

MEETING MINUTES

IAHR – Hydraulic Structures Section Section meeting during the XXXII IAHR Congress in Vancouver (Canada) 9 August 2009 14:00-16:00 Vancouver (CA)

Location: [Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver \(Meeting room: Constable\)](#)

Agenda

1. Attendance
2. Welcome and opening remarks
3. Confirmation of previous meeting of HSS Committee
4. Report from the Council Meeting
5. Review from Pisa and Nanjing Activities
6. Section (Committee) Organization / Renewal
7. Future activities

1. Attendance

Past Section Committee

Jorge MATOS (Chairman)*, Hubert CHANSON (Secretary), Philip BURGI (Chairman Technical Division II), Willi HAGER, Jun GUO, Stefano PAGLIARA.

Absent (excused): Corrado GISONNI, Helmut KNOBLAUCH, Fabián BOMBARDELLI, Victor ELVIRO, Celso CASTRO.

IAHR Executive

Christopher GEORGE (IAHR Executive Director), Gerhard JIRKA (former IAHR Vice-President)

Past Section Members:

Arturo MARCANO, John GULLIVER, Clifford PUGH, Youichi YASUDA, Rafael MURILLO, Wenxue CHEN, Luis BAILARÓN, Rita CARVALHO, Michael PFISTER.

Guests

Josef SCHNEIDER (Representing Helmut KNOBLAUCH), Anton SCHLEISS, M. M.LAMACI, Bernard DOMINIC, C.R. KNEWITZ, Ciro MENENDEZ, Gokcen BOMBAR, Ana M. RICARDO, Fereshteh BAGHERIMIYAB, WU Yihong, CUI Wei.

* Also representing Robert Janssen.



Photograph of the participants in the meeting (Courtesy of Professor Willi HAGER)

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2. Welcome and opening remarks

Welcome and Introductions by Jorge Matos..

The Chairman also welcomed the issue of the new edition of the 2nd HSS Newsletter, edited by R.Janssen (see app.A)

3. Confirmation of previous meeting of HSS Section

The Minutes for the previous meeting held in Nanjing on 22 October 2008 were confirmed.

4. Report from the Council Meeting

Professor Gerhard JIRKA presented in length the proposed change of the IAHR Technical section by-laws. The former section will become a committee. The former section committee will become the Leadership Team. The former Secretary position will become a "Vice-Chair".

The HSS will become part of the IAHR Division 1 Hydraulics, with Professor Joseph LEE as Vice-President responsible for the Division 1 and Dr Yarko NINO as Secretary of the Division 1.

5. Review from Pisa and Nanjing Activities

Professor Stefano PAGLIARA reported on the successful organisation of the 2nd International Junior Researcher and Engineer Workshop on Hydraulic Structures (IJREWS) in Pisa in August 2008 (see App. B).

Ms Jun GUO reported on the 3rd International Symposium on Hydraulic Structures (ISHS) in Nanjing in October 2008 (see App. C)

6. Section (Committee) Organization / Renewal

Acknowledgements

The HSS section acknowledged the contribution of Jorge MATOS for his leadership as a member of the HSS Executive for 6 years. A gift was offered to him on behalf of the section.

Jorge MATOS acknowledged the contribution of all the Section members in the activities of the Section during the past four years, in particular that of Hubert CHANSON, for all his active support as Secretary of the HSS, and that of Philip Burgi, as Founder and first Chairman of the HSS, for his continuous support.

The HSS acknowledged the original contribution of Philip BURGI who set up the HSS in 1997 in San Francisco. A glass-made plaque was offered to Phil on behalf of the section, with the following inscription:

Philip H. Burgi

In acknowledgement of his pioneering and leading role as the Founder and first Chairman of the IAHR Hydraulic Structures Section (1998-2005), by the occasion of the 33rd IAHR Biennial Congress.

Vancouver, August 9, 2009

The members of the IAHR Hydraulic Structures Section

Section Organisation

The new Leadership Team includes :

Hubert CHANSON (Chair)

Stefano PAGLIARA (Secretary/Vice-Chair)

Jorge MATOS (Past Chair)

Helmut KNOBLAUCH

Fabian BOMBARDELLI

Robert JANSSEN

In the light of the new By-Laws, the new team encompasses continuity, expertise and geographical representation (3 Europe, 1 N. America, 1 S. America, 1 Asia/Pacific).

The proposal was put to a ballot. All 6 past committee members present voted supporting the new proposal.

The possible addition of other members in the Leadership Team (LT), including co-opted members, will also be considered by the elected LT.

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7. Future activities

Hubert CHANSON presented the scientific program of the 34th IAHR Congress in Brisbane, Australia in 2011. Some scientific inputs was provided by the section.

The 3rd IJREWHS will be organised in conjunction with the 1st European Congress in Scotland in May 2010.

The 4th ISHS is likely to be organised in 2012 since the proposal from Africa was deemed incomplete and no further information was provided.

The HSS section is opened to new proposals for both the ISHS and other specialty symposium/conference/workshop.

The second issue of the IAHR-HSS Newsletter was produced and diffused prior to the Congress. The contributions of Robert JANSSEN and the editors were acknowledged.

Lastly the HSS Chair invited new initiatives and proposals that would involve directly junior researchers and engineers, including students.