

IAHS Bureau Meeting – Kovacs, Paris 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Present:

IAHS – Hubert Savenije (HS, President), Günter Blöschl (GB, President-Elect), Christophe Cudennec (CC, Secretary General), Charles Onstad (CO, Treasurer), Cate Gardner (CG, Incoming Treasurer & IAHS Ltd Chair), Georgia Destouni (GD, Vice-President), Eric Servat (ES, Vice-President), Denis Hughes (DH, IAHS 2017 Organiser)

IAHS Ltd / HSJ – Mike Acreman (MA, Secretary, Co-Editor), Claire Lupton (CL, Executive Secretary), Attilio Castellarin (AC, Co-Editor)

IAHS Commissions – ICCLAS Eva Boegh (EB, President), ICGW Aldo Fiori (AF, President), ICRS Christopher Neale (CN, President), ICSH Salvatore Grimaldi (SG, President), ICSIH Mel Sandells (MS, Vice-President), ICSW Yan Huang (YH, Secretary), ICT Josep Mas-Pla (JM-P, Vice-President), ICWQ Kate Heal (KH, President), ICWRS Andreas Schumann (AS, President-Elect), MOXXI Favia Tauro (FT)

UNESCO – Anil Mishra (AM)

### **1) Welcome message from UNESCO**

Introduction from Hubert Savenije (HS) with thanks from IAHS to UNESCO for an excellent meeting. Anil Mishra (AM) replied that it was a pleasure to work with IAHS and remarked that the meeting had brought together different constituents towards a common future.

Desire to get a PIAHS volume from the meeting along with a synthesis paper.

HS noted that we need to determine how to monitor SDGs - Gia Destouni (GD) to act as liaison with IHP. AM remarked that climate services are required to make better flood/drought prediction and is happy to be the UNESCO liaison.

**2) Adoption of the Agenda** – approved.

### **3) Debriefing of Kovacs Colloquium and prize ceremony**

Christophe Cudennec (CC) noted that it was good for IAHS to be involved in a meeting with such a hybrid audience of scientists/lawyers and politicians. The programme is available on the IAHS website and the PIAHS volume will be 375 open access and online, following on from previous Kovacs volumes as Red Books. Plan for a further Kovacs Colloquium in 2 years' time.

HS – Prizes – thanks to Eric Servat (ES) for reviewing and we want to encourage a good number of proposals for the next prize with recipients nominated by IAHS/UNESCO and WMO. Deadline is December.

### **4) Reports**

HS – Changes to structure of IAHS Ltd as a result of moving from Red Books to PIAHS with successful volumes for Prague and NISOLS in 2015. HS signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Waternet. In report.

CC – Trying to improve visibility of IAHS through other members – Aldo Fiori was at IAH in Rome, Flavia Tauro at Euro Space Agency and Kate Heal involved in the World Water Development Report. In report.

GD – VP report - Plans to participate in working group workshop in Wuhan China and IAHS session of EGU.

ES – VP report - to link with Denis Hughes re developing countries and education working groups.

Xia Jun – Honorary VP report not able to be present but did submit a report – strengthening developing country involvement.

Charles Onstad (CO) – Treasurer report – As a whole IAHS have approx. \$400,000 in the bank. 10 years ago this was \$500,000 due to changes in publication practices. Income from IUGG including Prague head tax, and grants to CC from WMO and UNESCO for developing country participants, and from US book sales. Expenditure to Officers.

HS thanked CO for long service to the hydrology community and confirmed that he will step down in February to be replaced by Cate Gardner (CG).

## **5) Commission Reports:**

ICCE – report submitted - not in attendance.

ICCLAS – Eva Boegh – report submitted - Proposals for S. Africa sessions, work on the commission part of IAHS website and science in support of climate services – UNESCO/IHP and keen to be involved on global climate modelling.

ICGW – Aldo Fiori – report submitted – trying to fix the board of commission – currently P and VP. Organising conference in this transition year and sessions for S. Africa.

ICRS – Christopher Neale – report submitted – May 7-11<sup>th</sup> 2018 next ICRS conference in Cordoba, Spain, and proposal for S. Africa sessions.

ICSH – Salvatore Grimaldi – report submitted – Workshop in Addis Ababa and short course in July.

ICSIH – Mel Sandells – report submitted – vision for next 4 years with 3 main areas: Promotion of scientific research; Outreach to scientists who deal with snow & ice infrequently; and training for early career scientists and network INARCH – desire to run a summer school.

ICSW – Yan Huang – report submitted – 6 proposals for S. Africa sessions, 2018 conference, IHP China National Committee conference on Water Management in Nanjing and large river basins in Africa.

ICT – Josep Mas-Pla – report submitted – Prague and Rome meetings, work in Iran, Tunisia and Sudan, sessions for S. Africa.

ICWQ – Kate Heal – report submitted – engaged with Panta Rhei at conference in China, WQ workshop in China in 2017.

ICWRS – Andreas Schumann – report submitted – conference in Bochum with approx. 90 participants, PIAHS 373 with video available on YouTube. Short course and approx. 25 young scientists, S. Africa symposia and 2 workshops.

Günter Blöschl (President-Elect) (GB) – Joint editorials with HSJ & 6 others.

## **6) Publications, IAHS Press and IAHS Ltd.**

CG/Claire Lupton (CL) – IAHS Ltd report – Defined responsibility for UK funds. Replaced Des Walling (DW) as Chair of IAHS Ltd board in February and thanks noted to DW for his service to IAHS.

Currently looking into the implications for IAHS Ltd for transfer of IAHS Association funds and membership fees to IAHS Ltd. IAHS website expanding to include commission pages – other commissions encouraged to get involved.

HS – thanked CG for being the continuing face of IAHS Ltd and to DW for his service, Mike Acreman (MA) to present a gift to DW in the summer and card signed by IAHS officers.

Attilio Castellarin (AC) and MA – HSJ Co-editors report – confirming from Taylor & Francis this week that the 2015 Impact Factor for HSJ is 2.18 making HSJ 16 out of 65 Water Resources journals. Confirmed good renewal rate (93%) from libraries and new subscribers up 8% in revenue with 340,000 downloads.

AC pointed out that the IF is due to large citation of a few papers such as 2013 Panta Rhei and PUB – 130 citations and opinion paper by Demetris Koutsoyiannis (DK) (>20) and technical papers. Next year we will not have the 2013 papers included so could drop. If these large papers were not included the IF would have been 1.7 so still an improvement. Currently 30% papers have >2 citations. Panta Rhei virtual series. List of new AEs on the IAHS website.

HS – DK will step down so need to strengthen the editorial board – Ross Woods from Bristol University will start soon as Co-editor so will have 4 going forward. Ross Wood appointment approved by bureau vote.

## **7) Initiatives**

Education – Thorsten Wagener (TW) report given by Denis Hughes (DH). TW very busy so would be glad of assistance – ES to take responsibility with help from DH.

Panta Rhei – report from Hilary McMillan given by CC. Paper on first biennium in HSJ, EGU & AGU sessions well attended. AS pointed out that he invited Panta Rhei to Bochum meeting but no-one able to attend. HS – in S Africa currently no clear Panta Rhei symposium which needs to be fixed. HS to take up with Hilary.

MOXXI – Flavia Tauro (FT) – new IAHS website pages, friends >70 and growing, events at AGU/EGU, summer school in July and topical conference in Rome in November.

CC – 2019 will be 100 yr anniversary of IUGG and IAHS celebration soon after. Wish to celebrate history with possible PIAHS volume on history/epistemology, an open volume for 2-3 years – DH pointed out Keith Beven wiki – DH has been involved in history of hydrology in S Africa project.

## **8) IAHS-Copernicus Agreement**

Desire is for all IAHS and Commission conferences to use Copernicus. AS pointed out problems he encountered with need to tender and believes it will not be possible to use Copernicus for Beijing as the university has its own events management business.

AS pointed out the biggest issue was not getting abstracts paid upfront as >50% were withdrawn (or rejected) but he still had to pay for all. Proposal that abstracts should be paid up front by author. Reduced fee for students – Copernicus unable to differentiate levels of students. Page fees were difficult to calculate as template was not adequate to use.

HS – sub-committee of GB, DH, AS and CL to discuss and feedback to Copernicus to improve process for S. Africa.

### **9) Upcoming Conferences.**

CC – Exeter ICCE – poor registration numbers so unsure as to whether it will go ahead. MA said currently only 35 registrations but need 70 to breakeven.

FT – MOXXI – ESA workshop abstracts due in end of July.

STAHY Quebec September – SG expect 70 so will charge IAHS head fee but no Copernicus agreement.

HydroEco – no Copernicus agreement.

Beijing WRS – 2018.

ICRS – 2018 Cordoba, Spain.

2017 S. Africa 10-14 July. Need to advertise and confirm budget. Expecting 300 delegates over 5 days. Monday 3 parallel sessions, Tues-Thurs 4 parallel sessions and Friday 3 parallel sessions giving 72 in total.

CC – Scientific programme currently has too many sessions so need to adjust and finalise by July. Advertise at latest by September to get abstracts and funding. Several commission offered to co-convene.

DH 120 papers to be published in PIAHS volumes.

### **10) Membership**

HS – IAHS can have individual paid members – as confirmed by IUGG in Prague in 2015. The number of countries paying to IUGG is declining. Individual members will not be able to nominate President or Secretary General (because of IUGG rules).

Attending a conference will include a head fee – this will be the annual membership fee – if paid annually will get a reduction.

Country rights – Countries will retain voting rights for medal candidates, President and Secretary General.

### **11) Revision of Statutes**

HS – Discussion of changes to 2016 IAHS Statutes document - 'Paid up' = Individual membership with current annual payment. Clarification of changes to appointment of Editors and Treasurer.

Bye-laws – 6 – change from 10 months to 6 due to changes in communication methods – everything now electronic without the need to wait for post.

Statutes can only be changed in the IUGG plenary but IUGG has agreed to change by remote voting by country members.

Approved the changes - can move to a remote vote.

### **12) HS fund for 'Early Career Scientist'**

Articles of IAHS Ltd to mirror those of IAHS and want to set up an 'Early Career Scientist' fund.

Discussion about the title as wish to prioritise hydrologists from Financially Disadvantaged countries.

Potential for cross-subsidy to wave attendance fee/abstract fee/fee for publication/travel to conference.

### **13) Finance**

IAHS Ltd set-up new euro account to process IAHS Association funds.

Brexit vote – may have an effect on exchange rate.

Guidelines for expenses.

### **14) Relationship with IUGG/ICSU**

IUGG meeting will be held Friday/Saturday (17/18 June). Discussion re 100-year anniversary of IUGG and next assembly (Montreal July 2019).

### **15) Relationship with UN Organisations**

Currently have a very good working relationship with UNESCO and WMO. Will request some support for S Africa 2017.

IAEA (Atomic Energy, Vienna) have some joint symposium in the past with ICCE/ICT (2013) but nothing current.

UNWater – HS and CC sit on panel. IAHS is an official partner.

World Water Development Report – issued every year – IAHS had some input to 2016 on jobs, 2017 Water quality has input from KH, 2018 Nature Based Solutions for Water will be coordinated by MA for IAHS.

### **16) Other relationships.**

WaterNet MOU to extend network in South Africa – maybe can associate with others such as EGU (strategic alliance) to expand membership.

### **17) Other business. None.**

Claire Lupton  
Executive Secretary IAHS Ltd  
June 2016