

Minutes of joint HIS/EHS section meeting in Vancouver, August 9, 2009

1. Opening by V. Nikora (HIS-Chair)

2. Description of New IAHR Structure (J. Aberle and C. Pugh)

J. Aberle and C. Pugh provided a brief overview of the new IAHR structure. The corresponding IAHR report on the structural change can be downloaded [here](#).

3. HIS-activity report (V. Nikora)

V. Nikora presented the HIS activity report 2007 - 2009 which was sent to HIS-members on July 29, 2009. The report can be obtained by request from J. Aberle.

4. EHS-activity report (C. Pugh)

C. Pugh provided an overview on the achievements of EHS for the period 2007 - 2009.

5. New leadership team

According to the new IAHR-structure, the following Leadership consisting of 8 members was elected:

Chair: Colin Rennie

Vice-Chair. Joe Aberle

Past-Chairs: Clifford Pugh and Vlad Nikora

Members: Cristiana DiCristo, David Admiraal, Ijiro Fujita, N.N.

- N.N. will be an IAHR member from the IAHR Asian-Pacific division (preferably from China)
- Marian Muste will be a co-opted member

6. Name of Committee

The current name of the committee listed on the IAHR-website is *Hydraulic Measurements and Physical Modelling*. The leadership team will contact the IAHR office and propose a name change in *Experimental Methods and Instrumentation (EMI)*. Colin Rennie will contact Chris George with regard to this issue.

7. Working groups

The existing EMI structure with the working groups has been confirmed. Currently, four working groups exist:

- Meetings group (leader: Cristiana Di Cristo)
- Database group (leader: Joachim Lengricht)
- Website group (leader: Joe Aberle)
- Publications group (leader: Ichiro Fujita).

In the near future a Newsletter group will be initiated. The leader will be adopted from the EMI members.

Cristiana Di Cristo agreed to serve as secretary.

8. Further Issues

Committee

- An email will be sent to all the people who attended the meeting (see attached list of participants) encouraging them to join EMI and to participate formally in the working groups. The email is attached to this report.
- A message will be drafted and sent via Rivers list encouraging IAHR members to sign up for EMI once the IAHR website reflects the new committee structure.

Meetings group

- **2011 IAHR Congress (Brisbane, Australia):** The local organising committee will be contacted so that EMI activities are adequately reflected in the program.
- **International Symposium on Hydraulic Physical Modeling and Field Investigation (Nanjing, China, September 2010):** EMI will organise an international advisory committee.
- **River Flow 2010 (Braunschweig, Germany, September 2010):** EMI-members are involved in the organisation of the conference (J. Aberle is Secretary of the Local Organizing Committee, K.-U. Graw is member of the Local Organizing Committee, and V. Nikora is a member of International Scientific Committee for this conference. V. Nikora will serve as a Master for the Master Class on Flow – Vegetation – Sediment Interaction). A number of special sessions are expected to be organized by EMI.
- **International School of Hydraulics (Poland, 2010):** C. DiCristo will be an invited speaker J. Aberle will clarify a possible IAHR sponsorship for this conference with Chris George
- **EOS Topical Meeting on “Blue” Photonics – Optics in the Sea (Aberdeen, Scotland, UK, August 2009):** V. Nikora is member of the Organising Committee
- **Gravel-Bed Rivers VII (Tadoussac, Canada, 2010):** HIS Meetings Group leader C. Rennie is a member of the Scientific Committee for this conference.
- **First European Congress of the IAHR (Edinburgh, UK, 4– 6 May 2010):** V. Nikora is a member of the Organising Committee.
- Discussions were started on the organisation of a further HMEM (Hydraulic Measurements & Experimental Methods) conference.

Publications group

- A special issue on LSPIV/PIV is planned for the Journal of Hydro-Environment Research (JHER). This issue was discussed with the editor J.H.W. Lee. Following the meeting, the organisation of the special issue was continued by I. Fujita, V. Nikora, and M. Muste. In the near future, potential authors will be contacted and invited to submit a paper.

Database group

- The database issue will be further discussed with Hydralab representatives. Subsequent to the EMI meeting, a lunch meeting was attended by J. Lengright, C. Rennie, Simone vanSchyndel (Hydralab Coordinator), and James Sutherland (HR Wallingford, developed Hydralab instrumentation database). Depending on the opinion of the Hydralab management committee, EMI may be able to update and bring online the EMI instrumentation database by utilizing and populating the Hydralab database.

Website group

- The organisation of the committee website will be discussed with IAHR once the IAHR website reflects the new committee structure

Participants

The meeting was attended by the following HIS and EHS members

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Letter to meeting participants

Greetings,

We were very happy to meet you at the Experimental Methods and Instrumentation (EMI) meeting held in Vancouver last August. We hope that your interest in EMI's activities will continue, and we will be happy to have you as member of the EMI Committee.

As you may know, during the Conference in Vancouver a new structure for the IAHR Committees was approved. Any member of IAHR who is interested in the activities of a Committee and who is professionally active in a Committee subject area may be considered a Committee member. Every IAHR member will have the opportunity to affiliate directly with one Committee (primary affiliation). Shortly, the IAHR website will be modified in order to reflect the new committee structure and to permit the affiliation.

Committee activities comprise a number of ongoing or special products and services that promote the specific scientific and technical issues to which the Committee devotes itself. For the realization of its objectives the Committee has ad hoc Working Groups comprised of committee members. In particular, the EMI currently has four working groups: Meetings group (leader: Cristiana Di Cristo), Database group (leader: Joachim Lengricht), Website group (Joe Aberle), Publications group (Ichiro Fujita). In the near future a Newsletter group will be initiated. If you choose to join EMI, we hope you will consider participating in one or more of the working groups.

Unless you request otherwise, we will keep you abreast of the future activities of the EMI. For any further question or request, feel free to contact us.

We hope you will join the EMI Committee and we look forward to meet you in future meetings.

Colin Rennie, EMI Chair

Cristiana Di Cristo, EMI Secretary