

Minutes of the SS&PWG Committee Meeting,  
held during Novatech 2004,  
Lyon, France, 7<sup>th</sup> of June, 2004

**Participants as WG Committee members:**

Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski (President), José Matos (Vice-President), Richard Ashley, Jiri Marsalek, Ana Deletic, Peter Krebs, Maria Almeida, Pawel Blaszczyk, Ghassan Chebbo.

**Participants as invited members:**

Keith Robertson (IWA), Mark Starkl (representing Thomas Ertl) and Adriana Cardoso (LNEC, Portugal).

**Apologies were received from:**

Neil Armitage, Kapil Gupta, Ole Mark, Thorkild Hvitved-Jacobsen, Jes Vollertsen, Thomas Ertl and Adrian Saul.

**Agenda of the meeting:**

1. Minutes of the Committee meeting held in Thessaloniki, Greece, August 2003 (JLBK)
2. New members (JLBK)
3. Information about the last JCUD meeting held in Lyon, on 6 June 2004 (JM, JLBK)
4. S&TR on Solids in Sewers (RA)
5. 18<sup>th</sup> EJSW in Portugal, 8-11 November 2003 (MA, JLBK)
6. 1<sup>st</sup> AJSW in Malaysia, 7-10 February 2004 (JLBK)
7. Publications of papers from both JSW in WEM (JLBK)
8. Progress in the 4<sup>th</sup> SPN Conference planning (JSM)
9. Next SOM conference (TE, RA)
10. 5<sup>th</sup> SPN conference
11. Next Committee meeting in Madeira (JSM, JLBK)
12. Any other business

### **Previous information:**

Richard Ashley has informed the participants of his intention to resign from the SS&PWG committee. Simon Tait from Sheffield University (UK) will be proposed to replace him as the second UK representative. Richard Ashley has been warmly thanked for all his contributions and efforts devoted to the SS&PWG since its creation.

**Item 1 on the Agenda** – The minutes of the last SS&PWG Committee meeting, held in Thessaloniki, Greece, in August 2003, presented by Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski (JBLK) were approved without comments.

**Item 2 on the Agenda** – Since the last Committee meeting, held in Thessaloniki, no new members have been proposed to the SS&PWG. JLBK will contact the most “silent” members of the SS&PWG, asking for a confirmation of their interest in participating in the group activities, or to resign from the group, in order to have “room” for other active country representatives. The formal letter has been sent (by email) to the 4 most “silent” members on 28 June 2004.

**Item 3 on the Agenda** – Jiri Marsalek (JM) has given a presentation of the most relevant information discussed in the JCUD meeting held on 6 June 2004, namely: JCUD working groups activities; recent events and events planned (including the next JCUD International Conference to be held in Copenhagen in 2005) and Poul Harremoës prize.

**Item 4 on the Agenda** – The Scientific & Technical Report (S&TR) n° 14 on “Solids in Sewers” has just been published by IWA Publishing. It really exists, Keith Robertson brought one copy with him during the meeting ! The Editors (Richard Ashley, Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski, Thorkild Hvitved-Jacobsen and Michel Verbanck) will receive 2-3 copies of the report. Richard Ashley asked the publisher to give a free copy to all contributors, but the answer was not very encouraging. Richard Ashley and JLBK have insisted on this point (it is the minimum we can offer to the contributors) and asked K. Robertson (IWA) to forward this request to IWA Publishing. Since the SS&PWG meeting, IWA Publishing accepted to send 1 copy to each contributor.

**Items 5, 6 & 7 on the Agenda** – Following the decision taken in the SS&PWG Committee meeting held in Portland, 2002, two Junior Scientists Workshops (JSW) have been organized during the last 8 months.

The first one of these workshops was organized in Portugal, 8-11 November 2003 (18<sup>th</sup> EJSW) with the participation of 28 persons (students and seniors).

The second workshop was organized in Malaysia, 7-10 February 2004, with the participation of 21 persons, including students, seniors and some local people.

JLBK has emphasized the fact that the way people worked in both workshops was different and that the interactions between students and seniors have also varied from one place to another.

A total of 37 papers (14 from the ASJW and 23 from the ESJW) were presented in both workshops. All papers from both workshops are available on a website organised by Maria Almeida, but with an access limited (login + password) to the participants. In case you are interested in the content, please contact Maria Almeida or JLBK.

According to the agreement established with IWA Publishing, up to 20 of the papers will be published in a special issue of the new book series WEM "Water and Environmental Management", after review, corrections and improvements. The manuscripts are now in the reviewing stage.

This issue is planned to be printed during the summer and available during the next SS&PWG International Conference, in Funchal, Madeira. JLBK has referred the "compromise" to sell about 100 copies.

JLBK also wanted to warmly thank all SS&PWG Committee members who contributed to the success of both workshops by reviewing abstracts and full papers. Their help was very valuable, and showed that many members are active and ready to contribute even from distance, which is a very positive sign.

**Item 8 on the Agenda** – The 4<sup>th</sup> SPN Conference will be held in Funchal, Madeira, on 22-24 November 2004. JSM has presented the current situation. 58 abstracts have been submitted and 47 were selected. The final programme will include probably between 30 and 35 oral presentations. The deadline for submission of full papers is 31 July. The paper evaluation will take place in August/September.

**Item 9 on the Agenda** – JLBK reported that Thomas Ertl has asked support from the SS&PWG to organize the next "Sewer Operation and Maintenance (SOM)" International Conference, in Vienna, Austria. Aspects of date coordination were discussed, involving in particular the five following Conferences: Urban Drainage Modelling (UDM), Sewer Processes & Networks (SPN), SOM, NOVATECH and JCUD. The discussion has also included different members of the group, namely Richard Ashley, JLBK, Markus Starkl, Peter Krebs and Ana Deletic.

After discussion about potential overlaps between conferences, the following dates were suggested, in order to reach a 3 years cycle for all conferences :

- 2<sup>nd</sup> SOM Conference (early 2006, in Vienna, Austria, organizer : T. Ertl), with the official support from the SS&PWG.
- UDM 06 (Melbourne, Australia, October/November 2006, organizer : A. Deletic)
- 5<sup>th</sup> SPN (Oct/November 2007, see item 10 below).

Next Novatech 2007 is planned to take place in June 2007 in Lyon, France.

Next ICUDs : August 2005 in Copenhagen, Denmark and August 2008 in Edinburgh, UK.

Regarding UDM 06, AD will of course also contact Lothar Fuchs and the corresponding working group, before to make the final decision.

K. Robertson also reported about the willingness of IWA to organize a more efficient "Conferences Agenda" on its website, including long-term planning, regional and topic entries. This was fully supported by the members, in order to facilitate long-term conference planning and organisation.

**Item 10 on the Agenda** – The next 5<sup>th</sup> SPN International Conference will take place probably in 2007. JLBK informed that candidates should propose a venue till the next SS&PWG Committee meeting, in November 2004.

**Item 11 on the Agenda** – The next Committee Meeting will take place in Madeira, during the 4<sup>th</sup> SPN on 22-24 November.

**Item 12 on the Agenda** – Peter Krebs has called attention to the interest to organize a data base, putting knowledge together about experimentation on sewers and field results: list of monitoring sites, protocols, unifying procedures, data series, etc. These points were briefly discussed and JLBK suggested to discuss deeply this item in the next SPN Conference in Madeira.

Minutes prepared by Jose Matos and Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski.  
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