

Minutes from SSPWG meeting held 23-09-2016 during the 10th International Urban Drainage Modelling Conference, Quebec City, Canada

Present: Adam Shypanski, Alma Schellart, Asbjørn H Nielsen, Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski, Jeroen Langeveld, Jes Vollertsen, Madhu Murali, Nicolas de Ville de Goyet, Francois Clemens, Peter Vanrolleghem, and Simon Tait.

1. SPN 8 (Francois and Jeroen)

The organization is on track. The conference has been approved by IWA and will be held Wednesday 31 August – Friday 2 September, 2016, in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The website for the conference (www.spn8.nl) will be launched during the closing ceremony of the UDM conference.

The organizing committee consists of Jeroen Langeveld (Chairman), Francois Clemens, Mathieu Lepot, and Marie-Claire ten Veldhuis. There are 32 people on the international scientific committee.

It will be a single-track conference with time for 60-65 presentations of 20 minutes each. Poster sessions will be in the same venue and posters can be accompanied by a full paper. Selected papers from the conference will be submitted to WST within two weeks of the conference. The proceedings will be printed on paper.

Prior to the conference, a number of pre-conference workshops will be organized. The workshops will be hosted by the city of the Rotterdam.

Deadline for submission of 2-page abstracts will be in January. It is planned to have the review process completed before August 1st.

There will be a number of different participant fee categories: IWA member/non-member, student (including PhD students), low-income country. The organizers are aiming for a non-reduced fee of less than 600 EUR. It is expected that economic break-even will necessitate around 120 participants.

2. TECHNICAL REPORT (Simon)

The draft is almost complete. It now has a more logical structure. The draft will be sent out to people who are willing to contribute by mid-November. A student helper at Delft TU will make the figures for the report. The cost for this will be approximately 2000 EUR.

3. EUROPEAN JUNIOR SCIENTIST WORKSHOPS (EJSWS) (Jean-Luc)

The 22nd EJSW on Monitoring urban drainage systems was held 19 - 22nd May 2015 in Chichilianne, in the French alps. The workshop was organized with presentations in the morning and field-work in the afternoon. At the end of the workshop, a session on “ethics in research” was held. The EJSW received very positive feedback. The organizers envisage to repeat the workshop in May 2017.

The final report on EJSW will be finalized in the coming months and submitted to JCUD and the sponsors (IWA and IAHR).

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Francois Clemens brought attention to the topic “measurement methods in urban drainage”. The proposal triggered an interesting discussion. It was debated if the topic could form the basis for a new working group and/or maybe a book. Among other things, the possibility of attracting interest from equipment manufacturers was discussed. Also, it was discussed how to avoid overlapping with other working groups such as “Data and models”. Jean-Luc suggested that a proposal was formulated before approaching other groups.

5. NEXT MEETING ...will be held during the SPN8 conference in Rotterdam in 2016.

06-11-2015, Asbjørn H Nielsen