

## President's Message

As 2022 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 2023.



In 2022 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) The Seventh WASER Council Meeting held online

The Seventh Council Meeting of WASER was held online, using a combination of WeChat group meeting and E-mail exchanges, on December 5-6, 2022. The Council Meeting was attended by 22 Council members representing both the Sixth Council and the newly elected Seventh Council, as well as several observers. Issues related to the future development of the Association, recruiting of members, revised membership dues, the IJSR impact factor and the co-sponsoring of international conferences were discussed.

(2) Journal Impact Factor of the *International Journal of Sediment Research* Increases to 3.259

The Journal Impact Factor of the *International Journal of Sediment Research*, the official journal of WASER, increased to 3.259 for 2021, according to the 2021 Journal Citation Reports (JCR) released by Clarivate Analytics on June 28, 2022. The efforts of our Editor Prof. Hongwei Fang and his team in achieving this important increase are greatly valued.

(3) The IAHS/ICCE International Symposium on River Sediment Quality and Quantity

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.

(4) Vice President of WASER, Prof. Subhasish Dey, honored with 2022 Hans Albert Einstein Award.

Looking forwards to 2023, the official symposium of WASER, the 15th International Symposium on River Sedimentation (15<sup>th</sup> ISRS) will be held in Florence, Italy during September 5-8, 2023. The 15<sup>th</sup> ISRS will be organized by the University of Florence and the University of Padua. WASER members will

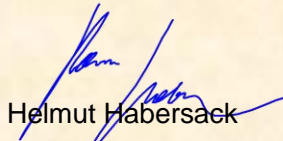
enjoy discounted registration fees for participation in the Symposium: The Symposium website: <https://www.isrs2022.it/>.

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. I look forward to work with the new Council and Secretariat staff during the next three years.

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 2023. I hope everyone is keeping well and will stay safe and healthy in this challenging time!



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President of WASER