

Minutes

Standing Committee on Global Water Issues

August 8, Sunday 2009, 14:00-16:00

Kensington Room, Hyatt Regency, Vancouver

1. IAHR World Congress in Brisbane

Brisbane LOC visited the committee meeting to hear requests from SCGWI.

Suggestions from SCGWI are to pay more attention to the following subjects. 1) Trans-boundary problems of water, 2) Explicit expression on IFI, Impacts of Climate Change and Adaptation to Climate Change is desirable in order to show needs for cross-sectional approach.

2. Structural change of IAHR and SCGWI

Through discussion it became clear that objectives and function of SCGWI fits well to the "Innovation and Professional Development" division.

Agreed: The chairperson of the committee should propose to the Executive Committee of IAHR that "Committee on Global Water Issues" is to be registered in the IPD division.

3. Working Group reports

3.1 IFI

Arthur Mynett reported on "Floods Archive". The first stage is to develop a database of papers in IAHR journals, IAHR congress proceedings, and IAHR sponsored conferences. A second stage is to build up a tutorial course. NT added comments on motivation of "Floods Archive" and a list of possible contributors: Hajime Nakagawa, Arthur Mynett, Mustafa Altinakar, Wang Yicheng. NT introduced Nakagawa's collection. MA introduced his collection of papers. Agreed: Continue to compile papers until October 2009. Within this year criteria of papers for the Archive will be finalized.

3.2 Climate Change

Toshiharu Kojiri pointed out importance of cognition of GCM output and downscaling for engineers. He also introduced progress of this group through several joint symposia with water resources management group.

3.3 Applied Hydrology

Roberto Ranzi reported the activity of the group in WMO. The group is in charge of planning an IAHR-WMO course on stream gauging. Collaboration with European Geophysical Union was activated.

IAHR-IAHS joint study team on "Climate Change Impact on the Hydrological Cycle, Water Management and Engineering"

Discussion is summarized as that establishment of the joint study team is a welcome step to cope with a difficult subject by a joint effort which is complementary. IAHR should seek for arm in arm collaboration with IAHS.

Agreed: The target of the joint study team is to produce a position paper or a guideline. Cooperation of three WGs of IAHR is requested.

4. UNESCO-related initiatives

Jacques Ganoulis introduced several programs on integrated water resources management,

internationally shared waters, risk management and conflict resolution. He stressed the importance of insight on drivers in international initiatives.

5. ICCUF in Vietnam

“International Workshop on the Impact of Climate Changes on Urban Flood” was held in Ho-Chi-Minh City in June 2009. The ED of IAHR was invited to the WS and submitted a report to the EC.

Agreed: to form “a group on Urban Flood Problems in Vietnam” by 3~5 persons.

6. Future plan of SCGWI

N. Tamai expressed the desire to step down the chair. He recommended Arthur to be the chair and Arthur expressed he was willing to serve. The committee approved Arthur to be the chair of SCGWI.

NT suggested Arthur to fill up vacancy of the chair of WG on IFI. Arthur Mynett recommended Mustafa Altinakar to be the chair of the WG on IFI. Mustafa expressed his willing to serve. The committee approved Mustafa as the chair of the WG on IFI.

Arthur expressed thanks of contribution to NT in past years as the chair.

NT closed the committee.

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