

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH WASER COUNCIL MEETING

Chengdu, China, September 16, 2019

The sixth Council Meeting of the World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research (WASER) was held in Chengdu, China on September 16, 2019 prior to the 14th ISRS. The Council Meeting was attended by 15 members representing both the fifth Council and the newly elected sixth Council, as well as several observers (List of participants and absence is attached). Prof. Zhaoyin Wang, the president of WASER, presided over the meeting.

Five reports were presented at the meeting. These included:

- (1) The President's report (Prof. Zhaoyin Wang);
- (2) The Treasurer's report (Prof. Cheng Liu, Treasurer of WASER);
- (3) A report on the recent development of the "International Journal of Sediment Research (IJSR)" and the award papers from the journal (Prof. Hongwei Fang, the chief editor of IJSR);
- (4) Draft Secretariat work report for 2016-2019 and work plan for 2019-2022 (Prof. Guangquan Liu, Secretary-General of WASER);
- (5) An Introduction on the venue, sponsors and central theme of the 15th ISRS (2022) in Florence, Italy (Prof. Luca Solari, the Local organizer of 15th ISRS).

The meeting declared the result of the poll for election of members to WASER Council for 2019-2022, and noted additional Council members, including the Co-opted members (Prof. Des Walling, Giampaolo Di Silvio, Ulrich C.E. Zanke, and Kejun Yang); and Ex-officio members (Prof. Guangquan Liu; Prof. Cheng Liu; Prof. Hongwei Fang and Mr. Wensheng Zhang).

The meeting also approved and announced that:

- (1) The Winners of International Qian Ning Prize, they are:
Prof. Dr. -Ing. Silke Wieprecht, Institute for Modelling Hydraulic and Environmental Systems, University of Stuttgart, Germany;
Prof. Marwan Hassan, Department of Geography, the University of British Columbia, Canada.
- (2) Three papers nominated for the 2019 Awards for Distinguished Contributions to Sediment Research, representing the best papers published in the International Journal of Sediment Research (IJSR) between 2016 and 2018, as reported Prof. Hongwei Fang, namely,

Author(s)	The first author's affiliation	Title	Year, Vol. (No.): Pages
Navid Kimiaghalam; Shawn P. Clark; Habib Ahmari	Department of Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada	An experimental study on the effects of physical, mechanical, and electrochemical properties of natural cohesive soils on critical shear stress and erosion rate	2016, 31(1): 1-15
Hongling Shi; Chunhong Hu;	State Key Laboratory of Simulation and	Analyses of trends and causes for variations in runoff and sediment	2017, 32(2): 171-179

Yangui Wang; Cheng Liu; Huimei Li	Regulation of Water Cycle in River Basin, China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research	load of the Yellow River	
Husam Elghannay; Danesh Tafti	Department of Mechanical Engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA	LES-DEM simulations of sediment transport	2018, 33(2): 137-148.

Issues related to the future development of the Association, changes to the statutes, recruiting of members, revised membership dues, the IJSR development and the co-sponsoring of international conferences were also discussed during the meeting, including:

(1) Statutes of the WASER

Amendment is made to the section of '8. Council' of the statutes, to be specific, the following content is added:

"... .., and a representative nominated by the Ministry of Water Resources of China are 'ex-officio' members of the Council with the same status as the elected and co-opted members". This new addition is added to bridge the gap between the Association and the Government

(2) Next and future ISRS

The next ISRS conference (the 15th ISRS) will be held in Florence in September 2022, while the 11th River Flow conference will also be held in the same year. Special attention hence should be paid when determine the dates of the ISRS conference to avoid overlapping or too close to the dates with those of the River Flow conference. Before formally release the themes and dates, the local organizer are suggested to invite the council members for discussions and suggestions.

Venue of the 16th ISRS (2025) should be considered. Two countries (Egypt and Switzerland) already expressed their interests to organize the 16th ISRS. Suggestions on this issue and bids from other countries are welcome. The council members may give some help to invite more originations/institutions in other countries to propose bids organizing the 16th ISRS conference. The 16th ISRS held in North America could be one of alternatives to be considered, it has been too many years since the symposium being held last time in the US (in 1986).

In order to improve the influence and reputation of the ISRS, efforts should be made to incorporate the papers which submitted and accepted by the conference be incorporated by related scholarly literature databases (e.g., ISTP) in the future.

(3) Membership

The LOC of 14th ISRS did good job in attracting new members and collecting membership fee/registration form on behalf of the WASER Secretariat through the Symposium website (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), the LOC will provide 5% levy on the Symposium registration fees to WASER. It has been proven a good practice for attracting new members which should be continued in future ISRS.

Young generations are important for the future of WASER, more young members should be attracted to join the Association, and more support should be given to young generations, in particular, the researchers on their early careers. It was suggested to give some focus on this topic in Florence.

Current membership fee for regular member is quite low, comparing to membership fee of organizations like IAHR and ASCE. Financial support from Chinese government to WASER is highly appreciated, but more efforts should be made to generate additional funds, e.g., other countries or donations.

It's compulsory not voluntary task to pay the membership fee for the WASER members, more payment methods other than bank transfer should be considered.

(4) The development of WASER and the IJSR in the future

To enhance and Strengthen collaboration with other sediment-related organizations (e.g., IAHR, IAHS), to promote the collaboration with other countries (e.g., Japan, EU, and USA), and to invite other countries to join with Chinese government to give financial support together to WASER development, are suggested.

IJSR has made a big progress in the recent years. A special issue of the 14th ISRS in the IJSR will be considered. WASER members, especially the Council 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

(5) Coming events

The 7th International Conference on Estuaries and Coasts, sponsored by IRTCES and WASER, will be organized by the East China Normal University in Shanghai, China in 2021.

The World's Large Rivers Conference 2020, co-sponsored by WASER, will be held in Moscow, Russia, during 3-7 August 2020.

(prepared by Dr. Guo-An Yu and Prof. Cheng Liu)

List of Participants & Apologies for Absence

No.	NAME	Country	Council Member	Participate Council Meeting	Membership fee paid or waived (Y/N)
1.	Zhaoyin Wang	China	5&6	Y-1	Y
2.	Helmut Habersack	Austria	5&6	Y-2	Y
3.	Hajime Nakagawa	Japan	5&6	Y-3	Y
4.	Subhasish Dey	India	6	Apologies for Absence	Y
5.	Silke Wieprecht	Germany	5&6	Apologies for Absence	Y
6.	Valentin Golosov	Russia	6	Apologies for Absence	N
7.	Weiming Wu	USA	6	Y-4	Y
8.	MEDDI Mohamed	Algeria	5&6	Apologies for Absence	N
9.	Luca Solari	ITALY	6	Y-5	Y
10.	Bruce W. Melville	New Zealand	5&6	Y-6	agree to pay
11.	Jean Minella	Brazil	6	Apologies for Absence	agree to pay
12.	Jos Brils	The Netherlands	5&6	Apologies for Absence	Y
13.	Kejun Yang	China	5&6	Y-7	Y
14.	Des. E. Walling	UK	5&6	Apologies for Absence	Y
15.	Giampaolo Di Silvio	ITALY	5&6	Apologies for Absence	Y
16.	Ulrich C.E. Zanke	Germany	5&6	Apologies for Absence	Y
17.	Hongwei Fang	China	5&6	Y-8	Y
18.	Wensheng Zhang	China	6	Apologies for Absence	Y
19.	Guangquan Liu	China	5&6	Y-9	Y
20.	Cheng Liu	China	5&6	Y-10	Y
21.	Guoan Yu	China	Rapporteur	Y-11	Y
22.	Marwan Hassan	Canada	Observer	Y-12	agree to pay
23.	Xiangzhou Xu	China	Observer	Y-13	Pay in registration for the 14 th ISRS
24.	Chao Liu	China	Observer	Y-14	Y
25.	Xinhui Ding	China	Meeting assistant	Y-15	