

**IAHR/IWA Joint Committee on Urban Drainage  
Meeting Minutes, 2018**

Date & Time: Sep. 23rd Sunday, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Venue: Eurostars Centrale Palace, Via Vittorio Emanuele, 327, 90134 Palermo PA, Italia

JCUD Committee Members Present at Meeting: Jeroen Langeveld, David McCarthy, Manfred Kleidorfer, Vojtech Bares, Morten Borup (newly elected), Karsten Arnbjerg-Nielsen, Tone Muthanna (briefly via ZOOM – plane delayed).

Other members of the community: John Okaide, Neil Armitage, Elizabeth Fassman-Beck, Scott Struck, Jean-Luc Bertrand Krajewski

1. JL opened the meeting and gave a brief welcome to all. Round table introductions were made.
2. JC minutes from our previous meetings (both virtual via zoom and in-person in Prague, 2017) were approved as distributed. A decision was made to ensure that all decisions made during zoom meetings are declared and outlined within the minutes of the JCUD's annual face-to-face meetings. This is to allow the JCUD to publish only one set of minutes online each year. Other meeting minutes will be stored by the current secretary and remain items that can be accessed by anyone in the urban drainage community, simply via email request to the current chair and secretary of the group (this information can be obtained from JCUD.org).
3. JCUD statutes and mission statement were approved.
4. Joint Committee membership was reviewed. As of the last virtual meeting in Jul 2018, the Committee had 13 members. Just prior to the meeting, three members resigned due to various reasons (mainly due to commitments elsewhere, insufficient time, inability to come to face-to-face meetings or change in research direction away from urban drainage): Annette Semadeni-Davies, Patrizia Piro and Kevin Winter. After the meeting, Karsten Arnbjerg-Nielsen will have completed his service. After the meeting, the first terms of service of Tone Muthanna and Lian Lundy will expire.
5. Updating the JC membership. The extension of Tone Muthanna's and Lian Lundy's membership on the JC was addressed (by email) before the meeting, and approved by the committee. Six applications for new members were received prior to the meeting (Karine Borne (France), Jim Lenhart (USA), Umberto Sanfillippo (Italy), Gianfranco Becciu (Italy), Joao Leitao (Switzerland) and Morten Borup (Denmark)). There was a brief discussion on the number of new members to be elected, and it was agreed there needs to be a balance between replacing the four members that have left and not appointing too many as this will create large exit rates in 3 or 6 years' time when their tenure is up. As such, a balance was sought by voting to elect three new members. A closed vote was carried out between all present committee members, and Jeroen congratulated the three new members (only one of which was present) on their appointments (KB, JL and MB). At the conclusion of the meeting, the chair and secretary thanked the participation of Karsten, having served six influential years on the committee. At the end of the meeting, there were 12 members in the JCUD.
6. Young water members to join the joint committee. The chairman (JL) announced the idea of having young co-members to join the JCUD, to work alongside the other committee members, gain experience and provide and execute new ideas. It was decided by the committee that up to 12 new positions will be advertised shortly after the first virtual meeting in 2019. Discussions were had around the period of tenure (consensus - 3yrs), whether it could be renewed (consensus - no), the age of candidates (consensus - 35 on the day of submission of application), whether they need to be a member of the IWA/IAHR (consensus - yes, one or both), whether they needed to be part of the Young Water Professionals group (consensus - no). Further details will be agreed upon in the JCUD's next quarterly virtual meeting.
7. Treasury. DM presented the accounts, with only small changes from last year in Prague. He reported that the funds from the Prague conference are yet to be distributed to the account and DM and VB will follow up in this regard. A few other small expenses are to be applied to the account, including a gift for Manfred S's present as outgoing chair last year. DM and JL also highlighted the fact that the group needs a new treasurer, and that one of the new members elected this year would be welcomed to the role.
8. Newsletter. MK presented on the newsletter, commenting that it the most part the newsletter worked well. He highlighted that the in-country reports had been removed and replaced by spotlight news items from the JCUD community. It was

mentioned that the new young members of the group could be a good way of getting more attention to these spotlight items, and perhaps relying on these younger, more energetic members to find appropriate stories for this section. Manfred will begin announcing contributions from everyone for newsletter by end of October. MK also stated that while IWA distributed the newsletter widely, IAHR could use a bit of encouragement. JLBK wrote and shared with strategic council.

9. Webmaster. The group discussed the website (it is now up-to-date) and elected the newest member of the team (MB) to take over from KW as webmaster (thanks goes to KW for his input to date). Comments were regarding the original ownership of the current website and JL mentioned that it could be possible to find out and obtain some of the original programs used to create and upload the website to the server (perhaps a big ZIP file). MK will transfer info regarding the website to MB
10. IWA Connect. Hiafeng Jia was not present but discussions among the committee were that more engagement is needed with IWA Connect, that the committee membership under IWA connect is out of date and needs to be corrected, and HJ may like to follow the good example of the MIA WG to help better engage the JCUD committee and the wider community into the IWA Connect system.
11. Young water professionals. Takashi Sakakibara was not present, but TS sent a report prior to the JCUD meeting outlining the event that he helped host earlier in the year.
12. Awards. TM (via zoom) & KAN presented their ideas for creating a clear and consistent method for the awards program under the JCUD (PHA, Mid-Career, and Career). The following points were made during the meeting: (1) it is important to decide on the chair and members of the awards committee at Novatech, (2) any member of the awards committee will void submissions/awards from their own institutions to avoid an possible COI, (3) gender equity in both awards committee membership but also awardees should be maintained as much as possible, (4) in the case of the PHA, no more than one institution should be present on stage, (5) prizes/winnings should become more standardised across the conference series, (6) for ICUD 2020 it was decided that to help with selecting the best candidates for the PHA, a question from the PHA award should be placed in the abstract review (the one on innovation and pushing the area forward), (7) questions were asked around whether we should vote on small extended abstract papers and whether the three winners are forced to publish in WST (decisions to be made at Novatech), (8) if WST is used as an outlet, then the committee suggests that WST places a banner at top/bottom of page to highlight that these are PHA winners of the ICUD.
13. Working Groups. Lian Lundy was not present, but prepared a detailed report that was then presented by MK.
  - WSUD – comments were made that this WG is active, but perhaps it would be good to see them reach out to the members and ensure activity is extended beyond their local area. SS and EFB mentioned perhaps an engagement with a journal that they are part of and the new Blue Green Systems Journal could be a way of moving the WSUD group ahead and involving people from around the globe.
  - RTC – perhaps if nothing comes up before XMAS...then nobody...perhaps MB is part of this? Perhaps make it part of UDM? SS mentioned that USA is very keen in this at the moment – perhaps JH, guy from Chicago and MB develop it all...?
  - UDAM (urban drainage asset management) – new group. Approved at previous zoom meeting.
  - IWGDM – DM and MK commented on the fact that a new secretary is needed (and was elected after the conference). Comments around a database publishing journal to publish our rich datasets – this will be pushed forward by the new chair of the group (MK). EFB and SS mentioned that they are linked to a journal that is currently doing this.
  - Urban streams – comments were made that this group is not currently as active as possible and are requesting help with recruiting new members and a new leader. Suggestions were made that perhaps it would be best if that new people are not around we close this WG, and they can always open this up again later with a new name etc. Lian to follow up with this suggestion with the current chair.
  - Cold Climate – this group is thinking of a name change to help broaden its scope and attract new members.
  - SOCOMA – it was reported that the two chairs, Tim F and Sylvie B, are to step down. There is, however, a workshop planned at NOVATECH next year. It was decided that perhaps Lian can begin thinking about potential links with other WGs – WSUD and UrbanStreams.
14. JCUD Events. VB led discussions on the current list of JCUD events (UDM, Palermo, 2018; Novatech, 2019, Lyon, France; SPN 2019, Aalborg; ICUD2020, Melbourne; IAHR World Congress, Panama, 2019). VB mentioned that he will be preparing a document which will help connect our conferences systematically with our parental organisations (IAHR and IWA). He will also help prepare a document which outlines a set of guidelines for future sub-group conferences, such as the UDM and SPN,

so that there is a manual that has a list of expectations from the group. What to expect, what the preferred publishing arrangements are, interactions with other organisations looking to support the conference, and a list of MOUs, discussion points and funding requirements for the JCUD. VB mentioned that perhaps this would ready for review by the JCUD by the end of the year. Discussions were made to encourage committee members and mid-late career members of the JCUD community should attend larger congresses, including those flagship conferences of the IWA and IAHR to promote the field and the JCUD. Collaboration with other WGs, both in conference organisation but also via co-run webinars, was discussed by the group. In particular, perhaps running a special session at ICUD2020 with diffuse pollution WG. It was agreed that one of the new members of the group will be responsible with integrating and linking our group with other IWA SGs. Finally, a call will be made for the next ICUD (2023) early next year and will be due before Novatech, 2019, and that any country is welcome to bid.

15. Reports on special JC projects. Manfred Schütze reported to the group via email before the meeting. The list has, as of today, 358 members worldwide - a good part from academia and research, but also companies are members of the list. List traffic is moderate (so no need to have fear of spam or non-interesting emails coming in), yet it is a useful and very efficient (cost/benefit ratio) means of making information available to the urban drainage community. It is often used for job announcements, conference announcements and similar. Membership is open to anyone (no links to IWA membership or so)! It is easy to use (one doesn't even have to remember a password) Explanations on how to use it: see JCUD newsletters. Old postings can be seen in [www.jcmail.ac.uk/urban-drainage](http://www.jcmail.ac.uk/urban-drainage). Encourage young colleagues and students (and any other "newcomers") to use the list - and use the list yourself! This year the list celebrates its 20th birthday. It was started in 1998 as a joint initiative of Jonathan Parkinson, David Butler and Manfred S.
16. Linkages to other IWA Specialist Groups. As highlighted above, the committee agreed that one of the new members of the group will be responsible with integrating and linking our group with other IWA SGs. This role will be filled over the next year. As reported above, it was agreed to expand our linkage with the Diffuse Pollution group and to explore the opportunity to run some joint sessions on their topics during the next ICUD.
17. Involvement in IWA and IAHR affairs. JLBK reported to the committee updates from the IWA strategic council, but notes that this will be his last time as he has finished his term in the strategic council (SC). The SC is comprised of around 40 people, of which there are around 12-15 Specialist Group representatives, and five positions will open in spring, 2019. One role is the SG linker (JLBK was this), who has the duty to help coordinate the SGs. JLBK reports that there are generally two meetings per year, and one meeting via skype each month. There was the general feeling that perhaps a key person in the JCUD community should run for one of these openings, to ensure the JCUD is well represented. Nominations from our community should obviously be support by us!
18. Round table business. All reported above.
19. Future JC meetings will be held in 2019 Lyon, 2020 Melbourne and in New Jersey, 2021
20. JL closed the meeting.