

Minutes of the SS&PWG Committee Meeting

held during SPN 07, Delft, Netherlands,

27th August, 2007

Participants as WG members

José Matos (Portugal), Francois Clemens (Netherlands), Ghassam Chebbo (France), Simon Tait (United Kingdom), Thomas Ertl (Austria), Jes Vollertsen (Denmark) and Zhiguo Yuan (Australia)

Participants as invited members

G. Gruber (Austria), J. Dirksen (Netherlands), Rémi Schilperoort (Netherlands) and Thorkild Hvitved-Jacobsen (Denmark)

Agenda of the meeting

- 1- Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in Vienna during SOM06, 26 October 2006
- 2- General informations
- 3- Forthcoming conferences co-sponsored or involving the SS&PWG (6th SPN, 3rd SOM....)
- 4- Next SPN Conference
- 5- Group activities /actions
- 6- Closure

Apologies were received by: Jean-luc Bertrand –Krajevski, M. do Céu, A. Ab-Ghani, A. Deletic, k. Gupta, A. Campisano, O. Mark, W. Pisano, J. Marsalek, E. Ristenpart, N. Armitage, G. Ghen, P. Vanrolleghem, S. Seagrov, S. Abdul-Talib, A. Saul, and Sakakibara

Agenda Item 1. The minutes of the last SS&PWG Committee Meeting, held in Vienna, Austria, 26 th October 2006, previously distributed by email were approved. The minutes were uploaded on the SS&PWG web-site.

Item 2. JM congratulated JES Vollertsen as new member of the Group (replacing Thorkild that resigned) and presented general information related with JCUD and the SS&PWG:

a) The JCUD Mission Statement and Statutes document prepared by Jean-Luc was discussed and revised by JCUD members. A final document will be distributed soon by JCUD members;

b) The IWA Water Science & Technology Journal was removed from the Science Citation Index (ISI) and transferred to the ISI Proceedings product – as a consequence, WST will not be listed with an impact factor from the beginning of 2007 – hopefully and according to the latest messages, the ISI status situation of the Journal might be recovered soon.

c) The participation of WG members in the next IWA World Water Congress was referred (for example, in reviewing manuscripts under the topic “Managing and maintaining sewer systems”).

Thomas Ertl informed about the post conferences activities related with publishing the SOM 06 manuscripts in “Urban Water” (the more scientifically orientated ones) and in “Water Practice and Technology” (the more practically orientated).

ITEM 3 and 4. Zhiguo Yuan has shown availability to organize the 6th SPN in Australia, in 2010, possibly with special support from Asian colleagues of the SS&PWG (for example Guanghao Chen from China).

A discussion about advantages and disadvantages of a merging orientation concerning SPN and SOM Conferences took place. This discussion was developed due to the similar nature and characteristics of some manuscripts submitted and accepted for both events. The idea of not losing the autonomy of SPN triennial Conferences was dominant.

ITEM 5. No progress was done in what concerns the 2nd edition of the book “Solids in Sewers”, although it was recognized, as examples, the importance to develop topics such as “protocols about sewer monitoring” and “long term experimental sites”.

ITEM 6. Francois Clemens has given information about the 5th SPN Conference (number of delegates, future publication of selected manuscripts in water Science and Technology and format of the final session).

ITEM 7. JM closed the meeting, calling attention to the next committee meeting, planned for 2008, during the 11 ICUD.

31, July, 2008

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