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AGENDA FOR THE WASER COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Type: WeChat group chat and E-mail Communication

Two Days meeting: Dec. 5-6, 2022

Day 1

Chairman: Prof. Zhaoyin Wang, President of WASER

Main topics

- Minutes of the previous meeting and matter arising (Prof. Zhaoyin Wang)
- The President's report (Prof. Zhaoyin Wang)
- The Treasurer's report (Prof. Cheng Liu, Treasurer of WASER)
- Nomination of new Treasurer and new Secretary. Proposal on the honorary members (Prof. Guangquan Liu, Secretary General of WASER)
- Report on the award papers of "International Journal of Sediment Research" (Prof. Fang Hongwei, Chief Editor of IJSR)
- Announcement of the list of the Seventh Council Members (Prof. Zhaoyin Wang)

Day 2

Chairman: Prof. Helmut Habersack, New President of WASER

Main topics

- Presentation and Discussion on draft Secretariat work report for 2019-2022 and work plan for 2022-2025 (Prof. Guangquan Liu, Secretary General of WASER)
- Presentation and discussion on issues of the 15th ISRS (Prof. Luca Solari, Local Organizer)
- Presentation and discussion on issues of the 16th ISRS (Prof. Junke Guo, Local Organizer)
- Discussion on the development of WASER and future ISRS (Prof. Helmut Habersack)
- Minutes, any other business, and Wrap-up (Prof. Helmut Habersack)

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH WASER COUNCIL MEETING

Chengdu, Sep. 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 (Profs. 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; Yangui Wang; Cheng Liu; Huimei Li	State Key Laboratory of Simulation and Regulation of Water Cycle in River Basin, China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research	Analyses of trends and causes for variations in runoff and sediment load of the Yellow River	2017, 32(2): 171-179
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	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Professor Zhaoyin Wang, President of WASER

Eighteen years have passed since the World Association of Sedimentation and Erosion Research, or WASER, was established and launched at the 9th International Symposium on River Sedimentation at the Three Gorges Dam Site in China in 2004. Under the excellent leadership of the first and second terms of President Prof. Des Walling, the third and fourth terms of President Prof. Di Silvio, and the fifth and sixth terms of the WASER councils, WASER has developed and becomes an international hydro-science organization of world influences.

The Association was initiated by Prof. Bingnan Lin, the Ex-Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation (IRTCES) in the 1990s, and was discussed in the 7th International symposium on river sedimentation in Hong Kong in 1998. IRTCES drafted a proposal on establishment of the Association in 2002, and positive responses were received from scientists and engineers and UNESCO and IAHS. Sixty scientists from 16 countries expressed their willingness to be founding members. The first Council meeting was held in Beijing on 16 Oct., 2004 and the Association was formally announced its establishment on 19 Oct. at Yichang, China during the 9th International Symposium on River Sedimentation. The Association completed its registration as international social organization in the Ministry of Civil Affairs of China in July 2009. I have been honored serving the Association as its first Secretary General, Council member, and Vice President. I was elected and served as the President of the association in 2016 and 2019.

Three years ago the 6th Council meeting of the association was held in Chengdu and discussed the development of the association and many issues. Today we are having the 7th council meeting with WeChat combined with E-mail communications. I am sorry to be not able to have a face-to-face council meeting because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We will review the achievements we made in the past 3 years, discuss new initiatives and development plans.

In the past three years COVID-19 pandemic changed the world and affected the development of our association. Nevertheless, WASER has been developing in the period of difficulties and rugged environment. At the present stage WASER has 283 members representing more than 40 countries and all continents. In the election of the new council held this year 58% of the members cast their votes. Professor Guangquan Liu, the Secretary General, and Professor Cheng Liu, the Executive Secretary General & Treasurer, have made great efforts for development of WASER. I sincerely thank the International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation, especially the director of the center, Professor Shangfu Kuang, for their continuous support to the development of the association.

Now let's have a review of the activities of WASER from 2019-2022:

1. **The 15th Symposium on River Sedimentation** It was planned to be held in Florence, Italy in 2022. The symposium has been postponed due to COVID-19 and will be held in Florence on September 5-8, 2023.
2. **Development of the International Journal of Sediment Research:** The International Journal of Sediment Research (IJSR) is a journal of WASER. The journal has changed from a quarterly journal to a bimonthly journal from 2019. The journal is increasing its influence in the field of sedimentation and erosion, and its Impact Factor has increased to 3.26 in 2021. On behalf of WASER I extend my sincere congratulations and thanks to Professor Hongwei Fang, the chief editor, and all associate editors and review board members, for their wonderful works and contributions.
3. **The Website and Newsletter:** The Secretariat (IRTCES) has been making continuous efforts in maintaining the WASER Website and regularly publishing Newsletters. The Website and Newsletters have been attracting attentions of people interested in WASER and sedimentation since 2016. I extend my sincere thanks to Prof. Cheng Liu for his excellent works for the Website and the Newsletters.
4. **Cosponsored International Conferences and Training courses:** The Association sponsored and co-sponsored 4 international conferences and training workshops on site or online in the past 3 years. These have raised WASER's profile and promoted collaborations and cooperations with agencies and other organizations in the field of sedimentation:
 - 1) WASER sponsored **the 7th International Conference on Estuaries and Coasts**, which was held in Shanghai from October 18-21, 2021. About 260 onsite and 300 online participants from 15 countries and regions attended the Conference. The conference was organized by the State Key Laboratory of Estuarine and Coastal Research of East China Normal University. Professor Guangquan Liu and Professor Cheng Liu attended the conference on behalf of IRTCES and WASER.
 - 2) WASER co-sponsored **the 4th World's Large Rivers Conference**, which was held in August 2021 as an online event. A total of 566 abstracts from 55 countries were received, and 439 presentations were made orally or presented in posters. The World's Large Rivers Conference is a part of the UNESCO World's Large Rivers Initiative, coordinated by Prof. Helmut Habersack, who was vice-president of WASER.
 - 3) WASER co-sponsored the **UNESCO-ISI Online Training Workshop on Sediment Transport Measurement and Monitoring**, which was held from July 5-9, 2021. A total of 223 participants from 61 countries and regions attended the workshop, among them 176 trainees were from developing countries. More than 870 persons including unregistered participants joined in the online training. WASER Council members, Prof. Des. Walling, Prof. Helmut Habersack, Prof. Mengzhen Xu, Prof. Guangquan Liu and Prof. Cheng Liu - attended the workshop as lecturers and organizers.
 - 4) WASER co-sponsored the **IAHS/ICCE International Symposium on River Sediment Quality and Quantity**, which was held in Bydgoszcz, Poland from October 17 – 21, 2022. WASER President Prof. Zhaoyin Wang delivered a speech on behalf of WASER in the opening ceremony of the Symposium.
5. **Other activities and events WASER involved:**
 - 1) Vice President of WASER, Prof. Subhasish Dey, honored with **2022 Hans Albert Einstein Award**.
 - 2) **Interviews with Prof. Des. E. Walling and Prof. Zhaoyin Wang were published in the *China Water Resources News*** on November 5, 2020. The ex-president of WASER, Prof. Walling highlighted the importance of sediment problems in dealing with global water resource issues. WASER plays an important role in global water resource management. Prof. Wang introduced the recent activities of

the WASER and the roles of the Association in promoting international academic exchanges in the field of hydro-sciences. He talked about the new challenges in sediment studies and emerging issues in hydraulic engineering.

- 3) **UNESCO publications on river training strategies and global hotspots of erosion and sedimentation.** The UNESCO-ISI published a book entitled “Controlling the Yellow River: 2000 years debates on control strategies” authored by Zhaoyin Wang and Cheng Liu, and another book entitled “Erosion and sediment problems: global hotspots” co-authored by Valentin Golosov and Desmond E. Walling. All authors are council members of WASER. The books are available online in the UNESCO Digital Library (<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/>).

For the development of our association in the following 3 years, the secretariat, IRTCES, has done the following jobs:

1. **New WASER Council in the term 2022-2025:** The nomination committee consisting of 7 members and chaired by Professor Des. Walling nominated candidates for the new council. Twelve members of the new council have been elected according to the Statutes of WASER. Besides the 12 elected members, the new Council also includes 4 Co-opted members and 3 ex-officio members:

Co-opt members are Prof. Des. Walling and Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio, who will continue their service in the council as co-opted members; Prof. Zhaoyin Wang, the retired President, and Prof. Junke Guo, the local organizer of the 16th ISRS, who are recommended to serve as Co-opted members.

Three Ex-officio members are Prof. Guangquan Liu (Secretary-General), Prof. Hongwei Fang (Editor in Chief of the IJSR), and Prof. Wensheng Zhang (nominated by the Ministry of Water Resources of China).

2. **International Symposia on River Sedimentation (ISRS) :** The 15th ISRS will be held in Florence on September 5-8, 2023. And the 16th ISRS will be held in Omaha, USA in 2025. The council will select the organizer and venue for the 17th ISRS tomorrow. Suggestions are welcome for future ISRS venues and organizers.
3. **International Qian Ning Prize:** The Qian Ning Prize Foundation Commission and the WASER Secretariat proposed no Prize to be awarded this year.
4. **WASER Honorary Membership:** The WASER Secretariat proposed Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio, Prof. Chunhong Hu, and Prof. Zhaoyin Wang as honorary members of WASER, which will be awarded during the 15th ISRS in Florence in 2023.
5. **The IJSR Best Paper Awards:** The International Journal of Sediment Research has completed the selection of 3 best papers for the Award of Distinguished Contributions to Sediment Research. Details will be reported by the Chief editor, Professor Hongwei Fang today.
6. **The Work Plan in the new Term:** Prof. Guangquan Liu, the secretary-general, will give a report of the work plan in the new term from 2022-2025.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to all the Officers and Members of the Council for their support in the past three years. Special thanks are due to Professor Des. Walling, Professor Giampaolo Di Silvio, and Professor Ulrich C.E. Zanke who gave me valuable suggestions and support, and to Prof. Guangquan

Liu for his excellent work and to Prof. Cheng Liu for his hard work in dealing with affaires of the Secretariat.

On behalf of WASER I extend my thanks to the retiring members of the council, Prof. Hajime Nakagawa, Prof.. Silke Wieprecht, Prof. Kejun Yang and Prof. Mohamed Meddi, for their important and valuable contributions to WASER. I also would like to extend my thanks to Professor Shangfu Kuang, the director of IRTCES and all officers of IRTCES. They play a vital role in the development of our association.

Thank you.

Zhaoyin Wang

President of WASER

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL

WASER Council, Term of 2019-2022

President:	Wang, Zhaoyin, China
Vice-presidents:	Habersack, Helmut, Austria Nakagawa, Hajime, Japan Dey, Subhasish, India
Elected Members:	Brils, Jos, The Netherlands Golosov, Valentin, Russia Meddi, Mohamed, Algeria Melville, Bruce, New Zealand Minella, Jean, Brazil Solari, Luca, Italy Wieprecht, Silke, Germany Wu, Weiming, USA
Ex-officio member:	Fang, Hongwei, IJSR Chief Editor Liu, Guangquan, Secretary-General Liu, Cheng, Executive Secretary-General and Treasurer Zhang, Wensheng, representative nominated by MWR
Co-opted Members:	Walling, Des. E., UK (Past President) Giampaolo, Di Silvio, Italy (Past President) Ulrich, Zanke C.E., Germany (Past Vice President) Yang, Kejun, China (14 th ISRS LOC)

WASER Council, Term of 2022-2025

President:	Habersack, Helmut, Austria
Vice-presidents:	Dey, Subhasish, India Liu, Cheng, China Wu, Weiming, USA
Elected Members:	Brils, Jos, The Netherlands Golosov, Valentin, Russia He, Qing, China Melville, Bruce, New Zealand Minella, Jean, Brazil Solari, Luca, Italy van der Waal, Benjamin, South Africa Xu, Mengzhen, China
Proposed Ex-officio member:	Fang, Hongwei, IJSR Chief Editor

Proposed Co-opted Members: Liu, Guangquan, Secretary-General
 Zhang, Wensheng, representative nominated by MWR
 Walling, Des. E., UK (Past President)
 Giampaolo, Di Silvio, Italy (Past President)
 Wang, Zhaoyin, China (Past President)
 Guo, Junke, USA (16th ISRS LOC)

Secretariat: Liu, Guangquan, Secretary-General
 Liu, Cheng, Executive Secretary-General
 Shi, Hongling, Treasurer
 Zhao, Ying, Secretary

2. WASER FINANCIAL REPORT

This report contains the WASER Financial Report for the period 2019-2022. It comprises:

- (1) The Association's Financial Statement;
- (2) An Appendix listing valid membership dues in 2019.

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

2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT (in USD) for WASER Secretariat as at October 31, 2022

INCOME	2020	2021	2022	Sum.
Total	820	445	470	1735
-Membership fees	820	445	470	1735
-Fund from other sources	0	0	0	
-Interest	None	None	None	
EXPENDITURE	2020	2021	2022	Sum.
Total	2440	2510	2590	7540
-Website	600	600	600	1800
-Financial equipment/software	710	710	710	2130
-Cost of Audit	450	450	500	1400
-Office costs Secretariat	680	750	780	2210

Operational Surplus/Deficit = total income - total exp.= - **USD 5,805**

***Salaries for WASER Secretariat staff 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/IWHR and the Chinese government via various projects (The membership fee in 2020 includes the fee collected through the 14th ISRS conference system; and the membership fee in 2021 includes the fee collected through the 7th ICEC conference system.)

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
5	Fahmi Hidayat	Indonesia	2015	2020
6	Yadav Sanjay Madhusudan	India	2015	2020

	Yadav Sanjay Madhusudan	India	2021	2023
7	Bruce W. Melville	New Zealand	2016	2019
8	Newton DE Oliveira Carvalho	Brazil	2016	2019
9	Geraldo Wilson Junior	Brazil	2016	2019
10	Weiming Wu	USA	2016	2025
11	Stefan Haun	Germany	2016	2019
12	Michal Habel	Poland	2016	2019
13	Rodrigo Iorge Haia	Portugal	2016	2019
14	Zhiwei Li	China	2016	2019
15	Guoan Yu	China	2016	2019
16	Giampaolo Di Silvio	Italy	2017	2019
17	Sanjay Madhusudan Yadav	India	2018	2020
18	Michael Xanthakis	Greece	2019	2020
19	Guanglei Duan	China	2019	2025
20	Helmut Habersack	Austria	2019	2022
21	Hajime NAKAGAWA	Japan	2019	2022
22	Silke Wieprecht	Germany	2019	2022
23	Subhasish Dey	India	2019	2022
24	Jos Brils	the Netherlands	2019	2022
25	Jeffrey A. Nittrouer	USA	2019	2022
26	Chao Liu	China	2019	2022
27	Xinyuan Liu	China	2019	2022
28	Shan Zheng	China	2019	2022
29	Minxi Zhang	China	2019	2022
30	Xiangzhou Xu	China	2019	2022
31	Bingjiang Dong	China	2019	2022
32	Yuqi Zhao	China	2019	2022
33	Peixiong Cheng	China	2019	2022
34	Ridong Cheng	China	2019	2022
35	Li Wei	China	2019	2022
36	Wenfeng Ding	China	2019	2022
37	Xianyan Wang	China	2019	2022
38	Yinjun Zhou	China	2019	2022
39	Dongzi Pan	China	2019	2022
40	Yuru Lin	China	2019	2022
41	Yuanfeng Zhang	China	2019	2022
42	Xiao Huang	China	2019	2022
43	Jian Shen	China	2019	2022
44	Miaolin Wang	China	2019	2022
45	Lei Zhu	China	2019	2022
46	Minghong Chen	China	2019	2022
47	Yanhua Yang	China	2019	2022
48	Zhe Shi	China	2019	2022
49	Jiang Hu	China	2019	2022
50	Dong Xu	China	2019	2022
51	Jean Minella	Brazil	2019	2022

52	Klajdi Sotiri	Germany	2020	2023
53	Yu Gao	China	2021	2024
54	Rui Huang	China	2021	2024
55	Wei Zhang	China	2021	2024
56	Chao Guo	China	2021	2024
57	Xiaomei Ji	China	2021	2024
58	Tengwen LONG	China	2021	2024
59	Zhiqiang Liu	China	2021	2024
60	Qing He	China	2021	2024
61	Maggie Creed	UK	2022	2025
62	Mengzhen Xu	China	2022	2028

- (1) Total Number of valid WASER members at present: 38
- (2) Total new WASER members during 2019-2022: 35
- (3) 26 new members were applied through the 14th ISRS (Chengdu, China, 2019) conference system (No. 25-50)
- (4) 8 new members were applied through the 7th ICEC (Shanghai, China, 2021) conference system (No. 53-60)

3. CONCLUSION/SUGGESTION

3.1 Conclusion

(1) The total received membership fees increased much compared USD 1735 in 2020-2022 with USD 640 in 2016-2019 though it is still a very small sum during the past three years. Many thanks to the LOCs of the 14th ISRS and the 7th ICEC for their help on attracting members through the conference systems, and thanks are expressed to the council members for your support, some of our council members have paid their member fee. The total income is USD 1,735 and the total expenditure is USD 7,540 (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 5,805 between the total income and expenditure.

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

(3) All the extra costs are borne by IRTCES/IWHR and the Chinese Government. The main funds for operating the Secretariat of WASER and are provided by IRTCES/IWHR.

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. Many thanks are extended to LOCs of the 14th ISRS and the 7th ICEC, they provided a 10% discount on the registration fee for members of WASER, and waived registration fees for several WASER office members.
- (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. Many thanks to the LOCs of the 14th ISRS and the 7th ICEC as they already did so, and they also attracted new members and collected membership fee and registration form on behalf of the WASER Secretariat in the Symposium website.
- (6) The membership dues are proposed to keep the same as in 2019-2020 which are listed as the Table below.

WASER membership dues

Type	6 Years	3 Years		1 Year	
	IJSR	IJSR	IJSR	IJSR	IJSR
	Printed copy	Printed copy	E-copy	Printed copy	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 2019-2022 AND WORK PLAN FOR 2022-2025

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

The World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research (WASER) was founded during the 9th International Symposium on River Sedimentation held in Yichang, China in October, 2004. Thanks to the efforts by previous President Prof. Des. Walling, Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio and current President Prof. Zhaoyin Wang, and all previous and current Council members, the Association is becoming a well-known Association worldwide after 18 years of development. I am honored to work as the Secretary-General for the past 6 years and thanks for the support of our council members. It is my great pleasure to make the Secretariat work report for the past 3 years and work plan for future 3 years.

1. ACTIVITIES DURING 2019-2022

1.1 WASER website and Newsletter

The Website "front-office" of the Association, which plays important roles in expanding the Association's influence to the World. 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. Since last Council meeting in 2019, the website has released over 200 pieces of news, including news of coming events, erosion/sedimentation related news, and scientific reports of research papers, WASER Newsletters, and all papers published in IJSR.

The first issue of the relaunched WASER Newsletter was circulated in November 2015, and to date 27 issues of the Newsletter and seven New Year messages 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.

1.2 New Members Recruiting and membership fee collection

Total 26 new members were registered in the 14th ISRS held in Chengdu 2019 and paid their membership fees during 2019-2022. Total 8 new paid members were registered in the ICEC-2021 held in Shanghai. I am glad to see that our conferences attracted more and more new members during the past three years compared with the previous term. Though the member fee is still a very small sum, it is great to see the expanded influence of WASER. The total received membership fees are USD 1735 in 2019-2022. The total number of valid paid members is 38 now, which is two times of the paid members three years ago. The 15th ISRS has been postponed by one year to September 5-8, 2023 due to COVID-19. I feel confident that we will see more new members joining WASER at that time.

Besides the paid membership, we also continue to facilitate establishing a larger WASER Community for those who have interest in erosion and sedimentation, as well as the association. As of November 2022, the community member mailing list expanded to more than 200 experts from 40 countries and regions.

1.3 Technical support for the 15th ISRS and establishing the venue for the 16th ISRS

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 Secretariat has maintained close contact with the LOC of the 15th 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.

Omaha, USA has been selected as the venue for the 16th ISRS, this was approved by the council.

1.4 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 2.577 in 2019 to 2.902 in 2020 and 3.259 in 2021.

1.5 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 of Honorary Members, and the nomination of papers and selection of winners for the IJSR awards.

1.6 Supporting WASER Co-Organized or Co-Sponsored Conferences and Training

The Secretariat has provided support for a series of WASER Co-Organized or Co-Sponsored Conferences and Training Workshops. Due to COVID-19, most conferences and training workshops had to be held online or on site and online combined during the past three years. These include 3 international conferences and 1 training workshop.

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 and the professional authority is the Ministry of Water Resources of 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 and Ministry of Water Resources. It must also be inspected and audited by the National Audit Office.

2 ACTIVITIES PLANNED 2022-2025

2.1 Sponsorship or co-sponsorship of international activities

(1) As the Association's symposia, the 15th ISRS will be jointly hosted by the University of Florence and the University of Padua in Florence in 2023. This will be the venue for the seventh General Assembly. The 16th ISRS will be hosted by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Omaha, Nebraska, USA in 2025. This will be the venue for the eighth 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 17th ISRS to be held in 2028 must be selected and decided prior to the 16th ISRS. Looking forward to your suggestions and recommendations.

(3) WASER and the IRTCES sponsored the 8th International Conference on Estuaries and Coasts (ICEC 2024) will be held at Quebec City, Canada in 2024. WASER members can enjoy discount registration fee for attending these conferences.

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

(Special thanks to Prof. Weiming Wu from the USA for his great help on venue selections for the 16th ISRS and 8th ICEC.)

2.2 Participation in relevant international initiatives

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

2.3 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.

2.4 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.

2.5 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; (3) submit study proposals for financial support from international organizations or the members' own countries; and (4) draft standards and specifications related to erosion and sedimentation.

2.6 Council elections, prizes and awards

The Secretariat will support the process of nominating and electing the Officers and Council for 2025-2028, and the nomination and election of Honorary Members, and the nomination and selection of candidates for the IJSR awards and the International Qian Ning Prizes for next term.

2.7 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.

2.8 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, WeChat group discussion 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.

2.9 Fund Raising

At present, the major source of financial support for WASER is the contribution from IRTCES/IWHR and Chinese Government. 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.

RESULTS OF THE IJSR AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS TO SEDIMENT RESEARCH IN 2022

Prof. Hongwei Hong, IJSR Chief Editor

(to be added)

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF WASER COUNCIL 2022-2025



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DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Election of Officers and Members of WASER Council 2022-2025

We, Guangquan Liu, and Cheng Liu, being the returning officers of WASER, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate in the said election was as follows.

No	Name of Candidate	Country	Position	Votes
1	Habersack, Helmut	Austria	President	162
2	Dey, Subhasish	India	Vice President	157
3	Liu, Cheng	China	Vice President	162
4	Wu, Weiming	USA	Vice President	162
5	Brils, Jos	The Netherlands	Council Member	154
6	Golosov, Valentin	Russia	Council Member	150
7	He, Qing	China	Council Member	162
8	Melville, Bruce	New Zealand	Council Member	162
9	Minella, Jean	Brazil	Council Member	156
10	Solari, Luca	Italy	Council Member	162
11	van der Waal, Benjamin	South Africa	Council Member	161
12	Xu, Mengzhen	China	Council Member	157
Write-in	Parsons, Daniel	UK	Vice President	1
Write-in	Sui, Jueyi	Canada	Council Member	2
Write-in	Meddi, Mohamed	Algeria	Council Member	1
Write-in	Anoop C K	India	Council Member	1

Total Ballot papers: 283 Ballot Papers returned: 164 Turnout: 58%

Each of the nominated candidates listed on the slate obtained very strong support from the voting members i.e. 91 – 99 % of possible votes. Four additional candidates were suggested by individual votes.

We do hereby declare that the twelve above-mentioned Officers and Members of the WASER Council for 2022-2025 are duly elected.

Dated May 16, 2022

Guangquan LIU, Secretary General

Cheng Liu, Executive Secretary General

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NONINATION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

Dear all council members,

On behalf of the WASER secretariat, I would like to propose Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio, Prof. Chunhong Hu, and Prof. Zhaoyin Wang be awarded the Honorary Members of WASER.

They are not only distinguished scientists in the field of erosion and sedimentation, but also did invaluable contributions to the council and our association during the past years. Prof. Silvio and Prof. Wang worked as the presidents, and Prof. Hu worked as the secretary general. During their terms, WASER has expanded its influence in the field of erosion and sedimentation and witnessed more and more members joined our association. I hope they can continue to give constructive advices on the development of WASER in the future as honorary members.

No	Name	Country	Position at WASER
1	Prof. Giampaolo Di Silvio	Italy	President of the 3 rd and 4 th Council
2	Prof. Chunhong Hu	China	Secretary General of the 3 rd and 4 th Council; member of the 2 nd Council; contribute to the establishment of WASER during 2002-2004
3	Prof. Zhaoyin Wang	China	President of the 5 th and 6 th Council; Vice President of the 3 rd and 4 th Council; Secretary General of the 1 st Council; member of the 2 nd Council; contribute to the establishment of WASER during 1998-2004



Guangquan Liu, Secretary General of WASER

Appendix: List of the Honorary Members of WASER

Awarded in 2007: Prof. Bingnan Lin (China), Prof. Erich J. Plate (Germany)

Awarded in 2010: Prof. Dingzhong Dai (China), Prof. Sam S.Y. Wang (US), Prof. Roman S. Chalov (Russia)

Awarded in 2013: Prof. Des. E. Walling (UK)

Awarded in 2016: Prof. Ted C. Yang(US)

NONINATION OF NEW TREASURER AND NEW SECRETARY

According to the work arrangements of the International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation (IRTCES), the IRTCES nominates Prof. Hongling Shi as the new treasurer and Dr. Ying Zhao as the new secretary of the WASER Secretariat.

Members of the WASER Secretariat

Secretary General: Guangquan Liu

Executive Secretary General: Cheng Liu

Treasurer: Hongling Shi

Secretary: Ying Zhao

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Guangquan Liu', located below the list of members.

Guangquan Liu, Deputy Director of IRTCES

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 Secretary-General and Executive Secretary-General of the Association, the current Editor in Chief of the International Journal of Sediment Research (IJSR), 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 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.