

Minutes of the IAHR/IWA Joint Committee on Urban Drainage Meeting
June 26, 2010
INSA Lyon, France

Present: Neil Armitage, David Butler, Alberto Campisano, Tim Fletcher, Peter Mikkelsen, Nilo Nascimento, Manfred Schuetze

J.-L. Bertrand-Krajewski, Bernard Chocat, and one guest

Apologies: Hiroaki Furumai, Joseph Lee, Mohd Nor, Maria Viklander

1. The meeting was opened by Peter Steen Mikkelsen by welcoming all.
2. Review of minutes from Tokyo 2009: the minutes were approved as written.
3. Review of membership: the list of JC members was distributed at the meeting and briefly reviewed. The Committee has 11 full members, 8 associate members and a non-voting secretary. First terms of two members (J. Lee and N. Nascimento) will expire later this year; at that time, the committee will have three openings, which will be advertised later (Oct.-Nov.) this year. The outgoing members will be retained until the new members are voted in. During the discussion, Nilo inquired about establishing a corporate/institutional membership, but it is unlikely that this idea would be supported by our parental associations – they recruit corporate members.
4. Working Group reports – the reports which were received before the meeting were distributed with the meeting agenda. Others were presented orally at the meeting.
 - International Working Group on Data and Models – the group held the highly successful UDM '09 conference in Tokyo last September. It developed workshops on uncertainty in urban water modelling; the first one was held in Tokyo (Sept. 09), others in Quebec City (3010), at the 2010 Novatech conference, and the next one is scheduled for the SPN conference in Australia (Nov. 2010). They are coordinated by Peter VanRollegham and address both drainage and wastewater treatment plants.
 - Real-Time Control of Urban Drainage Systems – submitted a progress report before the meeting, and the report was presented by Alberto Campisano. Alberto advised at the meeting that he will be stepping down from the Chair's position later this year.
 - The Sewer Systems and Processes WG provided a report before the meeting; the report focused on the forthcoming 6th Int. Conf. on Sewer Processes and Networks (Nov. 2010) on the Gold Coast, in Australia (for details, visit www.spn6.net).
 - The SOCOMA WG submitted a written report before the meeting and advised on current activities – holding a workshop on source controls at 2010 Novatech and writing two review papers. It reported that the group has been renewed.
 - Working Group on Urban Rainfall – a report has been received prior to the meeting. The group held the successful 8th Urban Rainfall Workshop in Dec. 2009; selected papers from the workshop will be published in a special issue of Atmospheric Research. The group is planning a special issue on Weather Radar (J. of Hydrological Engineering).
 - Technology Exchange, Transfer and Training – no progress report was provided. A discussion of liaison with developing countries followed, including the idea of forming partnership with universities in developing countries. Peter will ask Mohamed Nor that the group develops a work plan by the end of 2010. A small group, including, Peter Mikkelsen, Mohamed Nor, Nilo Nascimento and Neil Armitage should re-orient the existing group.
 - Urban Drainage in Cold Climate WG – Maria Viklander provided a written report before the meeting. The report advised re the 2009 urban snowmelt and salt conference held in Waterloo, Canada and plans to hold a workshop in November, 2010 in Sweden.
 - Water Sensitive Urban Design WG – the group has not written a report and its viability needs to be addressed (in view of work related changes in groups leadership).

- Urban Streams – the group was planning to hold its inaugural meeting the following Tuesday (June 29, 2010). A small group of people did meet and agreed to further develop the group’s program.
5. Report on the JC account with IWA – dealing with the IWA administrative office is not easy; the Committee has decided to appoint a new treasurer – Neil Armitage who agreed to accept this added responsibility.
 6. Bids for the 2014 ICUD – merits of the three bids received were discussed, more or less continuing in the deliberations, which started at the previous JC meeting in Tokyo, in Sep. 2009. Following the discussion, a tight schedule for completing the evaluations was adopted, with email discussion until July 15, 2010, the first round voting by July 19, 2010 (eliminating the third ranked proposal), and the second round voting by July 26, 2010. After the meeting, this process ran its course and the chairman advised the committee of the selection results on Aug. 12, 2010; the Malaysian proposal has been selected.
 7. Reports on special projects
 - JC website – the chairman thanked Alberto for doing a great job of running the site. Alberto mentioned two dates for site updates – July 5 and Sep. 5, 2010.
 - Urban Drainage Email List – Manfred Schuetze reported on the list; it works, but is relatively quiet. He encouraged those present to use it.
 - Linkages to other SGs – Jiri reported on collaboration with the Diffuse Pollution group; there is a tradition of collaborating on DIFPOL conferences. This will be continued at the next one to be held in Mont Ste. Anne, Quebec, Canada, from Sep. 12 to 17, 2010. Jiri is leading one of the conference workshops and worked on abstract evaluations and formation of the program of the urban drainage sessions.
 - Peter reported on the Leading Edge conference on Climate Change and Water; he recommended some JC members to IWA to work on this conference, but the event was taken over the IWA CC initiative.
 8. Report on the JC Newsletter – Jiri reported that newsletter production is working well, but the collection of contributions takes long time and repeated requests.
 9. Report on JC related journals:
 - Urban Water Journal – David Butler reported that the journal is doing well, the publisher wishes to increase the number of issues to 6 annually. There is an opportunity to do special issues with invited editors.
 - Wat. Sci. Tech. – no report filed.
 10. Involvement in IWA affairs
 - Jean-Luc BK was elected to the IWA Strategic Council, so far, not much to report.
 - PSM reported on news from IWA – there is a move towards “clustering” SGs, the one of interest to us would be the Water Cluster. Also, IWA produces short reference papers (2-3) pages for the general public. Peter reported on the JC presence at the IWA Congress in Montreal – not enough drainage papers have been submitted; we should focus on the next congress. There is interest in specialist group reports – they would help formulate clusters.
 11. IAHR activities – no report provided. Perhaps of the greatest interest is the forthcoming 34th IAHR congress to be held in Brisbane, Australia, from June 26 to July 1, 2011 (see www.iahr2011.org).
 12. Awards related to the Joint Committee
 - Poul Harremoes – new rules are being developed and will be posted in October, 2010.
 - New awards have been proposed by David Butler and Tim Fletcher, a “lifetime” achievement award and an “early career” award. These were discussed at the meeting and will be further developed by David and Tim.
 13. Recent or Forthcoming conferences

- Data and Modelling (UDM '09) was held last Sep. in Tokyo, Japan, and was highly successful. A detailed report was presented at the Sep. 2009 JC meeting in Tokyo. This was the first time the conference was held in Asia; it attracted almost 300 participants, together with the rainwater harvesting conference. There were 133 oral and 106 poster presentations, 50 young professionals competed for the “UDM Young Researcher Paper Award”, and the best 5 posters were also recognized for their excellence. There were 4 keynote presentations and a special gala dinner at Hakuho-kan, Happon, which showcased Japanese culture. The conference was financially successful; after closing all accounts, some contribution will be made to the JC Account.
- 2010 Novatech – a progress report was presented by Jean-Luc Bertrand Krajewski. 450 participants signed for 3 days, 150 people were expected to see the water movie developed by Bernard Chocat and Elodie Brelot. Participation from some European countries was down, partly because the conference was held in competition with several other important events. Some discussion was paid to the workshops held at JC conferences and the timing of the JC meetings.
- 12th ICUD In Proto Alegre, Brazil – Nilo Nascimento reported that everything is going well, the conference website is working. Extended abstracts are due by Oct. 8, 2010, to be submitted via the conference website. As the conference date approaches, there will be more communications between the conference organizing committee and JC.

14. Peter closed the meeting at 1900 by thanking all the present.