

Minutes of the IAHR/IWA Joint Committee on Urban Drainage Meeting

Aug. 31, 2008 – Oct. 3, 2008

Edinburgh International Conference Centre, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

Present: Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski, David Butler, Alberto Campisano, Ana Deletic, Peter Mikkelsen, Mohd Nor, Richard Ashley, James Ball, Bernard Chocat, Jiri Marsalek, Jose Matos, Wolfgang Rauch

Apologies: Maria Almeida, Bryan Ellis, Hiroaki Furumai, Joseph Lee, Nilo Nascimento, Eric Strecker, M. Viklander, M. Zaizen

1. The meeting was opened by Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski (= JLBK) who welcomed all and introduced Peter Steen Mikkelsen (= PSM) as the new chairman.
2. Peter thanked Jean-Luc for his service and JC leadership during the past 3 years and appointed him as an Associate Member of the committee.
3. Review of minutes from Lyon 2007: the minutes were approved as written. One outstanding item – prepare an article on stormwater management term definitions. Action item: Jiri Marsalek volunteered to start this process.
4. Review of membership: the list of JC members and their terms of service was distributed prior to the meeting and briefly reviewed. As of Aug. 30, 2008, the Committee had 12 full members, 7 associate members and a non-voting secretary. Two members finished their second term of service (J.-L. Bertrand-Krajewski and E. Strecker), and Ana Deletic requested to leave the Committee at the end of 2008. First terms of three members (H. Furumai, M. Nor and M. Viklander) will expire later this year. They will be contacted concerning their interest to serve the second term, and those who are interested will be asked to submit self-assessment forms. The committee will then vote on extension of these terms at a later date. Thus, JC has at least three vacancies, possibly more. A discussion of potential new members followed. JLBK suggested that JC should be pro-active in seeking new members by recruiting well qualified nominees. Among the possible nominees mentioned by the meeting participants were Australia – R. Brown, Tim Fletcher; China – need representation from one of their universities, e.g., Shanghai (Tonjin U.); France – S. Barraud, G. Chebbo; and, Germany – T. Einfalt, S. Fuchs, Theo Schmitt, H. Sieker, M. Schuetze, and G. Weiss; and USA – M. Barret, R. Field, C. Rowney, J. Sansalone, M. Stenstrom and S. Struck. Richard Ashley noted that JC is lacking representation from the socio-economic field; one possibility would be A. Cashman, an economist (U. of West Indies). JLBK noted that it is possible to get new members involved through invitations to the “associate member” ranks.
The discussion was closed by PSM, with the following action items: (a) He will approach the three members eligible for re-election to the second term (Furumai, Nor, Viklander) and find out who is interested in serving the second term; those will be asked to provide a self-assessment 1-page and will be voted on by the Committee re their continuing service; (b) Vacancies on the Committee will be announced, nominations sought, and the candidates will participate in elections. Procedures will be established by PSM and JM.
5. JC and urban drainage visibility – it was noted by David Butler and others that JC has low visibility even within our field and at our conferences. It was agreed that the presence of JC at ICUD conferences will be increased by publicizing its role in conference preparations and management of our other activities. New suggestion from JLBK after the meeting : this visibility can also be increased in other events like Novatech, and maybe also during SPN, UDM conferences.
6. Working Group reports – some reports were received before the meeting and distributed with the meeting agenda. Others were presented orally at the meeting.
 - International Working Group on Data and Models – Ana Deletic reported on WG activities (a written report will follow) – the group is doing well with respect to holding workshops and UDM conferences. At the group’s workshop in Lyon (2007), there were 31 participants; in Edinburgh, about 25. The next major activity is the UDM 09 conference in Tokyo, Sept. 7-11, 2009. James Ball suggested to develop links with IAHR (e.g., V. Babovic, U. of Singapore),

IAHS, etc. Ana will bring this to the groups meeting later in the week. JLBK may also assist in this linkage through the next 2009 IAHR Congress in Vancouver where 2 sessions will be organised partly by the JC, with JLBK as co-chair.

- RTC Working Group – Alberto Campisano reported on group’s activities and a written report was distributed with the meeting agenda. The group held a workshop on RTC case studies at the 11th ICUD in Edinburgh, with 33 participants in attendance. The group sponsored two sessions at the conference, and its members prepared three reports on RTC in various languages (English, German and Italian). PSM noted that there are currently many activities in this field in Denmark.
 - Sewer Systems and Processes Working Group – Jose Matos reported on group’s activities and a written report was distributed with the meeting agenda. The group held a workshop and a successful SPN conference in Delft, The Netherlands. Selected papers from the conference have served as nuclei for broader manuscripts that have been offered for publication in Water Science & Technology, and the first papers have already been published. The next SPN conference will be held in Australia and chaired by Zhiguo. The group leadership is changing, with Jose stepping down and the new chair being G. Chebbo (France) and vice-chair Zhiguo (Australia).
 - SOCOMA WG – no report was submitted to the meeting. There will be more discussions on merging this group with the WSUD group. The group tried to hold a workshop at the 11th ICUD, but the workshop was cancelled due to lack of interest.
 - Working Group on Urban Rainfall – a written report was distributed with the meeting agenda. The group’s chairmanship will change from G. Vaes to Patrick Willems (University of Leuven, Belgium). The group is looking for a new secretary to replace Thomas Einfalt. The main forthcoming activity will be the 8th International Workshop on Precipitation in Urban areas in St. Moritz, Switzerland, Dec. 2009. Other information can be found on the group’s website.
 - Technology Exchange, Transfer and Training (TETTWG), or Global Outreach – Mohd Nor was tasked to revitalize this group and reported good progress. There was a workshop held in Malaysia, with several speakers from the JCUD community. In meetings at Kuala Lumpur, a number of potential projects were discussed, including those addressing urban water management, flooding, use of radar, erosion, sedimentation, etc. He wishes to attend the UDM in Tokyo and speak to Nilo Nascimento re future events. Action item: Mohd will make a proposal re the Global Outreach activities.
 - Urban Drainage in Cold Climate WG – no report received.
 - Water Sensitive Urban Design WG – the group’s activities were reported by Richard Ashley. The group met at NOVATECH in 2007, and expected to meet in Edinburgh. It will elect a new chairman; Tony Wong is too busy with his company. The group maintains a website www.shef.ac.uk/wsudwg/index.html and would like to adopt a new name “LIDD – low impact design and development”. The group was holding a workshop at the 11th ICUD.
7. Report on the JC account. Ana Deletic reported on the JC account held at IWA headquarters. Following some initial difficulties, the account is now established and, in total, JC has about €12,215 in this account. Most of these funds belong to individual working groups: WSUD (€6,750), RTC (€1,875), SOCOMA (€800), D&M (€525), and the remainder belongs to JC (€2,260). These funds were raised from small surcharges applied to JC sponsored conferences/workshops (5 euro/participant) and from holding workshops. Note that the parental organizations also want some share of conference profits, but such profit “sharing” is voluntary.
8. Special projects.
- JC Electronic database – JLBK reported on establishing a JC database, with 1,200-1,300 entries. About 10% of these entries may be invalid. JLBK will pass this database on to PSM (made after Edinburgh meeting). PSM noted that it would be good to set up a website where people could register for the UD Specialist Group.
 - Alberto Campisano reported on the JC website that he established in January 2008 (www.jcud.org). The site includes WebPages of four active working groups; the

‘publication’ page is under construction, ‘events’ provide information on conferences, ‘downloads’ provide the newsletter, and meeting minutes; and a mailing list could be added. ‘Links’ refer to IAHR, IWA, working groups; additional should be made to connect to Urban Water and WST journals. All JC members are responsible for site updating; Alberto will screen requests for placing information on the site.

- Collaboration with other working groups (within IWA) – not much progress to be reported.
 - 30 years of JC book – JLBK will form a small task group that will pursue this issue further and perhaps present the document at the 12th ICUD in Brazil in 2011.
9. Urban Water journal report – David Butler reported that the journal is doing well, the review process is managed by the Manuscript Central; we receive about 72 papers/year, about 30 can be published. The publisher wants to increase the number of issues from 4 to 6 per year. The journal requested an ISI evaluation; it may take up to 4 years, after the initial 2-year period, until an impact factor can be established.
 10. Water Science and Technology – James Ball reported that the journal has moved away from conference papers and regained its ISI status. There is a small trickle of urban drainage papers coming in; there are problems with reviewers, with some reviews based just on one review. Richard Ashley reported that in connection with the 11th ICUD, he was requested to nominate 100 papers for WST; this will require 200 reviewers.
 11. Parental organization congresses, JC participation – JLBK reported that JC had high presence at the IAHR Congress in Venice (2007), with two sponsored sessions and about 20 papers. We are looking at a similar presence in Vancouver 2009. There were no urban drainage sessions at the IWA congress in Vienna (Sept. 2008) because it is held immediately after the ICUD, just an information session to be held on Sept. 10, 2008.
 12. PSM led the discussion re call for proposals for the 13th ICUD in 2014. The call will be issued this fall, and will include rules for preparation and evaluation of proposals.
 13. As mentioned earlier, a call for nominations to fill the vacancies on JC will be issued this fall.
 14. Conferences:
 - NOVATECH 2007 – very successful, with about 700 attendees, the location outside of Lyon had a number of disadvantages, the next one will be again in Palais des Congrès in Lyon, June 28-July 1, 2010. The first announcement was distributed in Edinburgh; note that the ratio speakers/attendees is 1:5. A meeting of the Scientific Committee will be held on Sept. 1, 2008.
 - 11th ICUD – Richard Ashley reported on the conference. Everything looked good, with about 600 participants registered for the conference. Richard provided some information on Poul Harremoes prize competition. The earlier established rules were followed, after examining abstracts, potential young authors were contacted, and about 150 entries were received. This number was reduced to about 12 by applying the single author rule. These papers were reviewed by 5 referees and the winner was to be announced during the conference banquet. A lengthy discussion of the evaluation process followed, with suggestions of changes in the procedure, e.g., more prominence for social science papers, awarding several prizes in various fields of urban drainage, etc. PSM will lead revisions of the evaluation process in time for the 2011 competition. Other forms of awards (e.g., a JCUD Speaker at JCUD conferences) will be also considered. This could also give more visibility to the JCUD (see point 5 above). Action item: Dave Butler and Ana Deletic were given the job of reviewing/suggesting new awards that could be offered by the JC.
 15. New business
 - IWA Strategic Council – following Wolfgang Rauch’s departure from the council, JC should promote a replacement. JLBK was nominated to IWA.
 - JCUD visibility – both at our conferences and within IWA/IAHR. Various steps were discussed, including promoting JC at ICUD conferences, and using our IWA national committee to promote JC. PSM reported that “successful” specialist groups get deeply involved in IWA business. However, JC will be looking for other ways.

- International Journal of Water, special issue on urban drainage – there was not enough support for this activity and the decision was reached not to undertake this activity.
16. Future meetings: 2009 – at UDM in Tokyo, Japan; to accommodate the conference program and possible workshops before the conference, the exact day could not be established as yet. 2010 – at the Novatech in Lyon, France, and in 2011 in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, at the 12th ICUD.
 17. PSM closed the meeting at 17:00 by thanking all the present.

