaj@ec-lille.fr<br>France   |
| 8 | Erik Mosselman<br><a href="mailto:erik.mosselman@deltares.nl">erik.mosselman@deltares.nl</a> ;<br>Professor<br>The Netherlands |    |   |

### **3. Votes and results statistics**

Up to now, all the fifteen members of the Selection Committee have voted via email, and the voting results are therefore considered valid. The best papers were selected according to the total numbers of votes received by each paper, the following three papers obtained 10, 10 and 9 votes respectively and are proposed to receive the award, while other candidate papers received less than half.

#### **(1) Sediment loads response to climate change: A preliminary study of eight large Chinese rivers**

Authors:

Xi-xi LU<sup>[1]</sup>, Li-Shan RAN<sup>[1]</sup>, Song LIU<sup>[1]</sup>, Tong JIANG<sup>[2]</sup>, Shurong ZHANG<sup>[3]</sup> and Jian-jun WANG<sup>[1]</sup>

Affiliation:

[1] Department of Geography, National University of Singapore, 117570, Singapore

[2] National Climate Centre, China Meteorological Administration, Beijing, the People's Republic of China

[3] College of Water Sciences, Beijing Normal University, the People's Republic of China

Publication information: Vol.28, No.1; Pages: 1-14; Year: 2013

#### **(2) Biofilm effects on size gradation, drag coefficient and settling velocity of sediment particles**

Authors:

Qianqian SHANG<sup>[1,2]</sup>, Hongwei FANG<sup>[1]</sup>, Huiming ZHAO<sup>[1,3]</sup>, Guojian HE<sup>[1]</sup>, and Zhenghui CUI<sup>[1]</sup>

Affiliation:

[1] Department of Hydraulic Engineering, State Key Laboratory of Hydrosience and Engineering, Tsinghua University, Beijing 100084, the People's Republic of China

[2] Nanjing Hydraulic Research Institute, Nanjing 210029, the People's Republic of China

[3] China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research, Beijing 100038, the People's Republic of China

Publication information: Vol.29, No.4; Pages: 471-480; Year: 2014

#### **(3) Seasonal biostabilization and erosion behavior of fluvial biofilms under different hydrodynamic and light conditions**

Authors:

Moritz THOM<sup>[1]</sup>, Holger SCHMIDT<sup>[1]</sup>, Sabine U. GERBERSDORF<sup>[1]</sup>, and Silke WIEPRECHT<sup>[1]</sup>

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Publication information: Vol.30, No.4; Pages: 273-284; Year: 2015

## OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF WASER COUNCIL 2016-2019

### DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

#### Election of Officers and Members of WASER Council 2016-2019

We, Chunhong Hu, and Cheng Liu, being the returning officers of WASER do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows.

Country	Name of Candidate	Position	Votes
China	Wang, Zhaoyin	President	142
Austria	Habersack, Helmut	Vice President	136
Japan	Nakagawa, Hajime	Vice President	140
The Netherlands	Brils, Jos	Council Member	137
Italy	Lanzoni, Stefano	Council Member	135
China	Li, Yitian	Council Member	141
Algeria	Meddi, Mohamed	Council Member	137
New Zealand	Melville, Bruce	Council Member	138
Brazil	Minella, Jean	Council Member	134
USA	Romkens, Matt	Council Member	137
Germany	Wieprecht, Silke	Council Member	141
China	Yang, Kejun	Council Member	138

Total Ballot papers: 239

Ballot Papers returned: 142

Turnout: 59%

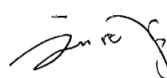
Each of the candidates listed on the slate obtained very strong support from the voting members i.e. 94 – 100 % of possible votes. Two additional candidates, Niansheng Cheng (Singapore) and Sergey Chalov (Russia) were suggested by individual votes.

And we do hereby declare that the above-mentioned WASER council officers and members are duly elected.

Dated 20 August 2016



Chunhong Hu, Secretary General



Cheng Liu, Executive Secretary General

# **STATUTES OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION RESEARCH**

## **STATUTES**

### **1. Name**

The Association shall be known as the **World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research**, hereinafter called “the Association”. The official abbreviation will be WASER.

### **2. Style**

The Association shall be an independent non-governmental, non-political, non-profit organization, at all times free of racial, gender or national prejudice.

### **3. Objectives**

The objectives of the Association shall be: 1) to promote the study and development of the science of erosion and sedimentation interpreted in its widest sense; and 2) to foster the application and dissemination of knowledge and technology in the field of erosion and sedimentation.

### **4. Mission**

**4.1** The mission of the Association is to promote international co-operation in pursuing its objectives. The Association will aim to further understanding and its application in the field of erosion and sedimentation, through international contacts among scientists, engineers, organizations, institutions, and governments.

**4.2** To achieve its mission the Association may:

- (1) Organize international or regional seminars, conferences, and meetings.
- (2) Organize research and training programmes on theoretical and practical aspects of erosion and sediment transport;
- (3) Foster the evaluation of techniques and models in the field of erosion and sedimentation;
- (4) Publish scientific periodicals and books, reports and newsletters, independently or in cooperation with other organizations;
- (5) Collaborate with other bodies with similar objectives.

### **5. Organs**



The principal organs of the Association are:

- 5.1 The Council;
- 5.2 The Secretariat;
- 5.3 The Officers.

## **6. Membership**

- 6.1 Members of the Association comprise both individuals and corporate bodies.
- 6.2 Any individual, who has been actively engaged in research and engineering practice in the field of erosion and sedimentation interpreted in its widest sense, shall be eligible for approval as an individual member by the Council or by the authorized Secretariat, after application and payment of the required membership fee.
- 6.3 Any institution, organization or agency that has been engaged in research and engineering practice in the field of erosion and sedimentation interpreted in its widest sense, shall be eligible for approval as a corporate member by the Council or by the authorized Secretariat, after application and payment of the required membership fee.
- 6.4 An individual who has performed special services to the Association or to sediment studies more widely may be nominated for honorary membership. The Council shall determine whether a nominee is to receive honorary membership.
- 6.5 Benefactor member are those individuals or organization who give major donations to the Association. The Council shall define the required size of a “major donation”.
- 6.6 Membership may be terminated by the Council for just cause or at the request of the member, or if the membership dues have not been paid for two years in succession.
- 6.7 All members are entitled to all customary rights and privileges including preferential treatment when attending international meetings to be organized by the Association and purchase of publications at a preferential price.

## **7. The General Assembly**

- 7.1 The members of the Association shall meet every three years at the General Assembly held during the International Symposium on River Sedimentation (hereinafter called “the ISRS”).
- 7.2 The Council Members will be elected by the members of the Association either at the General Assembly or through an election involving a mail or postal vote. Each individual member has one vote.
- 7.3 Any decisions deemed by the Council to require approval by the Assembly shall require a majority vote of the Assembly to be approved.

## 8. Council

### 8.1 The Council shall consist of:

- (1) The President of the Association;
- (2) The Vice-Presidents;
- (3) The Secretary General;
- (4) Ordinary members of Council.

**8.2** The Council shall be presided over by the President of the Association or, in case of the President's inability to attend, by a Vice-President designated by the President. In the event of a tie during voting on decisions, the President or the Vice-President presiding over the meeting shall cast the deciding vote.

**8.3** The Council shall define the general policy of the Association and shall debate and approve the activities and other matters proposed by the President.

**8.4** The Council shall meet every three years during the ISRS. An extraordinary meeting can be called, if requested by three or more Council members. The Council may make decisions by postal communication on questions put to it by the Secretariat with the approval of the President. The Council may set up temporary standing and ad hoc committees and working parties with specific objectives and whatever names, powers and terms of reference it may decide. The institution of Permanent Committees and Divisions should be made in the framework of a specific By-Law to be preliminarily approved by the General Assembly.

**8.5** The Council shall determine with the advice of the Secretariat, the membership dues and approve the budget of the Association.

**8.6** The Council elected by the members of the Association shall comprise 12 members. No more than 5 additional Council members may be co-opted by the elected members. **In addition the current Editor in Chief of the International Journal of Sediment Research (IJSR) is an 'ex-officio' member of the Council with the same status as the elected and the co-opted members.** The procedure for the election of the Council shall be defined by the Council. The term for a Council member is three years. Council members can be re-elected for a maximum of three consecutive terms, but no less than 1 / 3 of the Council members for each term should be new members. No more than three council members shall be from the same country. To ensure continuity, the President and Vice Presidents will remain co-opted members of the council for one term after their retirement as Officers.

## 9. Secretariat

**9.1** The Secretariat is based in the International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation (hereinafter called "IRTCES"), Beijing, China, which is the administrative headquarters of the Association. The Secretariat is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Association.

- 9.2** The Secretariat is under the leadership of the Secretary-General and is responsible for the routine work and for the execution of the decisions of the Council and related work assigned by the President.
- 9.3** The Treasurer is designated by the Secretary-General to support the financial management of the Association.

## **10. Officers**

- 10.1** The Officers of the Council comprise the President, the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary-General. The Presidents and Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the members of the Association. The Secretary-General shall be nominated by the IRTCES and appointed by the Council. The maximum term of office of the President and Vice Presidents should be 6 years.
- 10.2** The President shall represent the Association on all official occasions and shall preside over the General Assembly and the Council meeting and shall have general responsibility for the execution of the policies and decisions of the General Assembly and the Council meeting.
- 10.3** The Vice-Presidents and Secretary-General shall assist the President.
- 10.4** The Secretary-General shall be responsible for the day to day operation and organisation of the Association under the guidance of the President.

## **11. Nomination Committee of Council**

In order to ensure the regular rotation of Council members, a Nomination Committee will be established to coordinate the nomination of the new Council members and the Officers of the Association. The committee should be chaired by a past-President or the retiring President, and comprise 5-6 members, including former or retiring Council members and the Secretary General. The composition of the Nomination Committee should normally reflect the geographical and disciplinary composition of the Association.

## **12. Finances**

The financial resources of the Association shall consist of contributions from conference fees, membership dues, conference and course receipts, publication royalties, gifts and legacies, grants from public or private bodies, and receipts from other sources.

## **13. By-Laws**

The Council shall have power to draw up By-Laws regulating permanent activities of the Association, e.g. for Divisions or Permanent Committees of the Association, with the assistance of the

Secretariat. The By-Laws of the Association shall not contain any regulation, which contravenes the statutes.

#### **14. Amendment of the Statutes and By-Laws**

**14.1** Proposals to amend the Statutes and By-Laws may be made in writing to the President by any three members of the Council or by any twenty members of the Association.

**14.2** An amendment to the Statutes shall take effect if it is approved by at least two thirds of the members of the Council.

**14.3** The approved amendments shall be published in the website of the Association.

#### **15. International Symposia**

**15.1** The ISRS is one of the main forums of the Association and the IRTCES.

**15.2** The Permanent Secretariat of the ISRS is responsible for studying, inspecting and recommending potential venues upon receipt of proposals for hosting the ISRS. The venue and organizer of the ISRS will be jointly decided by the Association and the IRTCES.

#### **16. Journal**

The International Journal of Sediment Research will be the journal jointly sponsored by the Association and the IRTCES.

#### **17. By-laws for the Council Election**

- (1) The election should be made through unidentified ballots (e.g. double envelop: one envelop with no external mark, enclosed in the one with the member's signature. Or, alternatively, an electronic procedure with a password)
- (2) The Nomination Committee will propose to the members of the Association 12 candidates, including the President and Vice Presidents.
- (3) The ballot will indicate the candidates recommended by the Nomination Committee, but will provide the possibility for other persons to be listed and supported.
- (4) The election can be held at the General Assembly or it can be undertaken by mail.
- (5) A Council member designated by the President shall be responsible for the overseeing the election and vote counting with assistance from the Secretariat.

## AGENDA FOR THE WASER ASSEMBLY

**Venue: Room No. 47.03**

**Time: 15:30 - 16:30; Sept. 22, 2016**

**First Part: Chaired by: Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio, President of WASER**

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| 15:30-15:45 | 1. General report by the President of WASER (Prof. Di Silvio)   |
| 15:45-15:50 | 2. Formal Announcement and Introduction to the Officers and Members of the Fifth Council of WASER (Prof. Di Silvio) |

**Second Part: Chaired by: Prof. Wang Zhao-Yin, New President of WASER**

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| 15:50-16:05 | 3. Speech of the New President and introduction to the WASER (Prof. Wang Zhao-Yin)   |
| 16:05-16:10 | 4. Announcement of the list of the honorary members of WASER (Prof. Des Walling, Past President of WASER)                      |
|             | 5. Handing medals and certificates to the winners (Prof. Di Silvio)  |
| 16:10-16:20 | 6. Announcement of the award papers of "International Journal of Sediment Research" (Prof. Fang Hongwei, Chief Editor of IJSR) |
|             | 7. Handing medals and certificates to the winners (Prof. Des Walling, Prof. Guangquan Liu, Prof. S. Wieprecht)                 |
|             | 8. Speech by a representative of winners of awards   |
|             | 9. Declaration of closing of the General Assembly  |