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The 15th ISRS is postponed to September 5-8, 2023



The 15th International Symposium on River Sedimentation (15th ISRS) to be held in Florence, Italy in 2022 has been postponed by one year to September 5-8, 2023 due to COVID-19. The new date was suggested by the Local Organizing Committee, considering feedback from WASER Council members, and was approved by WASER and IRTCES.

The ISRS series of triennial conferences was initiated in 1980 by the Chinese Hydraulic Engineering Society with the support of UNESCO. Since its foundation, the International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation (IRTCES) in Beijing has served as the permanent secretariat of ISRS. Fourteen such symposia have been successfully held at venues in China (5 times), USA, Germany (twice), India, Egypt, Hong Kong China, Russia, South Africa, and Japan, The World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research (WASER) was inaugurated at the 9th ISRS in 2004, with its Secretariat based in IRTCES, and the ISRS has since then become the official Symposium of WASER and has included the WASER General Assembly. The objective of the ISRS is to provide a forum for scientists, engineers, researchers and decision makers to exchange ideas, research results, and advanced techniques and to share their experience and information. across the broad field of sediment and its management.

The theme of 15th ISRS is 'Sustainable Sediment Management in a changing Environment' with 10 topics including: Sediment transport, Reservoir sedimentation, River morphodynamics, Coastal morphodynamics, Ecomorphodynamics, Sediment related disaster, Plastic in river and coastal systems, Interaction between sediment dynamics and hydraulic structures, Integrated sediment management at the river basin scale, and Social, economic & political problems related to sediment and water management.

The Symposium website can be found at: https://www.isrs2022.it/.

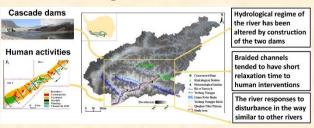
WASER Vice President, Prof. Subhasish Dey, honored with 2022 Hans Albert Einstein Award

Prof. Subhasish Dev. Professor at the Indian Technology Institute of Kharagpur has been awarded the prestigious 2022 Hans Albert Einstein Award of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) in recognition of his outstanding contributions to



fluvial hydrodynamics. Citing Prof. Dev's contributions, the Award Committee noted that Prof. Dev has been awarded this recognition for 'his fundamental contribution to the fluvial sediment transport, turbulence mechanism, local scour, and alluvial river dynamics from the perspectives of research, education and practice.' Prof. Dev. who is an Associate Editor of the International Journal of Sediment Research, ASCE Journal of Hydraulic Engineering, AGU Journal of Geophysical Research - Earth Surface, IAHR Journal of Hydraulic Research, Sedimentology, Acta Geophysica, Journal of Hydro-Environment Research, and an Editorial Board Member of several journals including the Proceedings of the Royal Society of London A, becomes the first Indian to receive this award. As an eminent Academician he is a fellow of all three Indian Science academies (FNA, FASc, and FNASc) and the Indian Engineering academy (FNAE). He is a past recipient of the JC Bose Fellowship award from the Science and Engineering Research Board, of the Government of India.

The impact of two cascaded dams and land use change on the hydromorpholgy of the Lhasa River on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, China



A recent article entitled 'Impacts of dams and land-use changes on hydromorphology of braided channels in the Lhasa River of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, China', published in the *International Journal of Sediment Research*, reported that the

two cascaded dams only changed the flow regime of the immediately downstream braided reach.

Abstract: Among braided rivers developed on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau of China at very high elevations (>3,500 m), the middle and lower reaches of the Lhasa River have been affected by comprehensive human activities mainly involving construction, urbanization, afforestation, and mining. In the current study, the impacts of these human activities on hydrology and morphology of the four braided reaches downstream of a cascaded of two dams are investigated. The study period was divided into 1985–2006 (P1), 2006–2013 (P2), and 2013–2019 (P3), representing the natural and changed flow regimes by dams. Using available daily discharge data at two stations within the four braided reaches, dam-induced hydrological alteration was analyzed based on the indicators of hydrologic alteration and range of variability approach and key discharge proxies were calculated. Remotely sensed images also were selected in the three periods and morphological metrics extracted from them were compared for the four reaches among these periods. Attenuated hydrological regimes were found for only two reaches. The total channel width (W_c) and braiding intensity (Bl_t) followed different temporal trends among the four reaches. Annual average shift rates of the main channel in the four reaches were higher in the short (P2-P3) than in the long (P1-P2 and P1-P3) periods. The longitudinal changes of Wc and the number of channels did not have any identifiable trend among the four reaches. By linking the morphological changes to quantified spatial and temporal patterns of various human activities, it was found that (1) the two dams had insignificant impact on channel morphology, suggesting that the studied braided river might have a short relaxation time the evolutional trajectories morphological changes in most of the four reaches were similar, suggesting that temporal trends of morphological changes due to complex human activities are not affected by the different physiographic settings of the reaches. Continuous exploitation of the valley area comprehensive river management strategies for coordinating various human activities.

Highlights

- The two cascaded dams only changed the flow regime of the immediately downstream braided reach.
- Channel morphology of the near-dam reach likely had a short relaxation time to recover from less intense disturbances.
- Urbanization and farming constrain the space available for the braided river to change.
- Historical trajectories of channel adjustment in

response to human activities are similar among different braided reaches.

More information: You, Y., Li, Z., Gao, P., Hu, T. (2022). Impacts of dams and land-use changes on hydromorphology of braided channels in the Lhasa River of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, China, International Journal of Sediment Research, Vol. 37, No. 2, pp. 214-228.

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Global sediment production has increased by about 467% between 1950 and 2010

Sediment production (supply) from anthropogenic soil erosion, construction activities, mineral mining, aggregate mining, and sand and gravel mining from coasts and rivers, has increased by about 467% between 1950 and 2010, according to a recent review article entitled 'Earth's sediment cycle during the Anthropocene' published in *Nature Reviews Earth & Environment*.

Abstract: The global sediment cycle is a fundamental feature of the Earth system, balancing competing factors such as orogeny, physical-chemical erosion and human action. In this Review, values of the magnitudes of several sources and sinks within the cycle are suggested, although the record remains fragmented with uncertainties. Between 1950 and 2010, humans have transformed the mobilization, transport and sequestration of sediment, to the point where human action now dominates these fluxes at the global scale. Human activities have increased fluvial sediment delivery by 215% simultaneously decreasing the amount of fluvial sediment that reaches the ocean by 49%, and societal consumption of sediment over the same period has increased by more than 2,500%. Global warming is also substantially affecting the global sediment cycle through temperature impacts (sediment production and transport, sea ice cover, glacial ice ablation and loss of permafrost), precipitation changes, desertification and wind intensities, forest fire extent and intensity, and acceleration of sea-level rise. With progressive improvements in global digital datasets and modelling, we should be able to obtain a comprehensive picture of the impacts of human activities and climate warming.

Key points

 Sediment production (supply) from anthropogenic soil erosion, construction activities, mineral mining, aggregate mining, and sand and gravel mining from coasts and rivers, has increased by about 467% between 1950 and 2010.

- Sediment consumption in the Anthropocene, including from reservoir sequestration, highway development and coal and concrete consumption, has increased by about 2,550% between 1950 and 2010.
- Transport of sediment from land to the coastal ocean (via rivers, wind, coastal erosion, and ice loss) has decreased by 23% between 1950 and 2010, whereas transport of fluvial particulates including organic carbon has decreased by 49% over the same period; offsets include increases in sediment delivery by icebergs and glacial melt.
- If it were not for sequestration of sediment behind dams, global rivers would have increased their particulate loads by 212% between 1950 and 2010.
- Anthropocene impacts on the marine sedimentary environment remain poorly characterized but, on the basis of the resuspension of seafloor sediment from trawling, dredging and land reclamation, anthropogenic transport seems to have increased by 780% between 1950 and 2010.
- The Earth's present Anthropocene sediment load (net land-to-sea sediment delivery and anthropogenic sediment production) exceeds 300 billion tons (Gt) per year, a mass flux that includes a small (<6%) contribution from natural processes.

More information: Syvitski, J., Ángel, J.R., Saito, Y. et al. Earth's sediment cycle during the Anthropocene. Nat. Rev. Earth Environ. (2022). https://doi.org/10.1038/s43017-021-00253-w

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Data from Mars rover Zhurong shows evidence of wind, and possibly water, erosion



A team of researchers affiliated with multiple institutions in China and one each from Canada and Germany, has studied data from the Chinese Mars rover Zhurong over its first 60 sols, showing

evidence of wind erosion and possibly impacts from water erosion, as well. In their paper published in the journal Nature Geoscience, they discuss what they have found thus far.

China's Mars rover Zhurong has been on the surface of Mars since May of last year. During that time, it has rolled approximately 450 meters over the course of 60 Martian days (sols). Recently, the team working with Zhurong made the data from the rover public. In this new effort, the researchers have been studying the data sent back to learn more about what it has found.

Zhurong was deployed on the planet's Utopia Planitia—a volcanic plain situated in the northern hemisphere. It is a site that some have suggested was likely once covered with water. Data from the rover's cameras showed that the part of the plain where Zhurong has been rolling along is generally quite flat, with very few boulders. And data from the wheels showed that the surface beneath the rover is covered with small, non-round rocks. Zhurong has also been collecting soil samples as it wanders—thus far, the composition of the soil in the area is similar to that collected by rovers on other parts of the planet.

Image data has also shown that the small rocks have etched grooves on them that appear to be due to wind erosion. They also found some evidence of flakiness in some of the rocks, possible evidence of water erosion.

The researchers also found evidence of mega-ripples on the surface—features formed by wind—similar to sand dunes on Earth. They found the ripples appeared as bright streaks when viewed from an orbiting craft. They theorize that the reason the ripples appear so bright is because they have been covered by a very thin layer of dust. If that turns out to the be case, they note, it would suggest that the wind that had formed the ripples was no longer present.

More information: Ding, L., Zhou, R., Yu, T. et al. Surface characteristics of the Zhurong Mars rover traverse at Utopia Planitia. Nat. Geosci. 15, 171–176 (2022). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41561-022-00905-6

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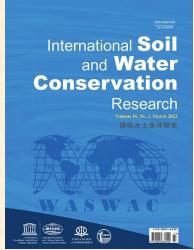
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COMING EVENTS

International Conference 14th Hydroscience and Engineering (Turkey, May 26-27, 2022)

Date: May 26-27, 2022 Venue: Cesme, Turkey

Invitation: We are pleased to announce that 14th International Conference on Hydroscience & Engineering, ICHE 2022, will be held on May 26-27, 2022 through face-toface sessions at IZTECH, Urla, Turkey.

Due to the health and safety concerns, and prospective uncertainties regarding the global travel situation, we had to postpone ICHE 2022 conference which was originally planned in September, 2020.

If you haven't submitted an abstract yet, you can directly submit an extended abstract/full paper to participate ICHE 2022 by December 15, 2021.

We look forward to seeing you in Izmir. Until then, we hope that you stay safe and well.

ICHE 2022 LOC

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The 39th IAHR World Congress (Spain, June 19-24, 2022)

Date: June 19-24, 2022 Venue: Granada, Spain

Invitation: On behalf of the Congress Organising Group (COG) of the 39th IAHR World Congress and the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering Research (IAHR), we are delighted to invite you to join the 39th IAHR World Congress in 2022 in Granada, Spain.

Spain is a leading country in Hydro-Environment Engineering, strongly involved with IAHR. We are also a hub for Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas, a gateway to the world. Customs procedures for coming to Spain are very easy for the majority of countries around the world, with no visa needed for over 100 nationalities. Granada has superb transportation connections - there are more than 70 international flights (destinations) from Malaga Airport and over 200 through the Madrid and Barcelona Airports - and incredible accessibility from all parts of the world.

Granada is unique: there are few places in the world where one can see so many hydro-environment engineering processes in such a small area: snow, desert, pristine rivers, spectacular reservoirs, and traditional cultural techniques alongside ultra-modern technologies. Granada is a modern city but with an impressive historical legacy. Not too large, nor too small; very well connected and affordable for everybody.

The University of Granada is the leader in Europe in international student exchanges and has vast experience organizing large-scale events. The Granada Congress Centre with its unique auditorium capable of welcoming 2.000 delegates and its modern audio-visual facilities offers a state of the art conference experience in the heart of the city. PCO Kenes Spain has the experience, knowledge and reliability that the IAHR World Congress needs.

This Congress will bring together the enthusiasm of a whole country to organize a high-level event in the field of water. For us it's not just another event, but the event of the year. The central theme of the Congress will be "From Snow to Sea", linking past with present and focusing attention on the

importance of considering the integral water cycle to address present and future challenges.

Specific topics including Human-water relationships, Snow, river and sediment management, Environmental hydraulics and urban water cycle, Hydraulic structures, Water resources management, valuing and resilience, Computational and experimental methods, Coasts, estuaries and shelves and Extreme events: from droughts to floods will be covered in regular sessions. Special Sessions will also be organized in collaboration with worldwide experts in the different fields.

The Congress will provide a platform for science and practice to meet. A lively exhibition alongside the congress will present the latest developments in equipment, software and instrumentation as well as enhance relevant achievements from practice. Workshops and training events will be offered as well throughout the event. (Prof. Joseph Hun-wei Lee, IAHR President)

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The 2022 **International Symposium** Ecohydraulics (Nanjing, China, October 10-14, 2022)

Date: October 10-14, 2022 Venue: Nanjing, China

Invitation: On behalf of the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research and the local organizing committee, we cordially invite you to the 14th International Symposium on Ecohydraulics that will be held from October 10th to 14th 2022 in Nanjing, China, an ancient capital of ten dynasties in Chinese history, boasting numerous historic sites, splendid cultural heritage, beautiful cityscape and sceneries.

Ecohydraulics is a rapidly developing inter-discipline of ecology and hydraulics brought about by the ever-growing concern of aquatic and riparian ecology. Since its first edition in 1994, the International Symposia on Ecohydraulics have provided platforms for scientists and engineers worldwide to discuss cutting-edge scientific progress, compared and evaluated state-of-the-art technical methods, recommended them to the end-users.

ISE 2022 covers a wide spectrum of topics related to ecohydraulics in theory and in practice, including the hydrological, hydraulic, morphodynamic, structural, ecologic, biologic, and technical aspects of the discipline. Six highprofile keynote speeches will be presented. We are expecting you to present at the symposium and share the latest advancement of your research with the international scientific community. Both oral and poster presentations are welcome. A special issue of Environmental Science & Ecotechnology focusing on this conference will be published. Traditionally, ISE features an ECoENet pre-conference workshop which early career researchers (ECR) working in ecohydraulics find opportunities and overcome challenges. Starting from the current edition, ISE plans to provide an interactive lecture of a helpful technical tool applied in one of these three topics (1) fieldwork, (2) lab experiments (3) numerical simulation, and rotate among them in the future. (ZHANG Jianyun, Yangtze Institute for Conservation & Development, China, Nanjing Hydraulic Research Institute, China)

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1st IACRR International Conference on Coastal Reservoirs and Sustainable Water Management (Nanjing, China, October 17-20, 2022)

Date: October 17-20, 2022 Venue: Nanjing, China

Summary: The 1st International Conference on Coastal Reservoirs and Sustainable Water Management will be held by Hohai University in Nanjing (China) in November 6th-9th, 2023. Coastal reservoirs could provide a solution to the water problems of many coastal cities, but their successful development faces various challenges. These challenges require close cooperation between scientists, engineers, water resources managers and policy makers. In this regard, the conference will provide a forum bringing together participants from academia, consulting firms, local, provincial and national government agencies, and offering them an opportunity to interact in an informal and relaxed environment. The conference will provide students an opportunity to discuss with renowned and well-established researchers and professionals in this field.

Hohai University, founded in 1915, has the largest number of researchers studying water-related problems in the world and has gained worldwide reputation for its focus on water. Hohai is a state key university under the direct administration of the Ministry of Education of China. The university has been collaborating closely with various academic organizations including the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research (IAHR). Seven colleges at Hohai are relevant to the topic of coastal reservoirs, including the College of Environment, College of Hydrology and Water Resources, College of Water Conservancy and Hydropower Engineering, College of Harbor, Coastal and Offshore Engineering, College of Oceanography, College of Civil and Transportation Engineering, and College of Mechanics and Materials. Professor Hongwu Tang, the Chair of the University Council and the Founding-chair of the China Chapter of the International Association for Coastal Reservoir Research (IACRR), cordially invites you to attend the conference.

URL: http://www.iacrr2020.com/

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River Flow 2022 (Online, Nov. 8-10, 2022)

Date: Nov. 8-10, 2022

Venue: Online

Invitation: Welcome to River Flow 2022, the 11th International Conference on Fluvial Hydraulics. Organized since 2002 under the auspices of the Fluvial Hydraulics Committee of the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research (IAHR), the River Flow Conference Series has become the main international event focusing on fluvial hydraulics and river engineering. River Flow 2022 will be a unique occasion to present and discuss the latest experimental, theoretical and computational findings on fundamental river flow and transport processes,

river morphology and morphodynamics. The conference will as well cover issues related, but not limited to: the effects of hydraulic structures on flow regime, river morphology and ecology; sustainable river engineering practices (including stream restoration and re-naturalization); and effects of climate change including extreme flood events. Given the present uncertainty related to COVID-19, the conference will be held virtually.

Following on the tradition and success of previous editions of River Flow conferences, River Flow 2022 will feature a day devoted to Master Classes for young researchers, daily keynote lectures, ample time for the presentation and discussion of accepted contributions (full papers and extended abstracts), and the presentation of the Stephen E. Coleman Award distinguishing the best paper first authored by a young researcher.

URL: https://www.rf2022.com/

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The LOC of River Flow 2022

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The 15th International Symposium on River Sedimentation (Florence, Italy, Sept. 5-8, 2023)

Date: September 5-8, 2023 Venue: Florence, Italy

Organizer: University of Florence and University of Padua **Sponsors:** International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation (IRTCES); World Association for

Erosion and Sediment Research (WASER)

Co-sponsors: International Association for HydroEnvironment Engineering and Research (IAHR).....(to be invited)

Secretariat: University of Florence, Italy Permanent Secretariat: IRTCES

Summary: The triennial International Symposium on River Sedimentation (ISRS) was initiated in 1980. Since its foundation, IRTCES has served as the permanent secretariat of ISRS. WASER was inaugurated at the 9th ISRS in 2004, and the ISRS has since become the official Symposium of WASER. The objective of the ISRS is to provide a forum for scientists, engineers, researchers and decision makers to exchange ideas, research results and technical advances, and to share experience and information relating to the study of sediment and its management.

Symposium Theme and Topics:

The theme of the symposium is

Sustainable Sediment Management in a changing

Environment (tentative)

The symposium topics include (tentative):

- 1. Sediment transport
- 2. Reservoir sedimentation
- 3. River morphodynamics
- 4. Coastal morphodynamics
- 5. Ecomorphodynamics
- 6. Sediment related disaster
- 7. Plastic in river and coastal systems
- 8. Interaction between sediment dynamics and hydraulic structures
- Integrated Sediment Management at the River Basin Scale
 Social, economic & political problems related to sediment and water management

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