

Activities of IAHR-APD during 2010

1. The 17th IAHR-APD Congress was hosted by the University of Auckland and the Open Polytechnic of New Zealand during 21st to 24th, Feb 2010. The congress was coordinated by Prof Bruce Melville and A/ Prof Gregory De Costa. The Congress theme was Go with the flow? Changing perceptions in balancing environmental and economic needs. The number of registered delegates was 245 from 25 countries. The Best paper winner is “The structure of flows in suspended aquaculture canopies” by David Plew and Roger Nokes, et al. from New Zealand.

2. The 18th IAHR-APD EC meeting was convened on 23rd Feb.2010, in Auckland during the 17th IAHR-APD Congress. The members who participated in the meeting included IAHR president, vice-president and Executive Director of IAHR along with 11 members of APD-EC. Prof. Joseph Lee of Hong Kong, China and Prof. Ashim das Gupta of Thailand were chosen as the winners of Distinguished IAHR-APD Membership Award. The awards were handed over to the winners by Prof. V.Sundar, Chairman of IAHR-APD during the congress closing ceremony of 17th of IAHR-APD.

Prof. H. Tanaka was elected as the APD Chairman and Dr. H. Woo was elected as the APD Vice-chairman for the next term of APD EC office (2011-2012)

Proposals to host 19th IAHR-APD Congress were received from two countries, namely Malaysia and Vietnam. A final decision could not be taken as none from the proposing countries were available for discussion. It was decided to invite fresh proposals for hosting 19th IAHR APD.

Dr. H. Woo of Korea presented the progress made and other details on the 18th IAHR APD to be hosted in Jeju, Korea.

3. To conduct the concurrence for new members of IAHR-APD EC office 2011-2012. The result shows that the new Executive Committee consisted of 12 members, including 9 old members (Prof. Hitoshi Tanaka, Dr. Hyoseop Woo, Prof. Vallam Sundar, Prof. Bruce Melville, Dr. Ir. Nizam, Dr. Kit Ming Lam, Dr. Sutat Weesakul, Dr. Yangwen Jia and Prof. Aminuddin Ab. Ghani) and 3 new members (Dr. Law Wing-Keung, Adrian / Singapore, Prof. Tsang-Jung Chang / Taiwan, China, and James Edward Ball / Australia). The concurrence was obtained from the members present.

4. Prof. V Sundar, as the chairman of IAHR-APD, paid a visit to Beijing in Oct. 2010, invited by the Chairman of IAHR China Chapter Prof. Gao Jizhang. Prof. Sundar delivered a lecture titled with “Role of Vegetation in Flows (Steady & Waves)” in China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research.

5. Prof. V.Sundar, as the chairman of IAHR-APD, and Prof. H. Tanaka, as the vice chairman of IAHR-APD, attended a meeting “Establishing an IAHR Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Collaboration Committee” held in Muscat, Oman in Nov. 2010.

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