

Minutes of the IAHR/IWA Joint Committee on Urban Drainage Meeting University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, Sep. 7, 2009

Present: Neil Armitage, Tim Fletcher, Hiroaki Furumai, Peter Mikkelsen, Mohamed Nor, Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski, Jiri Marsalek, Mitsuyoshi Zaizen, and guests

Apologies: Maria Almeida, David Butler, Alberto Campisano, J. Lee, Nilo Nascimento, M. Schuetze, M. Viklander

1. The meeting was opened by Peter Steen Mikkelsen (PSM) who welcomed all and advised re the meeting structure: (a) the first short part was restricted to the JC members and dealt with the bids for the 2014 ICUD conference, and (b) the second part was open to all.
2. PSM started the discussion of the bids for the 2014 ICUD conference by stating that three bids have been received and distributed to the JC members. He also repeated the selection process from our statutes – we have distributed the bids, now there will be an email discussion of the bids, then the first round (elimination) vote eliminating the proposal considered the least suitable, and then the second round vote, selecting the best of the two remaining proposals. It will be important that all JC members vote; where more time will be needed. it will be granted within reason. Some of the points raised during the following discussion included: A key issue – whether JC should go back to the proponents and ask for more information (it was decided not to do it at this time, but revisit some outstanding issues with the proponent of the winning bid before granting the conference award); concerns about the conference sustainability and regional focus of some proposals; and, the geographical distribution of conference sites and proposals from countries which hosted the conference before. Finally, Mohamed Nor presented the Malaysian proposal for the 2014 conference.
3. Review of the minutes from Edinburgh 2008: the minutes were approved as written.
4. Review of JC membership: the current list of JC members and their terms of service was briefly reviewed. As of Sept. 7, 2009, the Committee had 12 full members (no vacancies), 8 associate members and a non-voting secretary. This year, three members will complete their first term (Almeida, Butler, Campisano) and will be invited to apply for the second term, subject to approval by JC.
5. Working Group reports – seven WG reports were received by the deadline, Cold Climate report after the deadline. Those seven were briefly presented and discussed at the meeting (Data and models, RTCUDS, SS&PWG, SOCOMA, IGUR, TETTWG, and WSUD). All eight reports are appended to the minutes.
6. Czech Technical University proposal for a new working group on Urban Streams – the proposal was distributed well before the meeting, and discussed and supported by 7 members before the meeting. Discussions at the meeting concluded that the formation of this group should take place and the proponents will be advised by PSM accordingly. Three recommendations were made: (a) Ensure that the group does not encroach on any other IWA SP mandates (this seems to be met), (b) internationalize the group from the beginning, and (c) inclusion of several potential members (from Brazil, Italy, Portugal, and SAR).
7. Report on the JC account – was not available. PSM will follow up with Ana Deletic.
8. Reports on special projects.
 - JC Electronic database – PSM reported on difficulties with maintaining and updating the database; so far we use more or less the IAHR and IWA databases and a database derived from recent conferences. PSM will ask for help from Tim Fletcher (TF) and possibly others (Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski).
 - Perhaps you might wish to add as a short report on the "urban-drainage"
 - Urban Drainage discussion list – Manfred Schuetze reported that this list was set up about 10 years ago on the jiscmail mailserver in the UK by David Butler, Jonathan Parkinson and Manfred Schuetze. Even though it is not operated under JC, it is widely used and of interest to the UD community. The mailing list has, as of today, 289 subscribed members. List

administration is done jointly by Manfred and David Butler. It is being used for conference announcements, job postings, but also (and particularly this use should be encouraged more) for questions to the UD community/to UD experts. Membership is worldwide, with a particularly strong focus on Europe. List activity has been relatively quiet recently (so nobody needs to be afraid of being "spammed" by "urban-drainage" mailing list emails). More active use is encouraged. Further details (also on how to join) are available from Manfred (manfred.schuetze@ifak.eu) and from the list server's website (www.jiscmail.ac.uk/urban-drainage).

- JC website – appreciation of Alberto Campisano's efforts in running the site was expressed. Following the meeting, some update materials will be forwarded to Alberto.
 - Linkages to other IWA Specialist Groups (all)
 - Collaboration with the SG on Diffuse pollution – JM reported on JC contributions to the 2010 DifPol Conference planned for St. Anne du Beupre (Quebec, Canada) just before the IWA congress in Montreal. There will be a co-sponsored session and a workshop on stormwater quality in a changing climate.
 - JC collaboration with the IWA SG on Rainwater Harvesting and Management – the 8th UDM in Tokyo was organized in conjunction with the 2nd RWHM Conference (Sept. 7-11, 2009).
 - Leading Edge conference on "Climate change and water", to be organised jointly with other SGs and possibly held in Australia – PSM called for those who are interested to work on this issue. During and after the conference he received offers from several colleagues who are active in the JCUD program, and those names were proposed to IWA; no feedback from IWA was received by the end of October.
 - Progress concerning the book for the 30th anniversary of ICUD (Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski [JLBK]) - the interest is continuing, but not enough time to do it.
 - New awards that could be offered by the JCUD, to enhance visibility – two were proposed by David Butler [DB] and Tim Fletcher [TF]: (a) JCUD award to a person who has made a significant contribution to the science or practice of urban drainage, and (b) Early career contribution to urban drainage. These awards could be presented at IAHR and IWA conferences. Concerning the first award, JM suggested after the meeting that to deal with a potential backlog of nominees in the beginning, we could apply "multiple" awards in the beginning.
9. JC newsletter – JM reported that a call for contributions is usually issued in late September, with a deadline in mid November, then it takes another 6-8 weeks to extract contributions and finish the process. Timely submission of contributions would help.
10. Report on our journals: (A) David Butler and Cedo Maksimovic reported that the Urban Water journal has been included in the ISI Science Citation Index; at this time we do not know when we will receive the first impact factor (before July 2011). We need to cite papers in the journal! Minor changes to the Editorial Board – a new Associate Editor has been appointed – Tim Fletcher (Monash, Australia). The journal will be publishing now 6 issues per year (compared to the old rate of 4 issues). (b) Water Science and Technology – James Ball reports that the journal is running well, with about 2 papers submitted per week. The acceptance ratio is about 50%. The most recent impact factors – 1.005 in 2008, and 1.24 in 2007. It is important that we agree to review for the journal. JB will need an assistant; possible candidates were discussed at the meeting and there will be a further follow up by PSM.
11. Involvement in IWA and IAHR affairs:
- IAHR and its congresses – JLBK expressed some frustration with the selection of papers for the IAHR Congress in Vancouver, 2009. Many sessions were filled up by "invited" papers and there was little room for other contributions. JM spoke about the organizational changes in IAHR – they are changing their structure by establishing three divisions: IAHR Hydraulics, Hydro-Environment, and Innovation and Professional Development. We fit under the second division. Each division operates a number of committees, led by

Leadership Teams (6-8 members). LT elects the chair, vice-chair, and the past chair also continues serving. They have a right to co-opt members, for one term (2 years) only. Maximum service duration appears to be 10 years. Committees report on their activities at biennial congresses; it is expected that during the 2-y period they produce at least one review article, monograph, and a specialty conference. Committees meet annually (it can be a virtual meeting) and publish annual newsletters. JM noted that our constitution shows many similar features as the IAHR recommended rules of operation; deviations of Committees operating jointly with other associations will be subject to IAHR approval (it is expected to be granted). Some features of the IAHR structure could be adopted by JC to our benefit (e.g., the positions of a vice-chair and past chair).

- IWA – JLBK attempted to join the Strategic Council, but there has been no progress on this issue by IWA. IWA 2010 Congress - PSM is on the program committee and tried to promote our field in the program. The outcome will depend on submitted papers. Also, there are opportunities to hold special sessions at the congress – moving away from formal papers and holding panel discussions and similar events. JC members interested in organizing such events should contact PSM.
12. Poul Harremoes Award - PSM reported on the need to revise the current rules and procedures, but so far that has not happened; this will be discussed at the next JCUD meeting in Lyon, 2010.
 13. Recent or forthcoming conferences co-sponsored by JCUD or affiliated groups:
 - 1st Int. Conference On Urban Drainage and Road Salt Management in Cold Climates, Ontario/Canada, 25-29 May 2009 – JM reported on the conference, it was attended by about 90 participants. The conference generated a fair amount of interest and will be continued in the future, with a biennial frequency.
 - International Workshop on the impact of climate changes on urban flooding, Ho Chi Minh City/Vietnam, 24-25 June 2009 – Hiroaki Furumai (HF) reported on the workshop. There were presentations re flood management in Japan and UK. Workshop findings will be delivered to the Ho Chi Minh City.
 - Data and Modelling (UDM '09), Tokyo, 2009 – HF reported that the conference was well attended and everything was running well. Paper presentations were well received. Also, there were papers on Rainwater Harvesting and Management – this conference was held jointly with the 8th UDM.
 - Workshop on Precipitation in Urban Areas, St. Moritz, Switzerland, Dec. 2009 – please see the workshop website (<http://www.ifu.ethz.ch/stmoritz>).
 - 2010 NOVATECH, 27 June – 1 July, 2007, Lyon, France – JLBK reported on conference preparation. Everything is running well. The conference returns to the “city” – in the conference complex by the Hilton hotel. Papers are welcome even without the earlier submission of the letter of intent, and will be accepted past the original (Oct. 10) deadline, until Oct. 31, 2009. We are trying to figure the best date for the JC meeting in Lyon; it could be on Saturday before the conference (starting at 3 pm), or on Sunday (interferes with pre-conference workshops, or on Thursday (after the conference). Please submit your preferences to PSM.
 - 12th ICUD in Brazil in 2011 - nothing new to report (JLBK).
 14. Round table business – a paper on stormwater management terminology, such as LID, SUDS and WSUD, will be prepared under Tim Fletcher’s leadership.
 15. Future meetings: 2010 – at the Novatech in Lyon, France, and in 2011 in Porto Alegre (12th ICUD), 2012 – to be decided.
 16. PSM closed the meeting at 17:00 by thanking all present.

Attachments (all in one file):

- Meeting agenda
- Working group reports
- Journal reports

- Note on JCUD awards