

IAHS 2017 2nd Bureau Meeting Saturday 15th July 2017, Port Elizabeth

Chair: Günter Blöschl (GB) IAHS President

Attendance:

Günter Blöschl (GB)	IAHS	President
Hubert Savenije (HS)	IAHS	Past-President
Christophe Cudennec (CC)	IAHS	Secretary General
Eric Servat (ES)	IAHS	VP
Georgia Destouni (GD)	IAHS	VP
Cate Gardner (CG)	IAHS	Treasurer
Claire Lupton (CL)	IAHS Ltd	Executive Secretary
Attilio Castellarin (AC)	HSJ	Editor In Chief
Demetris Koutsoyiannis (DK)	HSJ	Co-Editor

Laura Foglia	ICGW	Secretary
Bob Su	ICRS	VP
Flavia Tauro	MOXXI	Chair
Tobias Jonas	ICSIH	President
Gil Mahé	ICSW	President
Ennio Ferrari	ICSW	VP
Christine Stumpp	ICT	President
Andreas Schumann	ICWRS	President
Alberto Montanari	ICWRS	Past President
Alberto Viglione	ICWRS	Secretary
Zongxue Xu	ICWRS	VP

Giuliano Di Baldassarre	Panta Rhei	Chair
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Graham Jewitt (GJ)	LOC-Scientific	
Denis Hughes (DH)	Invited	

Dominique Bérod (DB)	WMO	
Abou Amani (AA)	UNESCO	

Saman Razavi (SR)	University of Saskatchewan	
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Tim van Emmerik (TvE)	Young Hydrologic Society	
Nilay Dogulu	Young Hydrologic Society/ WMO Switzerland/ METU Turkey	

Explanation of voting rights – 15 votes available

1 **Adoption of the Agenda** – no comments but proposal to add AOB at end

2 **Feedback from Local Organising Committee (LOC)**

Graham Jewitt (GJ) Scientific assembly will run at small profit mainly due to lower number of PIAHS papers than expected (2 volumes rather than 3). Delay in call for abstracts was a problem, generally in Copernicus system the flow from abstract submission to papers was good. Problem is that staff at Copernicus too rigid and need more handholding – eg invited papers did not submit abstracts as otherwise they would have to pay APC, also side events could not be included, difficult to expand the program to invited speakers when registrants not coming. Could not email the non-registered APCs – small glitches.

Denis Hughes (DH): final number 232 registrants, max number on site 219.

GJ: largest number of delegates from South Africa but got less support from Water Research Commission than expected but still had 20 young scientists supported.

DH: still need to finalise number of PIAHS papers to be charged by Copernicus and some smaller local costs but can confirm a modest surplus.

Hubert Savenije (HS) – can we use some of the surplus to make a 3rd volume of PIAHS for papers from Masters students from the region?

Christophe Cudennec (CC) 3rd volume was always a buffer – can be a WaterNet papers volume with extra support from IAHS.

DH – extra support from University of Kwazulu Natal 60,000ZAR should repay this first

Christine Stumpp (CS) – students found it difficult to get information on financial support

GJ had to say at registration if were applying for support but others said later that they wanted it but LOC could not deal with that. Could only support young scientists (YS) from developing countries due to financial limitations.

DH – Need to put together an IAHS or Copernicus 101 to get better explanation beforehand rather than individuals having to find the information. APC is non-refundable but people did not understand this so needs to be clearer. Still some people have not paid. Only rejected a few. Without charging APC budget looked in problems.

Tim van Emmerik (TvE) – my first time - gaps in the program was a disappointment, convenors or bureau should think of plan B e.g. public presentation or debates but need to be better prepared e.g. have a list of people who can give an extra presentation.

DH – not my first time – responsibility of gaps in program has to be with the convenors to decide what they want – 1 session only 1 in 5 papers turned up. On site it is harder to deal with.

TvE – yes but we should be smarter – maybe use social media etc to advertise

GJ if people withdraw formally then can push to present but if have no information then more difficult – maybe an app would be good so could have a dynamic program

Demetris Koutsoyiannis (DK) – enthusiastic about the conference - papers not given enough attention in timing and space so in future should be better

HS – I jumped in twice but maybe Commissions could have a list of standby presentations that they can quickly mobilise

Gil Mahé (GM) – in Dakar had dynamic program but people complained so not a complete solution

CC – scientific program organisation delayed as some Commissions respected deadline but others not so the delayed response from some Commissions made the program late

so need to be more disciplined. Lots of Commission officers wanted to be convenors but did not attend.

DH – LOC needs information asap to decide how many parallel sessions – the number of workshops increased so had to go from 2 to 3 parallel sessions but this impacts the budget.

GB – Commissions need to adhere to deadlines and not volunteer as convenor if cannot make it to meeting

HS Commission Secretary should be responsible for that Commission to stop everyone waiting on each other

GB – asked for agreement– agreed, so Commissions need to let secretaries know

Bob Su (BS) – if you propose a session you should be responsible for filling it – workshops or posters – ie need to be more actively involved like EGU as otherwise LOC can be overwhelmed and response is too late. We saw some abstracts would not be coming so asked if could upload other abstracts for the session but Copernicus too late in responding – ended up changing the session 30mins before the start. Need good session advertised well beforehand.

TvE – thanks for allowing YH sessions – up to 50 young scientists and got sincere good feedback.

HS thanks to TvE and Nilay Dogulu for organising YS meetings

Attilio Castellarin (AC)– liked the 20 min slot for richer discussion – better than shrinking the presentation slots

GB yes discussions very good. Expression of thanks to LOC.

3 2021 Scientific Assembly Presentations

10 minute presentations Saman Razavi Global Institute for Water Security in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Video from Jeffrey McDonnell.

10 min presentation from Eric Servat Montpellier (IM2E) Le Corum is the conference centre

Vote 12 Montpellier 3 Saskatoon

4 Relationship with UN organisations

a. Abu Amani, **UNESCO** – Thank you for opportunity, will continue to try to engage through Kovacs, next will be also at IHP Council in Paris (18-22 June 2018 so IAHS Bureau meeting possibly Tuesday), continue engaging in FRIEND conference in 2018 November in China, also have involvement within the IAHS Commissions want to organise joint events and UNESCO to be more engaged, right now reflecting on how to proceed to get IHP staff more involved in the Commissions.

Gil Mahé (GM) – point out IAHS work a lot in sub-saharan Africa directly with UNESCO in organising workshops etc especially with ICSW

b. Dominique Bérod, WMO – end-to-end system from data collection to policy making, flood management system, working more on climate and domain of data collection in wetland program, use of data, activity, Commission on Hydrology to develop new concept with low cost technology or satellite technology, Global Hydrology Status to provide global and regional status to countries so what are the local issues – all based on

data collection. Advisory council will lead the governance, CC is a member of innovation committee, face-to-face meeting in December to start new thinking. Community of Practice to gather ideas and needs and make reflections at global level. Commission of Hydrology includes CC will launch regular calls for Innovation – Flavia Tauro (FT) to get involved with MOXXI.

FT new dates for joint MOXXI-WMO HydroHub meeting in Geneva beginning of December (4-5) – great opportunity for IAHS.

GM – developing new technology and cheaper technology important for financially disadvantaged (FD) countries so invited MOXXI to Algiers conference.

5 Vision on the evolution of IAHS

a. Young Scientist Proposal – TvE and Nilay Dogulu

Propose every Commission have an early career representative with their own committee and a bureau member to give representation (no voting rights).

TvE – need to define the definition yet – anyone who feels they can be represented is fine but really want PhD and early post-doc.

Bob Su – elected or appointed in Commissions?

TvE – at AGU committee is obliged to have a EC representative – could give the Commissions the choice but suggest a protocol to elect the chair – 2 year commitment – 1 year as elect to learn and 1 year and the representative to be observer in Bureau HS does it need to be formalised to the link to AGU/EGU etc – may take change of statutes

TvE needs to be advertised online

CG need to move on as may be involved in elections in Montreal

GB no need to change byelaws

HS every commission can just have a young scientist representative with no need for change

Tobias Jonas (TJ)– need a list for the pool of YS for commissions to contact

Vote: unanimous in favour

b. GB – proposed that **Commission meetings should be open** so everyone can vote

Andreas Schumann (AS) – always have been open

TJ – technically difficult if the meetings are online rather than physical, difficult to get together geographically

GB just means Commission meetings need to be publically announced

Zongxue Xu (ZX) – if only 2 people are present then can invite associate members

GB At next Assembly Commission meetings need to be publically announced so that they can attend

c. Salvatore Grimaldi **CANDHY Working Group**

GB read out some of the plan

HS completely new part of hydrology citizen science topical and can raise awareness in public sphere – we have not been good at this unlike climate scientists – so excellent opportunity to reach out to public

TJ – how much overlap with MOXXI?

FT – more focused on instrumentation so will be good addition

ZX – citizen hydrology difficult to understand

Atti – focus on outreach and crowd sourcing of information so independent as a working group

GB suggests members but are limited to Italy and Netherlands so needs to be more inclusive of other nationalities to be more balanced

HS need to invite young scientists and MOXXI

12 in favour, 2 abstentions

d. Vision on the evolution of IAHS – Science Questions

GB Gia Destouni suggested meeting in person rather than just blog, proposal of meeting after EGU in Vienna on Saturday 14th April 2018

TJ – how do we ensure it is not Panta Rhei – suggest that the process should be shorter

AS – need to centralise rather than every commission having own blog that would invite all members not just commissions

GB questions should be based on suggestions of all not just Commissions

DK should not undermine Panta Rhei

CC in terms of process if questions are at EGU then maybe bureau meeting should be back to back with it rather than in June – the questions will form the entry point to the scientific assembly in Montreal so bureau need to be faster

GB will be full day decision so maybe not a bureau decision

HS what is the position of the blog?

GB blog will start in September to March which will be presented for the workshop

FT will the blog be accessible to everyone or just commissions?

GB every member

FT need to develop the criteria

GB need to associate with the Commissions

FT what about the interconnection

DK Panta Rhei important

GB questions need to be specific – like in a paper or proposal so not as general as PR

CG – if bureau meeting in April – better for organisation for Montreal

FT at end expect 3 questions for each commission so where do WG fit in? do they get 3 questions?

GB/HS yes

6 Upcoming activities and conferences

2017

- a) STAHY summer school in August
- b) STAHY Commission in September
- c) ICSW October Tunisia (GM)
- d) Swakopmund WaterNet October
- e) ICSW Bangui December with workshops attached (GM)
- f) AGU 2 or 3 PR sessions

- g) Iran PR workshop November
- h) MOXXI December

2018

- a) Sunday before EGU Panta Rhei day April 2018, 1 PR dedicated session
- b) PR workshop in Beijing end of April
- c) ICRS - Cordoba May 8-10
- d) May Algiers 6-9 African Large River Basins (GM)
- e) IWRM Beijing in June 2018 13-15
- f) Kovacs June
- g) FRIEND China mid-Nov (GM)

7 **Panta Rhei** Giuliano Di Baldassarre (GdB)– Working Groups have been complete in terms of papers, community results and outcomes and community papers. Mission is to go beyond and make community tools, data and models.

8 **IUGG Montreal**

CC - Exec committee meeting 20 September, beginning of preparation of Assembly so schedule of preparing the scientific schedule so will need to be reactive. Science questions will be consolidated in April so from September commissions need to work on proposals with the other Associations keeping in mind that will have to accommodate workshops about the questions. Cannot have 4 workshops per Commission as too big so challenge. First feedback by January/February and have to keep in mind scientific questions.

GB need to set out the roadmap

CC yes as soon as it is clear on IUGG side

GB please adhere to deadlines

CS – important that propose joint workshops, at EGU have rules that not too many convenors and should all be present and not give a talk in own session

CC previously had rule no one convenor of more than 2 sessions – merge smaller sessions to try to accommodate everyone

CC tenders for organisation – 2 received from Copernicus and 1 from C-In (Czechs) and IUGG went with C-In one week ago.

9 **IUGG/IAHS centennial**

CC IUGG centennial 2019 – event at Montreal and also end of July at UNESCO headquarters, special book on the anniversary, half about IUGG history and the other half from the Associations so we need to provide one chapter.

CC – suggestion is that go to someone with a memory of the association like Dan Rosbjerg, Des Walling, John Rodda, Gordon Young

GB should be looking back and looking ahead so need to invite young scientists

CG also need to consult with the Commissions

CC needs to be concise
GB suggest Dan Rosbjerg

IAHS centennial 2022

CC – bigger challenge as not a year of our Assembly, also end of PR decade so need big event like Delft for end of PUB. Also need to increase visibility and identity.

1 year ago decided to draw attention to the corpus of publications – epistemology of red books and journal, older books have discussion papers in multi-languages Need to make all papers available in text format. Want to build digital timeline where can see events and pictures with hyperlinks to special issues, key papers etc relationships with partners.

AM – 2022 will need new decade so will need to start thinking of it in 2021 and this will include the building of 2022 meeting

AA – need to highlight partnerships

9 **AOB – no**

10 **Closure** of meeting and thanks to HS for 4 years of service as President of IAHS.



