

**Minutes of the SS&PWG Committee Meeting
held during the 11 ICUD Conference, Edinburgh,
United Kingdom**

2 September, 2008

Participants as WG members:

José Matos (Portugal), Francois Clemens (Netherlands), Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski, (France), Ghassan Chebbo (France), Simon Tait (United Kingdom), Thomas Ertl (Austria), Jes Vollertsen (Denmark), Aminuddin Ab-Ghani (Malaysia), Erik Ristenpart (Germany), Sveinung Saegrov (Norway), Peter Krebs (Germany), Ole Mark (Denmark), Kapil Gupta (India) and Neil Armitage (South Africa).

Participants as invited members:

Günter Gruber (Austria), Chang Chon (Malaysia), Frédéric Cherqui (France), Jeroen Kluck (Netherlands), Erno de Graaf (Netherlands), Eghert Baars (Netherlands), Dragan Savic (United Kingdom), Rita Ugarelli (Norway), Georgio Mannina (Italia), Marco Maglionico (Italia), Gabrieli Freni (Italia), Mathias Uhl (Germany), Ton Beenen (Netherlands) and Asbjørn Nielsen (Denmark).

Apologies were received from: Maria do Céu, Zhiguo Yuan, Guang-Hao Chen and Takashi Sakakibara.

Agenda of the meeting:

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in Delft, Netherlands, during SPN 07, 27 August 2007 (JM)
3. General informations (all)
4. Elections for Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions (JM)
5. Next SPN Conference (6th SPN, Australia, 2010) (JM)
6. Group activities (all)
7. Other business (all)
8. Closure

Agenda Item 1 – The submitted agenda, previously distributed by e-mail, was approved.

Agenda Item 2 – The minutes of the last SS&PWG Committee Meeting, held in Delft, Netherlands, 27th August 2007, previously distributed by e-mail were approved. The minutes (some copies were also distributed during the meeting) shall be up-loaded on the SS&PWG web-site.

Agenda Item 3 – José Matos (JM) informed that Jiri Marsalek resigned recently from the group, Jiri referred to be at the final stretch of his professional life, intending to focus the activities closer to home. Nowadays, a member is representing Canada in the SS&PWG (Peter Vanrolleghem). Jes Vollertsen informed that the SS&PWG web-site was not available due to changes in the Aalborg University system, but has offered to assist and support a new web-site.

Agenda Item 4 – JM remembered the situation of the group, informing about the SS&PWG availability of Ghassan Chebbo and Zhiguo Yuan, to serve respectively as President and Vice-President. Ghassan Chebbo (GC) asked for a special support of JM in what concerns chairing activities, during the first 6 months period (till March 09) (6 months interim period). This request was accepted. Ghassan and Zhiguo were proposed for the positions, with the support (voting) of all members of the SS&PWG present.

Agenda Item 5 – JM informed about the current situation of the preparation of the 6th SPN, to be held in Australia, in 2010. Some aspects shall be decided in the next months, namely a) dates; b) topics; c) programme committee; d) possible linkage with other organizations and e) steps of the reviewing process. The discussion was open with a large consensus in the lines of:

- a) To let Zhiguo propose the dates of the Conference, taking into account the most adequate period for local academics; and the need to consider avoiding competing with other conferences. In principle, for European colleagues, the period April/May or October/November is somewhat equivalent, although a slight preference for October/November may result due to the Novatech Conference in May/June, 2010.
- b) The topics of the previous conference (5th SPN) should be considered for the Conference Programme, possibly with emphasis on sewer processes related with “hot subjects” in Australia (namely odor and corrosion management, for example).
- c) In principle, the programme committee should be proposed by Zhiguo, including researchers that are not currently members of the SS&PWG.
- d) The SS&PWG members support the idea of linking with other different organizations like WERF/WEF (US Water Environment Research Foundation/Water Environment Research), for the purpose of preparing the 6th SPN.

Concerning the steps of the reviewing process, some of the members have defended the idea of reviewing extended abstracts, while others have supported the idea of asking for a short abstract, to be approved/selected just by the local organization committee which should take into account the subject and the topics to be explored. Only full papers should be distributed for reviewing. The great majority of the members seemed to support the idea of preparing a full paper for reviewing, with simultaneous submission to both the Conference and WST.

Agenda Item 6 – Concerning group activities, Günter Gruber (Austria) has proposed the consideration of a Junior PhD Workshop (possibly for 2009) with emphasis on specific fields of sewer systems and processes, for example concerning field measurements and protocols in the field of sediments/sewer solids. The possibility of having another Junior Workshop in Asia, with the involvement of Kapil Gupta (India) and a senior European colleague was also mentioned. JLBK has questioned about the 2nd edition of the IWA book on Sewer Solids, but nothing was decided about this subject during the meeting. However, after the meeting, Simon Tait (ST) contacted JLBK and indicated his willingness to contribute to revise and improve the book for a second edition.

Thomas Ertl has informed about a COST pre-proposal entitled “Sewer Asset Monitoring and Inspection (SAMI): Strategies, Management Systems and New Technologies to achieve Environmental and Public Performance Levels”, that unfortunately was not included in the top proposals which have been invited to submit a full proposal. Thomas referred to be interested in resubmitting the proposal, with a better chance for success, inviting other colleagues to be involved.

Agenda Item 7 – Concerning other business, it was discussed the venues (and dates) of the future SS&PWG annual meetings (in 2009, 2010 and 2011). For 2010 and 2011, the natural options are to held the meetings during the 6th SPN (Australia) and during the 12th JCUD (Porto Alegre, Brazil). Those proposals were approved. For 2009, one possibility is to held the meeting during UDM (7-11 September 2009, Tokyo), depending on the number of attendees. Other possibility that was also mentioned, was to held the meeting just before or (preferably ?) after the European Junior Workshop in Austria.

Following some presentations during the ICUD and other antecedent contacts, JLBK indicated that new and modified protocols are now used in various research groups to measure settling velocities of particles. As in the mid-1990s, this diversity of protocols may be seen as a positive indication of interest in measuring settling velocities, but also hinders comparison of results, as no recognized standard protocol exist for settling velocity measurements. Consequently, JLBK proposed to organize a meeting of users of these various settling velocity protocols, during which protocols could be presented, with their detailed data processing, and comparative tests with the same sample of stormwater could be carried out. In early 2009, JLBK will contact again all

interested colleagues to elaborate a more detailed proposal for such a comparison of protocols.

Agenda Item 8 – JM has thanked all the members for their support during the past three years, in particular François Clemens, who has also organized the 5th SPN in 2007, and JLBK, for the exchange of ideas and continuous support to the group activities. G.C. has expressed, in name of the SS&PWG, a warm thanks for the work of the chairman, during the 2005-2008 period.

JM and GC