

Minutes of the SS&PWG Committee Meeting,
held during the 4th SPN, Funchal, Portugal,
23rd November, 2004

Participants as WG members:

Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski (President), José Matos (Vice-President), Maria Almeida, Ghassan Chebbo, Thorkild Hvitved-Jacobsen, Jes Vollertsen, Francois Clemens, Simon Tait, Suhaimi Abdul-Talib, Guang-Hao Chen, Kapil Gupta.

Participants as invited members:

Richard Ashley (UK), Albert Koenig (Hong-Kong, China), Alberto Campisano (Italy), Zhiguo Yuan (Australia).

Apologies were received from:

Neil Armitage, Peter Krebs, Ole Mark, Jiri Marsalek, Sveinung Saegrov, Erik Ristenpart, Pawel Blaszczyk, Thomas Ertl.

Agenda of the meeting:

1. Minutes of the Committee meeting held in Lyon, France, June 2004 (JLBK)
2. New members (JLBK)
3. Publications of JSWs selected papers by IWA in the WEMS (JLBK)
4. Next 10th ICUD Conference
5. Next SOM conference in Austria
6. 5th SPN conference in 2007
7. Next Committee meeting in Copenhagen (10th ICUD)
8. Network of long-term experimental catchments and sites
9. Future election of a new SS&PWG vice-chairman
10. Any other business

Item 1 on the Agenda – The minutes of the last SS&PWG Committee meeting, held in Lyon, France in June 2004, previously distributed by email by Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski (JBLK) were approved without comments.

Item 2 on the Agenda – Since the last Committee meeting, held in Lyon, France in June 2004, Simon Tait was accepted as a new member.

A. Campisano may apply to join the Committee in the future.

JBLK has informed that he has contacted the most “silent” members of the SS&PWG, asking for a confirmation of interest, or to resign from the group, in order to have “room” for other active country representatives. Namely P. Blaszczyk (from Poland), Tony Wong (from Australia), and Sakakibara and Tanaka (both from Japan) were contacted. After some discussion, it was suggested to look for potential active members in those countries. JBLK will contact them again in the beginning of 2005.

Item 3 on the Agenda – JBLK has informed that the selected papers of the two Junior Scientists Workshop (JSW), respectively held in Portugal, 8-11 November 2003 and Malaysia, 7-10 February 2004, will be published by IWA as a special issue of WEMS (“Water and Environmental Management Series”). During the 4th SPN, one copy has been received from IWA. JBLK will announce this publication to all JSWs participants. For a wider audience, the information will also be given in the next issue of the JCUD Newsletter to be published in the beginning of 2005.

Item 4 on the Agenda – The 10th ICUD Conference will be held in Denmark, next August 2005. For more details, look at the conference website at: <http://10icud.er.dtu.dk>. Thorkild has informed that more than 570 abstracts were reviewed and that time and space will be available for approx. 240 oral presentations and 60 posters. Sessions dealing with SS&PWG topics will involve SS&PWG members.

Item 5 on the Agenda – JBLK has informed that the 2nd SOM (Sewer Operation and Maintenance) Conference (the first one was held in Bradford, UK, in November 2002) will be held in Vienna, in November, 2006, and will be chaired by Thomas Ertl who sent an email to provide some information about his intentions. In principle, SOM conferences should be held every 3 years. It has been confirmed that these conferences will be considered among the key activities of the SS&PWG. Some discussions have then taken place about the practical organization of the Conference (requirements of development of full papers versus extended abstracts, prior to acceptance, deadlines, date of the 1st brochure). It was concluded that i) research papers written by scientists and

academics shall be submitted directly as full papers (e.g. 8 pages) in order to have short delay and an easier selection procedure for both the conference and future publication e.g. in WST, ii) case studies or experience papers written by practitioners can be submitted as 1-2 pages abstracts. Both can be candidate for oral presentations and conference proceedings, but only the first category will compete for future publication in scientific journals. Deadline to receive both full papers and abstracts could May 2006. JLBK will forward this information to Thomas Ertl.

It was also suggested to have information and call for papers leaflets during the 10th ICUD in Copenhagen next August 2005.

Item 6 on the Agenda – The next 5th SPN Conference should be held in 2007. Thorkild has offered the possibility to help to organize the Conference, in case of no other offer. After some discussions, Francois Clemens has accepted the challenge to organize the next SPN in the Netherlands, in Delft or in another location. To avoid overlapping with Novatech 07 to be held in Lyon, France in June 2007, the 5th SPN will be preferably organised in September-October 2007. The discussion included also the possibility to organize, in the future, a SPN Conference in Asia. In a first stage, a workshop should be organized (possibly in Hong Kong) in the end of 2005, beginning of 2006, for divulgation this type of event.

Thorkild and Jes have also mentioned the interest to organize in Aalborg, Denmark, in late 2005, a Junior Workshop for young PhD students.

Item 7 on the Agenda – The next Committee meeting should be held in Copenhagen, during the 10th ICUD in August 2005. Details about the time and agenda will be announced later by JLBK.

Item 8 on the Agenda – A discussion was held about a collaborative network of long-term experimental catchments and sites and development / harmonization of protocols, including sharing information about measurements, profit of existing sites for research, ways to establish common protocols and collaborations. The possible preparation of a report was discussed, with the involvement of a student. Francois Clemens and JLBK will launch this initiative in Spring 2005.

Item 9 on the Agenda – According to the SS&PWG statutes, during the next SS&PWG Committee meeting in August 2005, JLBK will reach the term of his chairman duties and José Matos will replace him for the following 3 years. A new vice-president will then will elected The name of Francois Clemens was “ventilated” as an available member for assuming the position of Vice-President

of the SS&PWG. If other SS&PWG members would like to be candidate, they are kindly invited to inform JLBK or José Matos before July 2005, in order to prepare the election.

Item 10 on the Agenda – Some information was given about the closing session of the 4th SPN Conference, and the development of the issue in the Water, Science and Technology Journal (about 200 pp available) to publish selected papers from the 4th SPN.

Richard Ashley also suggested that a second edition of the S&TR “Solids in sewers” could be already planned, with a deadline e.g. in 2008. This should be discussed with IWA Publishing according to the success of the first edition. As it is a long task, it should be decided relatively early.

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