

# Happy New Year 2022!

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The logo for the World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research (WASER). It features the word "WASER" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below the text is a stylized orange wave graphic. The logo is set against a white rectangular background.

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## President's Message

As 2021 comes to an end, the Officers and Council Members of WASER 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 2022.

In 2021 we engaged with one another and worked to support the Association through the COVID-19 pandemic. Activities and achievements of the Association during the past year include the following:

(1) UNESCO-ISI Online Training Workshop on Sediment Transport Measurement and Monitoring

The UNESCO-ISI Online Training Workshop on Sediment Transport Measurement and Monitoring was held from July 5-9, 2021. A total of 223 participants from 61 countries and regions attended the workshop, among them 176 (85%) of the trainee participants, were from developing countries. Over 870 persons including unregistered participants joined in the online training. WASER co-sponsored the training workshop.

(2) Journal Impact Factor of the *International Journal of Sediment Research* Increases to 2.902

The Journal Impact Factor of the *International Journal of Sediment Research*, the official journal of WASER, increased to 2.902 for 2020, according to the 2020 Journal Citation Reports (JCR) released by Clarivate Analytics on June 30, 2021. The efforts of our Editor Prof. Hongwei Fang and his team in achieving this important increase are greatly valued.

(3) The 7th International Conference on Estuaries and Coasts

The 7th International Conference on Estuaries and Coasts (ICEC2021) was held in Shanghai, China from October 18-21, 2021. About 260 onsite and 300 online participants from 15 countries and regions attended the Conference. WASER sponsored the ICEC2021.

(4) The 4th World's Large Rivers Conference

The World's Large Rivers Conference is part of the UNESCO World's Large Rivers Initiative, coordinated by UNESCO Chair and WASER vice-president Prof. Helmut Habersack. The 4th World's Large Rivers Conference was held from 3rd to 6th of August 2021 as an online event. A total of 566 abstracts from 55 countries were submitted. Of these, 439 presentations were presented orally or as posters. WASER co-sponsored the conference.

Looking forwards to 2022, the official symposium of WASER, the 15<sup>th</sup> ISRS, will be held, and WASER members will enjoy discounted registration fees for participation in the Symposium:

The 15th International Symposium on River Sedimentation (Florence, Italy, Sept. 6-9, 2022). The 15th International Symposium on River Sedimentation (15<sup>th</sup> ISRS) will be organized by the University of Florence and the University of Padua in Florence, Italy during September 6-9, 2022. The Symposium website: <https://www.isrs2022.it/>.

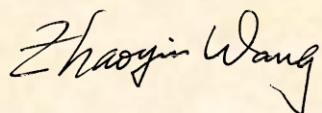


The *International Journal of Sediment Research* is an international, peer reviewed journal, focusing on publication of original contributions related to theoretical advances, numerical modelling, field observational and laboratory studies and reviews dealing with processes, products and techniques in the field of sedimentation and erosion. All WASER members are encouraged and welcomed to submit their important papers to the International Journal of Sediment Research. The Journal website can be found at: <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/international-journal-of-sediment-research> .

I would personally like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to all the Officers and Members of the WASER Council for their help and support. Special thanks are due to Professor Des. Walling who continues to give valuable support to the Association. I also would like to thank Prof. Guangquan Liu for his excellent work as Secretary General and to Prof. Cheng Liu for his hard work as Executive Secretary General in dealing with the operational activities of the Secretariat.

The Officers and Council members of WASER 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.

Finally, I wish all of you and your families a happy and prosperous New Year 2022. I hope everyone is keeping well and will stay safe and healthy in this challenging time!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Zhaoyin Wang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Zhaoyin Wang

President of WASER