



MEETING MINUTES

**Subject** Committee meeting  
**Meeting Date** Wednesday, May 9, 2010  
**Time** 16:15  
**Location** 1<sup>st</sup> IAHR European Division Congress, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland

**Attendees**

- Aronne Armanini, Corrado Gisonni, Gareth Pender, Paul Samuels, Peter Rutschmann, Francisco Taveira Pinto, Silke Wieprecht, Manuel Gómez.

**Guests**

- Christopher George (IAHR Executive Director), Panayiotis Prinos (IAHR Council member), Antonio H. Cardoso (IAHR Council member), Gianpaolo Di Silvio (Associazione Idrotecnica Italiana)

**Not present:** Anton Schleiss, Philippe Gourbesville, Pawel M. Rowinski, Mark Rieder, Mehmet Ali Kokpinar.

**Apologises:** Elpida Kolokytha was supposed to attend the meeting, but she was unable to join because of institutional obligations. She asked Panayiotis Prinos to join the meeting.

**Distribution:** ERD Committee, Nobuyuki Tamai (IAHR President), Christopher George (IAHR Executive Director).

**Minutes prepared by:** C. Gisonni

**AGENDA:**

1. Next Congresses
2. PhD database
3. Contacts and networking (Hydrotechnical Associations)
4. Nominating committee for the next 2 years term elections
5. Newsflash Europe edition
6. Miscellaneous

Because of time constraints, the point 1., 3., and 4. were given a larger priority.

Before starting the Agenda, A. Armanini announces that it is necessary to nominate the Secretary of the Committee and proposes C. Gisonni for this role. The Committee members agree unanimously.

On each topic all of the participants contributed with comments and suggestions, thus originating discussions that always ended with a unanimous agreement on the decisions to be taken. Here following, the contents of the meeting are summarized, accordingly.

	DESCRIPTION	ACTION BY & DATE
1	<b>Next Congresses</b>	
1.1	A. Armanini also reminds that, according to the suggestion of prof. Gerhard Jirka, the future events will be named: <b>i<sup>th</sup> IAHR Europe Congress</b> , i.e. the 2012 Conference will be entitled "2 <sup>nd</sup> IAHR Europe Congress". A. Armanini introduces P. Rutschmann, which is the chair of the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> IAHR Europe Congress</b> to be held in Munich in 2012.	

	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>ACTION BY &amp; DATE</b>
<b>1.2</b>	P. Rutschmann presents the main outlines of the Congress, based on the leaflet that was distributed to the conference delegates in Edinburgh. P. Rutschmann remarks that the LOC is welcoming suggestions and support from the ERD Committee, with particular reference to the involvement of European countries and proposal for experts that should act as Session leaders/convenors.	
<b>1.3</b>	A. Armanini focuses the attention on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is important to strongly involve countries from Eastern Europe; the committee members are invited to propose name of persons that may act as promoters of the Congress and other ERD initiatives.</li> <li>• Ph.D. and young researchers should be involved. Also Ph.D. actually working out of research could be involved by presenting interesting case studies.</li> <li>• The review process should involve as many countries as possible.</li> </ul>	
<b>1.4</b>	Most of the participants express their opinions on the previous points. After a short discussion, it is unanimously agreed that each paper has to be reviewed only by one referee.	
<b>1.5</b>	Finally, A. Armanini communicates the current availability of three informal bids to host the <b>3<sup>rd</sup> IAHR Europe Congress</b> , consisting in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dublin (Ireland),</li> <li>• Porto (Portugal),</li> <li>• Verona (Italy).</li> </ul> It is unanimously agreed that Dublin has the lowest priority as compared to Porto and Verona, because the 1 <sup>st</sup> European Congress was located in a close location (Edinburgh). The final decision will be made in Brisbane, during the 34 <sup>th</sup> IAHR World Congress.	ERD Committee – Early July 2011

<b>3</b>	<b>Contacts and networking (Hydrotechnical Associations)</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	A. Armanini introduces G. Di Silvio, who represents the Italian Hydrotechnical Association (Associazione Idrotecnica Italiana) on behalf of his President, prof. Massimo Veltri. It is further stressed the need for a deeper involvement of the national Hydrotechnical Associations operating in Europe.	
<b>3.2</b>	G. Di Silvio distributes a draft copy of a questionnaire to be possibly circulated among the Hydrotechnical Associations that are active in the field of hydraulic and environmental engineering.	
<b>3.3</b>	P. Samuels will send to G. Di Silvio and Committee members further information which he has collected in this regard.	Paul Samuels a.s.a.p.
<b>3.4</b>	It is generally agreed that a Round Table or Special Sessions should be purposely organized during the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> IAHR Europe Congress</b> .	
<b>3.5</b>	S. Wieprecht is nominated as the responsible person to follow directly the development of this task, also being in close contact with the IAHR Secretariat.	S. Wieprecht

<b>4</b>	<b>Nominating committee for the next 2 years term elections</b>	
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## IAHR European Regional Division

<b>4.1</b>	C. George reminds that the Regional Divisions are strongly involved in the procedure for the election of the next IAHR Council, President and Vice-Presidents. According to the IAHR by-laws, a Nominating Committee has to be nominated to proceed with the elections for the for the next 2-years term appointment. The Nominating Committee will be possibly chaired by Helmut Kobus, past IAHR President. Everybody agrees on this proposal.	
<b>4.2</b>	A. Armanini invites everybody to suggest names of candidates for the Nominating Committee that will be forwarded to the C. George (IAHR Executive Director).	ERD Committee members. a.s.a.p.

<b>2</b>	<b>PhD database</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	A. Armanini briefly summarizes the activity dealing with the operation of the Research Database available for Ph.D. students at <a href="http://www.iahr.eu">www.iahr.eu</a> . This topic is subject of a specific session starting at 5 p.m. which constrains the time frame of the present meeting. Everybody is invited to attend.	

<b>5</b>	<b>Newsflash</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	C. Gisonni, Editor of Newsflash Europe, takes the chance to welcome suggestions and contributions from all the ERD Committee members.	

<b>7</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
	Nothing to be discussed.	

**Meeting adjourned at 17:10**

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