

**MINUTES OF
THE EIGHTEENTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE ASIA AND PACIFIC REGIONAL DIVISION (APD) OF
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
HYDRO-ENVIRONMENT ENGINEERING AND RESEARCH (IAHR)**

Held during the
17th IAHR-APD Congress
And
7th International Urban Watershed Management Conference
Tuesday afternoon, February 23, 2010,
University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand

The 18th IAHR-APD Executive Committee meeting was held on February 23, 2010 in the Main Congress Theatre, School of Engineering of University of Auckland. The meeting that lasted for about 2 and ½ hours was chaired by Prof. V Sundar, the Chairman of IAHR-APD. A number of issues were discussed of which two important decisions like, the election of the IAHR-APD Distinguished Membership Award, for the first time in the history of APD, and election of the IAHR-APD Chairman and Vice-chairman for the next term of APD Executive Committee. The minutes of the meeting is as follows.

Present

The IAHR-APD Executive Committee consists of 12 members and 2 co-opted members, of which 10 members and co-opted members with the Secretary were present. Including the invitees, the number of members was 16 as listed below.

Name	Position	From
Vallam Sundar	Chairman of IAHR-APD E.C.	India
Hitoshi Tanaka	Vice-Chairman of IAHR-APD E.C.	Japan
Ming-hsi Hsu,	Member of IAHR-APD E.C.	Taiwan, China
Bruce Melville	Member of IAHR-APD E.C.	New Zealand
Kit Ming Lam	Member of IAHR-APD E.C.	Hong Kong, China
Hyoseop Woo	Member of IAHR-APD E.C.	Korea
Yangwen Jia	Member of IAHR-APD E.C.	China
Chan Eng Soon	Member of IAHR-APD E.C.	Singapore
Rowan St. Gregory	Co-opted member of IAHR-APD E.C.	New Zealand
Shahane De Costa		
Kantharaj Murali	Co-opted member of IAHR-APD E.C.	India
Lianxiang Wang	Secretary of IAHR-APD E C	China
Nobuyuki Tamai	President of IAHR Council	Japan
Joseph Hun-wei Lee	Vice President of IAHR Council	Hong Kong, China
Christopher George	Executive Director of IAHR	U.K.
Jung-Chul Peak	Observer	Korea
Sung-Uk Choi	Observer	Korea

Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman of APD EC, Prof. V. Sundar, extended a warm welcome to all the members present at the meeting, in particular, the IAHR President, Prof. N Tamai, the IAHR Vice-President, Prof. J H W Lee, and the IAHR Executive Director, Dr. C. Geoge, as well as to other two observers from Korea.

Dr. F. Yazdandoost from Iran and Prof. A. Ab. Ghani form Malaysia had informed the Chairman/Secretary about their inability to attend the EC meeting. There was no response from Dr. S. Weesakul form Thailand and Dr. Ir. Nizam concerning their participation in this meeting which was regretted by the members.

Confirmation of Minutes of Last IAHR-APD EC Meetings

Prof. L. Wang, the Secretary of APD circulated the Minutes of 17th IAHR-APD EC meeting held in October 2008, Nanjing, China, which was drafted By Wang and revised By V. Sundar and H. Tanaka, and the minutes of the IAHR-APD EC informal Meeting in August 2009 Vancouver during the 33rd IAHR Biennial Congress to all the APD EC members by email. The minutes were approved and then sent to the Dr. C. George. As no comments on the minutes were received, the minutes of the meetings were accepted.

Chairman's Report and Agenda of This Meeting

A document "What we have done in 2009" was circulated to all the APD EC members in advance, in which, Prof. V. Sundar, had summarized APD EC activities during 2009. The "STATEMENT OF DISTINGUISHED IAHR-APD MEMBERSHIP AWARD" has been endorsed by the IAHR EC at its Meeting in Madrid April 2009 and by Council in Vancouver. Prof. L Wang, Secretary of IAHR-APD on behalf of Prof. V. Sundar attended the Council meeting in August 2009 and made a report on IAHR-APD works during the past two years. In the APD EC meeting in Vancouver, a suggestion on the APD Congress' header was made, in which three logos namely, that of IAHR, name of the congress, date and venue and finally the logo of the current congress should be inserted. An structure is given below.

LOGO of IAHR + Name of the congress date, venue + LOGO of the current congress

A sample has been made afterward by Prof. H Tanaka later, see the annexure 1,

In 2009, several IAHR sponsored conferences were held in Asia and Pacific region, including, the International Conference in Ocean Engineering, (Feb. 2-5, 2009 in IIT Madras, INDIA); International Workshop on the Impact of Climate Change on Urban Flooding (June 24-25, Ho Chi Min City); The 3rd International Conference on Estuaries and Coasts (Sept. 14-16, 2009 in Sendai, Japan), etc. Further the progress on the preparation of 17th IAHR-APD Congress was also discussed. One of the important issues was the fixation of the registration fee. Most members pleaded for a control on the fees and strongly suggested that should be kept as low as possible so as to enable the participation of more delegates.

The agenda of the present meeting was circulated in advance among the APD EC members. The nominations for the IAHR-APD Distinguished Membership Award (DMA), nomination of new APD EC members and the proposals for holding the 19th APD Congress in 2014 were discussed. Accordingly, three nominations for DMA, three nominations of new EC members and 2 proposals for holding the 19th APD congress were received by the Secretariat.

Report on the 17th IAHR-APD Congress

Dr. G. De Costa and Prof. B Melville reported the preparation of the 17th IAHR-APD Congress, along with the 7th International Urban Watershed Management Conference. It was mentioned that 367 abstracts and 262 full papers were received among which 220 papers were scheduled for presentation through 8 parallel sessions. Four Key Note lectures were included. 250 participants were estimated to attend the Congress, and around 3/4 of them are external of Pacific region, whereas, few papers have been received from Pacific Islands. It was felt that the probable reason could be that there are little hydraulic engineering works in these islands. It is decided to publish the proceedings using a pen memory stick that included all papers, abstracts, the program and other relevant information. Following the Congress an ISBN number was obtained for the Proceedings and an updated version containing late papers would be made available on the website.

The fixing of the amount for registration fee was discussed in detail by EC members. It was agreed that a), A pre-budgeted registration fee should be put forward in the proposal for holding IAHR-APD Congress at the very beginning. If the fee is fixed by LOC with a significant increase, the LOC should consult to APD EC by means of email communication for their approval; b), For an

academic conference like APD congress, the LOC should try to keep the registration fee as low as possible by utilizing the university's facilities and c), Whenever possible, external sponsorship from agencies like UNECSO, embassies of certain participating countries, Japan, Netherlands, etc. should be sought in particular to support students from developing countries.

The IAHR guidelines for holding IAHR sponsored congress states clearly that the LOC of regional congresses must make payment equivalent to 3% of the registration fees - starting from 2011, 50% of which could be reserved for the regional Division EC for its activities. For the current congress, Prof. B. Melville, the Chairman of LOC, indicated to Prof. N Tamai that they will comply with this requirement.

Report on Selection of APD Best Papers

Prof. B. Melville reported that the congress set up two kinds of awards: one best student paper award and one best paper award. Five papers were selected for each of the above category after reviewing which were submitted to the Panel of six experts.

Election of New Committee Office

In the current APD EC office, there are 12 members and 2 co-opted members. 3 members have served for 3 terms and have lay down their term automatically by the end of 2010, i.e. Prof. Chan Eng Soon from Singapore, Prof. Ming-hsi Hsu from Taiwan, China and Dr. F. Yazdandoost from Iran. Prior to the Auckland Congress, two nominations of new members were received by the APD Secretariat. During the meeting, Prof. Chan introduced Prof Vladan Babovic from Singapore and Prof. Hsu introduced Dr. Tsang-Jung Chang from Taiwan, China. In reference to the former, his citizenship was being questioned as he was not from the APD region. It was then agreed that all the EC members must have a citizenship of a country within the Asia and Pacific region and not just be employed in the said region. Due to these facts, the candidature of Prof Vladan Babovic, a Netherland citizen could not be considered for APD EC. Because the election of the new EC office will be conducted in October this year by means of e-ballot voting, the Chairman calls for more nominations of new members. All the current EC members and past members can make nomination from all the countries within Asia and Pacific region. Special attention should be given to those countries that are not well represented in the APD EC. After the Auckland Congress, one nomination for Dr. Law Wing-Keung, Adrian, Singapore has reached the Secretariat.

Prof. V. Sundar chaired the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of IAHR-APD EC. The Current Vice-Chairman Prof. H. Tanaka was promoted as the Chairman of APD EC. Considering his ability and active participation to APD, Dr. H. Woo was nominated and elected as the Vice-chairman of APD EC. The majority of the APD EC members were present and hence the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman is legally passed. The new committee will be effective from Jan. 2011 on.

The issue of presence of the APD EC members at EC meetings was reviewed. The communication between APD Secretariat and EC members from Iran, Thailand and Indonesia is discontinued, and no members from these countries were present in this APD Congress. Prof. V. Sundar made a plea for efforts to liaison with those members in order to make the APD functioning more effective. A few members present expressed their willingness to do so. Especially attention should be given to the Middle East Countries and Gulf area. Continuous absence of an APD EC member may lead to a vacancy of APD EC member in that country. The APD Chairman has called for nomination of new APD EC members and the deadline for the nomination is 30th September 2010. The election of new office of the APD EC will be conducted in October this year. Prof. L. Wang has been requested to do the needful in this regard.

Report on 18th IAHR APD Congress

Introduced by Dr. Woo, Prof. Sung-Uk Choi from Korea reported on the progress on the preparation for hosting the 18th IAHR-APD Congress. The duration of the Congress on August 19-22, 2012, and the venue at the International Convention Center, Jeju Island, Korea have been finalized. The theme will be Hydro-environmental engineering, toward harmony between human and nature and the sub themes that are likely to be covered are, Water Resources and Hydrology; Environmental and Ecological Hydraulics; Fluvial Processes and River Engineering; Estuarine and Coastal Hydraulics and Climate Change. Special Sessions for Asia-Pacific Region: Climate Change in Asia-Pacific Region and Hydraulic Structures in River and Estuary. The most part of congress program is arranged within 3 days. The registration fee will be around 600USD. Hotel arrangement for the congress will be decided around March, 2011, and congress website will be ready at that time. The venue of the congress, Jeju is a volcanic island situated off the southern coast of the Korea peninsula with several attractions. Natural environment in Jeju has been preserved as best as possible. Access to the Jeju by flight can be from Seoul and Incheon, which are hubs connecting to the different parts of the globe.

The Chairman of LOC of the Congress is Prof. Yong-Sik Cho, Hanyang University.
The Congress Secretariat: Korea Water Resources Association (KWRA) 1-401,
Seongji Heights B/D, Yeoksam-dong, Gangnam-gu, Seoul, 135-917, Korea,

Proposal of 19th APD Congress

Prof. V. Sundar informed the members the receipt of two proposals for holding the 19th IAHR-APD Congress in 2014, one from Vietnam and another from Malaysia. In Vietnam proposal, the conference will be in the summer of 2014 for 3 days, in Water Resources University, Hanoi. They expect 250 participants and budget a registration fee of 400USD.

In Malaysia proposal, the congress will incorporate the 4th International Conference on Managing Rivers in the 21st Century or Rivers 2014, and be organized by River Engineering and Urban Drainage Research Centre (REDAC), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), etc. The Congress will be in December 2014, at Penang, Malaysia. The technical program will be covered in 4 days. The budgeted registration is 800USD for regular delegates.

Both the proposals have been circulated among APD EC members in advance. However, the two proponents did not come to the meeting for their presentation. It was decided “not being present for presenting the proposal is in no good feeling” and hence decided to postpone the decision-making. The APD Chairman calls for new proposals of holding 19th APD congress. Further discussion will be conducted in June 2011 during the 34th IAHR Congress in Brisbane, Australia and the final decision on venue of 19th APD congress will be made there.

Election of IAHR-APD Distinguished Membership Award

The issue of Distinguished IAHR-APD Membership Award was initiated by the Chairman of IAHR-APD during the 17th IAHR-APD EC meeting in Nanjing, 2008. The STATEMENT OF DISTINGUISHED IAHR-APD MEMBERSHIP AWARD has been approved by the IAHR Council in 2009. This is the first time that a regional division of the IAHR has instituted such an award in order to recognize the excellent services provided by the members in this region. The Secretariat received three nominations for the DMA, each of the nominees got not less than two recommendations. After an introduction for the three nominees, a voting procedure was conducted. The APD Executive Committee consists of 14 members and co-opted members, of which 10 were present at the meeting. A simple majority principle is applied. Finally, the DISTINGUISHED IAHR-APD MEMBERSHIP AWARD 2010 goes to Prof. Joseph Lee of Hong Kong and Prof. Ashim das Gupta of Thailand. The Award will be presented during the closing ceremony of the 17th IAHR-APD that was to be held the next day. The citation for the two winners of IAHR-APD

Distinguished Membership Award 2010 is shown in Annexure 2. A sample of the AWARD certificate is shown in Annexure 3.

Journal of Hydro- environment Research

Prof. Joseph Lee reported that the evolution of Journal of Hydro- Environment Research. Starting from January of 2007 to the end of 2009, 12 issues have been published, with 286 submission, 60 paper accepted, 102 rejected (rejection ratio 59%). Submissions are well distributed over Asia countries, and the largest number of papers is believed to be from India and China. Citation of the papers has been set up. The three countries with most downloaded articles are China, UK and USA. Due to the excellent support from KWRA, IAHR as well as APD colleagues, the journal shall have SCI. The Journal started special issues, with its first special for the International Symposium on Shallow Flows (ISSF08).

Recipient of APD-IAHR Best Paper Award

Information of this issue was not available at the meeting. Late information on the paper awards given by LOC of the congress is listed below,

Best paper winner,

“The structure of flows in suspended aquaculture canopies”.

By David Plew, form National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research, Christchurch, New Zealand, and Roger Nokes, Jan Noering, Micah Kenell Grant,

Student paper winner,

“Numerical investigation of the Reynolds number dependence of the flow within model ponds of different geometric radius”.

By Sher Khan, from the University of Auckland, New Zealand, and Bruce Melville, Roger Nokes, Heidi Friedrich, Asaad Shamseldin,

The IAHR-APD Executive Committee Meeting ended with group-photo tanking.

(IAHR-APD Secretariat 2010-6-9, Beijing)

Annexure 1

A sample of APD Congress heading



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Annexure 2

Citation for the two winners of IAHR-APD Distinguished Membership Award 2010

Prof. Joseph Hun-Wei Lee

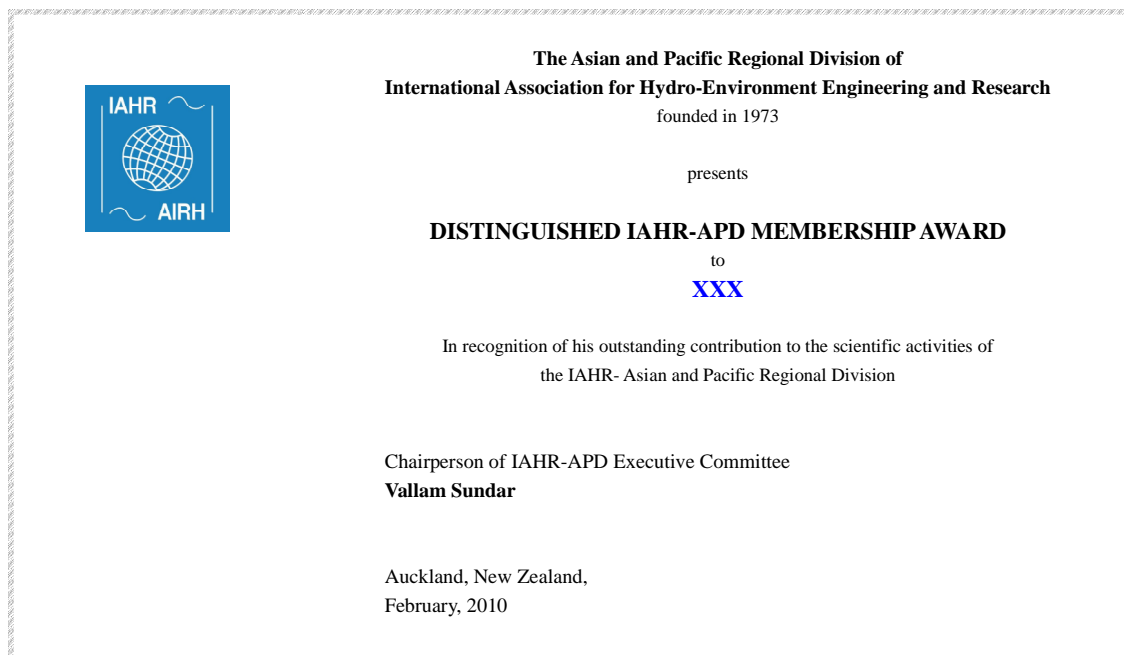
Prof. Joseph Lee from University of Hong Kong is the first Asian-based academician to receive the ASCE Hunter Rouse Hydraulic Engineering Award. He has conducted several conferences and symposiums. He was instrumental in launching a new Journal of Hydro-Environment Research (JHER) in 2007 which has earned a good reputation as an emerging high quality international journal. He has served IAHR-APD as Chairman and member from 2000 to 2007, after which he is now continuing his service to the IAHR as a vice-President. Recognizing his devoted services to IAHR-APD, Prof. Joseph Lee is being honored with the Distinguished IAHR-APD Membership Award 2010.

Prof. Ashim Das Gupta

Prof. Ashim Das Gupta retired from AIT Bangkok has played a significant role in shaping the academic and research activities in the field of integrated water resources management. He has about 200 publications in journals and conferences. He has served IAHR-APD as Secretary/Treasurer and vice-chairman for 22 years. Recognizing his dedicated service to the IAHR-APD, Prof. Ashim Das Gupta is being honored with the Distinguished IAHR-APD Membership Award 2010.

Annexure 3

Certificate of APD distinguished membership award 2010- sample.

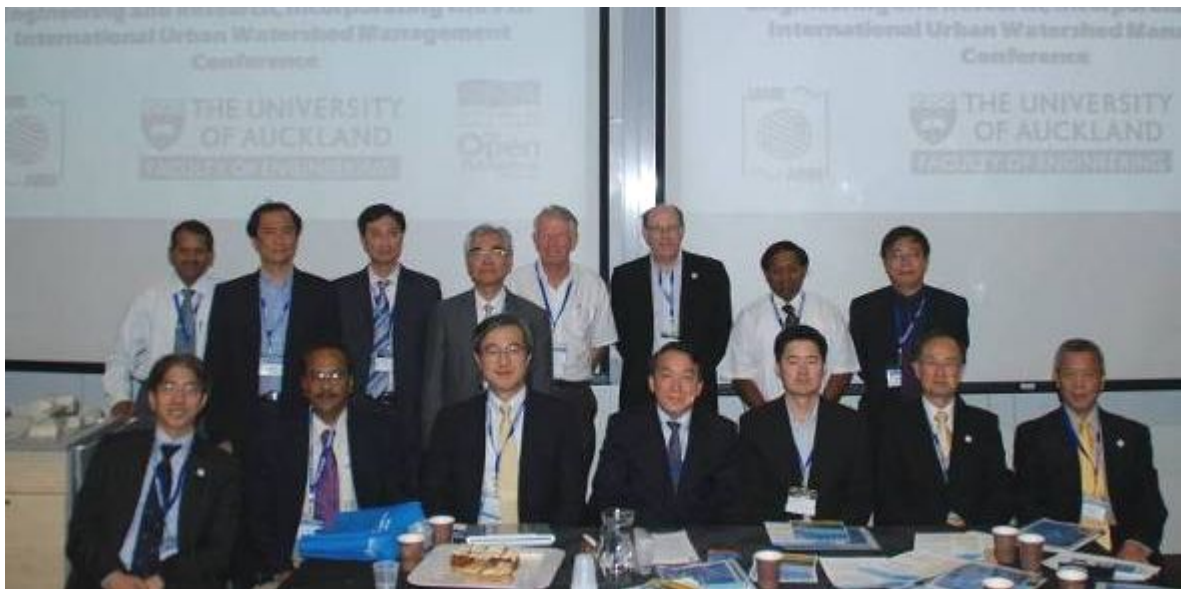


Group Photo

Prof. B Melville, Chairman of LOC, speech at the Opening ceremony of the 17th IAHR-APD Congress Opening Ceremony



Group-photo of attendees of 18th IAHR-APD EC meeting, Feb. 23, 2010 in the University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand.



Awarding of Distinguished Membership Award to Prof. Joseph Lee by Prof. V Sundar, the Chairman of IAHR-APD.

