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MINUTES OF THE FIFTH WASER COUNCIL MEETING

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The fifth Council Meeting of the World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research (WASER) was held in Stuttgart, Germany on September 18, 2016, prior to the 13th ISRS. The Council Meeting was attended by 18 members representing both the fourth Council and the newly elected Fifth Council, as well as several observers. Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio, President of the fourth Council, and Prof. Zhaoyin Wang, President of the fifth Council, presided over the meeting successively.

The nominations for the new Secretary General (Prof. Guangquan Liu) and Executive Secretary General and Treasurer (Prof. Cheng Liu) were formally accepted at the beginning of the meeting. Six reports were presented at the meeting. These included the President's report by Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio; the Treasurer's report by Prof. Cheng Liu; a report on the nomination of Honorary Members by Prof. Des Walling; a report on the recent development of the "International Journal of Sediment Research" and the papers from the journal selected for the 2016 Awards by the Editor in Chief of IJSR, Prof. Hongwei Fang; reports on the work of the Secretariat during the period 2013-2016 and the work plan for 2016-2019 by Prof. Guangquan Liu and an overview of the venue, sponsors and central theme of the forthcoming 14th ISRS (Chengdu, China, 2019) by Prof. Pengzhi Lin.

The meeting received the result of the poll for election of members to the WASER Council for 2016-2019 and noted the additional Council members, including two automatically Co-opted members (Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio and Prof. Ulrich Zanke), a Co-opted member (Prof. Des Walling) and an Ex-officio member (Prof. Hongwei Fang).

The meeting also formally noted:

- (1) The Award of Honorary Membership of WASER to Prof. Chih Ted Yang (USA) as reported by Prof. Des Walling, Past President;
- (2) That the Qian-Ning Prize would not be awarded this year;
- (3) The nomination of three papers for the 2016 Awards for Distinguished Contributions to Sediment Research, representing the best papers published in the International Journal of Sediment Research during 2013-2015, reported by the Editor in Chief of IJSR, Prof. Hongwei Fang, namely:

Author(s)	The first author's affiliation	Title	Year, Vol. (No.): Pages
Xi-xi LU , Li-Shan RAN, Song LIU, Tong JIANG, Shurong ZHANG and Jian-jun WANG	Department of Geography, National University of Singapore, 117570, Singapore	Sediment loads response to climate change: A preliminary study of eight large Chinese rivers	2013, 28(1): 1-14.
Qianqian SHANG , Hongwei FANG, Huiming ZHAO, Guojian HE, andZhenghui CUI	Department of Hydraulic Engineering, State Key Laboratory of Hydrosience and Engineering, Tsinghua University, China	Biofilm effects on size gradation, drag coefficient and settling velocity of sediment particles	2014, 29(4): 471-480.
Moritz THOM , Holger SCHMIDT, Sabine U. GERBERSDORF, and Silke WIEPRECHT	Institute for Modelling Hydraulic and Environmental Systems, Department of Hydraulic Engineering and Water Resources Management, University of Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany	Seasonal biostabilization and erosion behavior of fluvial biofilms under different hydrodynamic and light conditions	2015, 30(4): 273-284.

The following issues were also discussed during the meeting:

(1) Recruiting WASER Members

i) Expansion of the membership of WASER by recruiting new members must be seen as a very important area of activity for the Association. WASER Council members and the IRTCES must strive to strengthen WASER and encourage more researchers working in the field to join WASER and become actively involved in WASER activities.

ii) The recently established, but temporary, WASER Community will be maintained for the immediate future, considering the small number of paid-up members. Members of the WASER Community receive the WASER Newsletter and other communications, and are permitted to vote in the election of the WASER Council. However, they are not eligible for reduced registration fees when attending the ISRS and other international meetings organized by the Association or to purchase publications at a preferential price.

iii) The organizers of the ISRS should promote WASER membership by ensuring that the total sum represented by the reduced ISRS registration fee for WASER members plus the WASER 3-year membership fee is less than the standard registration fee.

Two possible approaches for linking payment of membership dues and registration fees were discussed. These included:

(a) A 'Combi-ticket' (as proposed by Prof. Helmut Habersack).

People registering for the ISRS could make a payment covering both the registration fee and the WASER Membership fee, with the registration fee being effectively discounted. This would involve a single payment, which is likely to be easily made via a credit card. It would require a

procedure for subdividing the sum received between the ISRS organizers and the Secretariat of WASER (IRTCES), i.e. the ISRS registration fee and the WASER membership dues.

(b) A two stage process

The WASER membership dues and the registration fee for ISRS would be paid separately and sequentially. Firstly, the person would register as a WASER member and pay the membership due to IRTCES. They would then register for the ISRS conference with a discounted fee. The sum of the membership dues and the discounted ISRS registration fee would be less than the standard ISRS registration fee.

The two potential approaches need further consideration and discussion. It was proposed and agreed that the next ISRS organizer (Sichuan University), the WASER Secretariat (IRTCES) and Prof. Helmut Habersack should form a temporary Working Group to explore the matter further and propose the best way forward.

iv) Collaboration with national sediment- (or water resources-) related associations and congresses in different countries should be strengthened and their help and support sought to promote WASER membership (proposed by Prof. Geraldo Wilson Junior). The important thing is how to convince those national bodies that collaboration is worthwhile and beneficial to them (Prof. Silke Wieprecht). Negotiation with the organizers of other symposia to secure reciprocal reduced registration fees for WASER members was seen as a possible option. (Prof. Matt Romkens).

v) Increasing paid membership is seen as a key means of increasing the Association's income. Alternative approaches for increasing income should be considered. These could include seeking financial support and sponsorship from other sources, including, for example, government bodies and commercial companies, and mounting training courses and providing consulting services (Prof. Zhaoyin Wang and Prof. Helmut Habersack).

(2) Discussion of the WASER statutes

Attention was drawn to the various pronunciations of 'WASER' and the need to standardize this. It was agreed to promote the pronunciation 'wosser' (like moss - er).

Earlier this year a proposal for a change to the statutes of WASER was circulated to Council Members and approved. This designated the Editor in Chief of IJSR as an ex-officio member of the WASER Council. The following words had been added to Section 8.6 of the Statutes dealing with the composition of the Council.

'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 co-opted members'.

(3) WASER membership dues were discussed. It was agreed that these would be 40 USD/3 years or 15 USD/year. During their period of membership, WASER members would receive an E-copy of IJSR.

(4) The Temporary Working Party (TWP) devoted to improving WASER administration and management, which had been established in 2013, had now finished its work and was formally terminated.

List of Participants

1. Prof. WANG Zhao-Yin (China), President of the Fifth Council, Vice President Fourth Council;
2. Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio (Italy), President Third and Fourth Council, automatically Co-opted member Fifth Council;
3. Prof. Des Walling (UK), President First and Second Council, Co-opted member Fifth Council;
4. Prof. Hajime Nakagawa (Japan), Vice President of the Fifth Council;
5. Prof. Helmut Habersack (Austria), Vice President of the Fifth Council, member Fourth Council;
6. Prof. Ulrich Zanke (Germany), Vice President of the Fourth Council, automatically Co-opted member Fifth Council;
7. Prof. Silke Wieprecht, (Germany), member of the Fourth and Fifth Council;
8. Prof. YANG Kejun (China), member of the Fifth Council;
9. Prof. Bruce W. Melville (New Zealand), Member of the Fifth Council;
10. Prof. Matt Romkens (USA), member of the Fourth and Fifth Council;
11. Prof. Geraldo Wilson Junior (Brazil), member of the Fourth Council;
12. Prof. FANG Hongwei (China), Ex-officio Member Fifth Council;
13. Prof. LIU Guangquan(China), Secretary General of the Fifth Council;
14. Prof. LIU Cheng (China), Treasurer and Executive Secretary of the Fourth Fifth Council;
15. Prof. LIN Pengzhi (China), representative of the 14th ISRS LOC;
16. Prof. Manfred Spreafico (Switzerland), Chairman of UNESCO-ISI;
17. Prof. WANG Yanggui (China), IRTCES;
18. Dr. YU Guoan (China), Rapporteur.

Apologies for Absence

1. Prof. Mohamed Meddi (Algeria), member of the Fifth Council;
2. Prof. LI Yitian (China), member of the Fourth and Fifth Council;
3. Prof. Stefano Lanzoni (Italy), member of the Fifth Council;
4. Prof. Jean Minella (Brazil), member of the Fifth Council;
5. Mr. Jos Brils (the Netherlands), member of the Fifth Council.