

SSPWG meeting held during SPN-8 (31/8-2/9 2016 at the SS Rotterdam in Rotterdam, NL)

Present: Peter Krebs, Gunter Gruber, Jeroen Langeveld, Jes Vollertsen, Asbjørn Haaning Nielsen, Francois Clemens, Yanchen Liu, Johan V Assel, Paula Beceiro.

Apologies were received from: Maria Almeida, Jean Luc Bertrand Krajewski, Jorg Riekermann, Alberto Campisano, Sveinung Saegrov, Peter v Rollegem, Eran Friedler, Frederique Larrarte, Simon Tait, Alma Schellart.

1. Welcome

The meeting started with a presentation of all participants.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by the participants.

3. Minutes of last Committee Meeting

The minutes were never finalized. The draft was presented. Francois Clemens was added to the list of participants.

4. Group website

News --> change to "latest conferences" or "Conferences"

1, 2 – Aalborg

3 – Paris

4 – Funchal

5 – Delft

6 – Gold Coast

7 – Sheffield

8 - Rotterdam

The WG member list has been updated. Emails have been sent to all listed members to confirm their continued interest. Almost all replied positively.

5. Solids in Sewers Book

Most of the sessions are nearly there! Figures were redrawn by students at TU Delft. Simon will go on sabbatical for four months later in the year. During this period, he will have time to work on the book. The book is expected to be finished in February.

6. Junior Scientist Workshops

Francois Clemens: Planning on repeating the “Monitoring urban drainage systems” workshop in May 2017. The first monitoring workshop was held in May 2015 and was quite successful. Participants must write a motivation letter. Participation will be limited to 21 Junior Scientists. Website online 31-08-2016.

7. Next SPN Conference (Organiser, Location and time)

There were two contestants for the next SPN conference: Aalborg University, DK and Tsinghua University, Ch.

- Jes Vollertsen presented Aalborg University’s bid and Yanchen Liu presented the bid from Tsinghua University.
- Aalborg University proposes 27-30 august 2019. Aims to maintain the same price level as for SPN-8. It is expected that break-even will require approximately 120 participants. The venue will be the house of music in Aalborg.
- Tsinghua University – topics include SOM, sewer processes, hydraulics as well as operation and maintenance
 - Option 1: Fragrant Hill Hotel – late September or early October
 - Option 2: China National Convention Center

After the presentation, there was a discussion of pros and cons regarding the two possibilities (academic year/ teaching in October, conference fee). The discussion was followed by an anonymous vote. The result of the vote was Beijing = 2 & Aalborg = 8. Accordingly, SPN-9 will be held in Aalborg.

8. Elections for Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions

Jes Vollertsen will be the next vice-chairman and Jeroen Langeveld will be chairman of the WG.

9. Closure

Francois Clemens: Proposal for the joint committee – contacted all chairmen of WGs – none replied. Different specialists will chair each a chapter.

Next meeting will be during the ICUD in Prauge in September 2017.