

MINUTES OF THE IAHS PLENARY SESSIONS HELD DURING THE JOINT IAHS/IMAS SCIENTIFIC ASSEMBLY IN YOKOHAMA, JULY 1993

- First Session, Tuesday 13 July
Present about 80 delegates (12 voting National Delegates)
- Second Session, Thursday 22 July
Present about 65 delegates (19 voting National Delegates)

1. Opening and Welcome by IAHS President

IAHS President, Uri Shamir, opened the IAHS Plenary Session and welcomed the delegates. He stressed the importance of the Yokohama Assembly as the first Scientific Assembly of IAHS jointly organized with a sister Association. He was looking forward to a fruitful cooperation with IAMAS (International Association for Meteorology and Atmospheric Science, formerly IAMAP) not only at this Assembly but also in the future.

2. Awarding of the 1993 International Hydrology Prize

The International Hydrology Prize, is annually made by IAHS in cooperation with UNESCO and WMO. The 1993 Prize was awarded to Dr. Masami Sugawara best known as the inventor of the so called 'tank model'. This model is used the world over as a basic hydrological engineering tool for both flood control and low flow management.

The Prize, a silver medal, was offered to Masami Sugawara by Uri Shamir.

3. Thanks to Sponsors of the IAHS Symposia

During the Assembly ten joint symposia and four IAHS symposia were organized. From six of them the proceedings were pre-published. Three pre-published proceedings were sponsored by different Agencies: the South West Water plc (Exeter, UK); the Association for Rainwater Storage and Infiltration Technology and the Foundation of River Basin Integrated Communication, both from Tokyo, Japan. IAHS President underlined the importance of this financial support and offered a special copy of the proceedings to a representative of one of these sponsors.

4. Addresses by UNESCO and WMO representatives

Mike Bonell addressed the meeting as representative of UNESCO. He stressed the good relationship between IAHS and UNESCO and the close cooperation in many fields. He referred to the Georges Kovacs Colloquium jointly convened by UNESCO and IAHS in connection with the IHP Council meeting.

The address on behalf of WMO was presented by Arthur Askew. He mentioned the participation of IAHS representatives in the activities of the WMO Commission for Hydrology and the contribution to the Dublin Conference on Water and the Environment. He also referred to the hydrology related projects in the framework of the World Climate Programme.

5. Adoption of the Agenda

Only the order of the items of the Agenda were changed. The definite Agenda is in ANNEX A. Shamir asked the Voting National Delegates to sign timely the list of attendance.

6. MINUTES of the Plenary Sessions during the Vienna Assembly

The MINUTES of the previous Plenary Sessions during the General Assembly in Vienna were accepted without changes.

7. Report of IAHS Secretary General

Colenbrander presented a short written report. The main issues raised were: -obtaining a legal status in the UK by establishing IAHS Limited; -the preparation of amendments of the Association's Statutes and Bye-Laws; -IAHS Press took over the publication of the Hydrological

Science Journal successfully; -the increasing workload of the IAHS Press Office and IAHS Secretariat due to the expanding activities of the Association. The SG further mentioned the cooperation with IUGG and the sister Associations.

8. Report of the IAHS Treasurer

Marshall Moss had prepared a Report and Balance Sheet of the financial operations over the last two years. The two major factors influencing the finances of IAHS during these years were: -the fluctuating exchange rate; -the increase of income and expense of the HSI operations. Moss stated, based on the presented figures, that IAHS' financial future continues to be secure. However, with the added complexities of IAHS' operations caution should continue to be exercised.

9. General Assembly in Boulder; Preliminary Announcement

Fred Splihaus, executive director of the American Geophysical Union (AGU), informed the meeting that the next IUGG General Assembly will be held in Boulder, USA in July 1995. AGU will be in charge with the organization of the Assembly. Splihaus distributed a First Circular of the Assembly and gave a short oral introduction. A Second Circular of the Assembly will be available in early 1994.

10. Short Reports of IAHS Commissions and Committees

Most of the Commissions and Committees had prepared short written reports of their activities over the last two years and their future plans. Some additional comments were made.

The ICSI President mentioned the Centenary Meeting of his Commission in September 1994. ICSI is the successor of the Glaciology Commission that was established in 1894.

The President of the Tracer Committee highlighted the cooperation between ICT and IAEA, the International Atomic Energy Agency; a Workshop would be jointly organised in Vienna in 1994.

11. Tison Award 1993

Dr. Pamela S. Naden (UK) was selected to receive the 1993 Tison Award. The Award was given for her paper titled 'Spatial variability in flood estimation for large catchments' published in the HSJ of February 1992. The Award was presented to the winner by IAHS President after a speech of Kundzewicz as Chairman of the Selection Committee.

12. Election of the ICASVR Bureau

The President opened the Plenary Administrative Session of the IAHS Assembly and declared that 19 National Representatives were eligible to vote.

The following candidates were nominated for the five posts at the Bureau of the International Committee for Atmosphere-Soil-Vegetation Relations (ICASVR): J. Kalma (Australia) as President; A. Becker (Germany), R. Feddes (Netherlands), K. Jensen (Denmark) and J. Wallace (UK) as Vice Presidents; C. Vorosmarty (USA) as Secretary. During the Session the name of Bariac (France) was added for Vice President at the request of the IAHS National Representative of France.

Shamir explained the election procedure and established a Teller Committee with as members B. Wilkinson and I. Cordery. The final result of the voting was as follows: as President Kalma (18 votes); as Secretary Vorosmarty (17 votes) whereas for the office of Vice President the following candidates received the most votes: Becker (16), Feddes (15) and Jensen (14). Accordingly Shamir declared these people elected.

13. Adoption of the new IAHS Statutes and Bye-laws

Shamir indicated the main amendments to the Statutes and Bye-laws (S & B): -the creation of the position of 'President-Elect' (elected at a General Assembly and becoming President at the following Scientific Assembly); -the specification of a maximum number of terms for each position at the Bureau; -a completely renewed election procedure to make the elections more democratic and to enhance the full participation of the IAHS National Committees.

All amendments to the S & B were distributed well in advance of the Assembly.

The new election procedure does not allow for nominations from the floor. A delegate from the UK proposed, however, that all nominations received from the NC's and the IAHS Bureau and Commissions should be brought before the Plenary Session and are eligible for voting. This view was shared by eleven National Representatives and the proposal of the UK delegate was accepted. The French delegate, who was thanked for his great help in translating the English text of the S & B into French, asked for clarification of Article 18; a small adjustment was made.

The result of the voting regarding the number of terms of office for the Vice Presidents (one or two) and Secretary (two or three) of the Commissions/Committees was that the Vice Presidents and Secretary both can serve two terms (for the V.P. the result was: 14 votes in favour of two years and 4 in favour of one year; for Secretary: 10 votes in favour of two terms and 9 in favour of three terms). All of the amendments to the S & B were accepted.

Shamir thanked the delegates for the due attention paid to this important issue. He was pleased that after many years of hard work the Association has finally its new S & B! He would like to thank in particular Barry Goodison from Canada for all his efforts regarding the revision of the S & B. Shamir also thanked the Teller Committee members for their help during the meeting and he closed the Administrative Session of the Assembly afterwards.

14. Report IAHS Press

A report of IAHS Press over the period August 1991-July 1993 was distributed and shortly discussed. It was reported that, starting from 1993, IAHS Press is in charge of the complete publishing operation of the Hydrological Sciences Journal (HSJ). Twelve issues of the HSJ were published since the Vienna meeting.

The report mentioned the publication of eleven Redbooks over the last two years and the possible launching of a Benchmark Series in Water Sciences. Special attention will be given to 'publicity' in the coming years.

15. Reports of IAHS Working Groups

Schultz reported on the activities of the IAHS/WMO Working Group on GEWEX. The group is involved in a number of activities and three new sub groups were established in Yokohama.

Golubev presented a written report on the Task Force for Developing Countries and other countries in need (TFDC). The activities of this group were focused on the distribution of IAHS publications (HSJ copies and Redbooks). The distribution of these publications to institutions and persons in developing countries is free of charge. Currently the mailing list contained 48 addresses.

16. IUGG and relation with sister Associations

Shamir mentioned the activities of the Inter Union Committee on 'Fluid Earth Sciences' established at the Vienna Assembly. He was pleased with the cooperation between IMAS, IAPSO and IAHS but to his feeling the Committee should not be a permanent body.

Colenbrander reported on the cooperation between the Water-related Association within the joint ICSU/UATI Committee on Water Research (COWAR). ICSU, however, is not happy with the COWAR operations and is planning to dissolve the committee by 1 January 1994. Probably the Associations will set up another liaison committee.

17. Scientific Programme Boulder Assembly

During the IAHS Bureau meetings in Yokohama the Scientific Programme of IAHS for the Boulder Assembly was almost finalised. Hadley had coordinated the work before the Yokohama Assembly whereas in Yokohama a small, ad hoc programme committee was set up, chaired by Young. The proposal of the ad hoc group was split in two parts: Section A: Inter-Association Symposium and Workshops; Section B: Symposia and Workshops of IAHS. The proposed IAHS/IAMAS symposium was on 'Regional scale land surface experiments' with three related workshops.

The proposed programme of the IAHS symposia and workshops was almost identical to the final programme (see the Circular of the Boulder Assembly).

18. Venue and date for the Fifth IAHS Scientific Assembly

The delegates were informed that the IAHS Bureau had received an invitation to join the Assembly organized by IMAS and IAPSO in Melbourne in 1997. The Bureau was not in favour to accept this invitation, although it was very willing to join a number of the scientific meetings organized during this Assembly. The Bureau would like to hold the next IAHS Scientific Assembly in a different continent e.g. Africa. The Bureau is therefore very pleased with an invitation to hold an Assembly in Morocco in 1997. It is the intention to organize a 10-day Assembly, instead of a 14-day event. The costs will be kept at a low level, to make a wide participation possible.

19. Other symposia and workshops with IAHS involvement

For a listing of these events Colenbrander referred to the Tables of Forthcoming events in the HSI and IAHS Newsletter.

20. Any other business and closing of the Plenary Session

No other issues were brought to the fore. Shamir concluded that the joint Assembly became a great success due to the help of the convenors, editors and speakers but in the first place due to the hard work of the local organizers! He thanked them all and closed the Plenary Session.

Henny J. Colenbrander

ANNEX A

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