

Minutes of the SS&PWG Committee Meeting  
held during SOM 06, Vienna, Austria,  
Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> of October, 2006

**Participants as WG members:**

José Matos (Portugal), Simon Tait (United Kingdom), Kapil Gupta (India), Thomas Ertl (Austria), Zhiguo Yuan (Australia), Maria Almeida (Portugal), Guanghao Chen (China) and Alberto Campisano (Italy).

**Participants as invited members:**

Bert Bosseler (Germany), Frederique Larrarte (France), Remy Schilperoort (Netherlands), Giorgio Mannina (Italy), Filipa Ferreira (Portugal) and Marie-Claire Veldhuis (Netherlands) and Manfred Schuetze .

**Agenda of the meeting:**

1. Minutes of the Committee meeting held in Copenhagen, Denmark, August 2005 (JM)
2. New members (JM)
3. Information about the IWA Water Congress, Beijing, China, Sept. 2006 (JM)
4. Progress of preparation of the next 5<sup>th</sup> SPN conference in Delft, 2007 (RS)
5. SOM 06 – Publishing of selected papers (TE)
6. JCUD – Mission statement, statutes and bank account (JM)
7. Group Activities/Actions (including second edition of the book “Solids in sewers”; protocols for sewer monitoring, ...) (JM)
8. Other business

**Apologies were received by:** François Clemens, Thorkild Hvitved-Jacobsen, Jes Vollertsen, Peter Vanrolleghem, Jiri Marsalek, Erik Ristenpart, Ole Mark, Ana Deletic, Sveinung Saegrov, Neil Armitage, Ghassan Chebbo, Aminuddin Ab-Ghani, Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski and Adrian Saul.

**Agenda Item 1** – The minutes of the last SS&PWG Committee meeting, held in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2005, previously distributed by email were approved. The minutes were up-loaded on the SS&PWG web-site.

**Item 2** – José Matos (JM) has informed that the SS&PWG has 26 members from 18 countries. On May, 2006 a new member was accepted, Zhiguo Yuan, from the university of Queensland, Australia. Zhiguo has presented himself. It was reiterated that the main criteria for accepting new members are not more than 2 members per country, and the candidate should be active in our field.

**Item 3** – general information about the IWA Water Congress, held in Beijing, China, in September 2006, was given by JM. A lot of parallel sessions were run, but the hot topics of the World Congress did not include sewers. Different sessions took place about “Operating and Managing Water and Wastewater Systems”. One of the sessions, where 4 papers were presented, was dedicated to “Operating and Managing Sewage Collection Systems”.

**Item 4** – Remy Schilperoort (RS) has presented the progress of the next 5<sup>th</sup> SPN Conference, to be held in Delft, 28-31 August 2007. The Conference will be done in cooperation with the UNESCO-IHE, and students from developing countries will participate. The 5<sup>th</sup> SPN will take place at the UNESCO-IHE building. JM has addressed the fact that special attention will be given to acquisition of field data (addressing data quality and methods of data analysis).

Proposed fees will be (RS):

500 € - IWA members

600 € - IWA non-members

250 € - students.

It will be proposed to include the new SS&PWG members in the Scientific Committee. A special issue of WS&T will be produced, based on the selection of accepted papers for oral presentation.

**Item 5** – after contacting IWA, which proposed to publish selected papers of SOM06 in the “Water Practice and Technology” on-line Journal, Thomas Ertl (TE) informed the meeting about a survey of opinions of the Programme Committee about this subject. At the moment, it is planned to propose publishing the more scientifically oriented papers in “Urban Water”, while the more practically oriented papers would be published in the IWA “Water Practice and Technology” on-line Journal.

Manfred Schuetze (MS) will be the editor of the Urban Water issue. For reviewing, three referees will be selected for each paper by the Journal Scientific Committee (Option A) or by the SOM Programme Committee (Option B). In any case, Urban Water will manage the administrative issues. It was mentioned by MS that Option B would be preferable.

**Item 6** – JM has informed about the status of two JC documents “*JCUD- Mission Statement Statutes and bank account*”, developed by Jean-Luc and other colleagues.

The documents were circulated for comments within JCUD. In next few weeks Jean-Luc will distribute the final versions of both documents and JM will distribute them to the SS&PWG members, by e-mail.

**Item 7** – Concerning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the book “Solids in sewers”, no action has been taken during the last year. It is however recognized that the first book edition could be improved.

The topics “protocols about sewer monitoring” and “long term experimental sites” will be covered, in principle, during the next SPN Conference, to be held in Delft.

Some reflections were done about the future of the “Sewer Operation & Maintenance” Conferences (SOM). TE has presented the subject. A lot of members have expressed and supported the idea of merging SPN and SOM Conferences, while maintaining some autonomy of both topics. For example, the idea of having in the future (2010?) a 3 to 4 day Conference including scientific and practice oriented topics at both types of events, seem to be getting significant support.

It was suggested to survey the opinion of the SS&PWG members by e-mail, in order to expand this discussion. In principle, a decision about this subject should be taken during the next SPN Conference.

**Item 8** – information was presented about future events, namely LESAM 2007 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Leading Edge Conference on Strategic Asset Management, Portugal, 17-19 October, 2007 ([www.lesam2007.org](http://www.lesam2007.org)), Watermatex 2007 (May 7-9, 2007) and XXXII IAHR Congress, 1-6 June 07, Venice, Italy (<http://www.iahr2007.corila.it/>).

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