

President's Message

As 2023 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 2024.



In 2023 we engaged with one another and worked to support the Association. Activities and achievements of the Association during the past year include the following:

(1) The 15th International Symposium on River Sedimentation held in Florence

The 15th International Symposium on River Sedimentation (ISRS) was held in Florence, Italy, from September 5 to 8, 2023, with more than 200 delegates from more than 20 countries and regions around the world.

(2) The second meeting of the Seventh WASER Council held in Florence

The second meeting of the Seventh WASER Council was held in Florence on September 5, 2023. The Council Meeting was attended by fifteen people including council members and observers. Issues related to the future development of the Association, recruiting of members, potential future publications, and the co-sponsoring of international conferences were discussed.

(3) Preparation of the 8th International Conference on Estuaries and Coasts

The 8th International Conference on Estuaries and Coasts (8th ICEC) will be held in Québec City, Canada in 2024. The theme of the conference is "Resilient estuaries and coastal zones under global challenges". The official website of the conference is open now and abstract submission has started.

(4) Preparation of the 16th International Symposium on River Sedimentation

The 16th International Symposium on River Sedimentation (16th ISRS) is scheduled to take place in Omaha, USA in early September 2025. The specific topics for the symposium are still under discussion by the council members.

(5) Invitation for hosting the 9th ICEC in 2027

IRTCES is currently in the process of selecting a venue for the 9th ICEC that is scheduled to be announced in Québec City in 2024. Several universities and institutes have already shown interest in

hosting the event. However, IRTCES is still open to more proposals for hosting the 9th ICEC in 2027.

(6) Journal Impact Factor of the *International Journal of Sediment Research* Increased to 3.6

The Journal Impact Factor of the *International Journal of Sediment Research*, the official journal of WASER, increased to 3.6 for 2022, according to the 2022 Journal Citation Reports (JCR) released by Clarivate Analytics on June 28, 2023. The efforts of our Editor Prof. Hongwei Fang and his team in achieving this important increase are greatly valued.

The *International Journal of Sediment Research* will become an open access journal from January 2024. Authors who publish in the *International Journal of Sediment Research* will be able to make their work immediately, permanently, and freely accessible. *International Journal of Sediment Research* continues with the same aims and scope, editorial team, submission system and rigorous peer review.

(7) Chief Editor of the *IJSR*, Professor Hongwei FANG, honored with 2023 Hans Albert Einstein Award

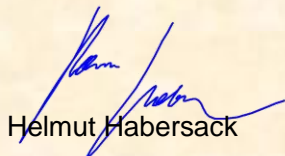
Looking forwards to 2024, the 8th International Conference on Estuaries and Coasts will be held in Québec City, Canada during August 27-29, 2024. The 8th ICEC will be organized by the Hydraulic and Environmental research Groups of INRS (Canada) and the Clarkson University (USA). WASER members will enjoy discounted registration fees for participation in the Conference: The 8th ICEC website: <https://icec2024.org/en>.

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 the Secretary General Prof. Guangquan Liu, Vice President and Executive Secretary General Prof. Cheng Liu, Treasurer Prof. Hongling Shi and Secretary Dr. Ying Zhao for their excellent and hard work as 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 2024!



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President of WASER