

December 6, 1997, 7.00 – 8.00 p.m., Pontresina, Switzerland

Minutes of the 3rd International Workshop on Rainfall in Urban Areas
(final version)

Thomas Einfalt greeted the members of the GUR present in Pontresina and interested other persons. The GUR annual meeting is a public meeting.

1. GUR Activities in 1997

· Pontresina workshop

The workshop on Rainfall in Urban Areas has been organized by the GUR and attracted some 45 participants from 20 countries around the world. More than 30 presentations of mostly high quality were held, and discussions sometimes had to be stopped by force. The attendance and the quality of presentations and discussions made the workshop a truly successful event. Details on contents and outcome will be distributed through a written workshop summary and the papers to be published by Water Science and Technology.

The next workshop of this kind will be organized in December 2000 by a group of persons chaired by Paolo Burlando, ETH. This will not be the GUR any more who will be the organizer, but members of the GUR will participate in the planning.

· Web-page

Georg Karavokiros of University of Karlsruhe created the GUR webpage. It can be found at <http://iswws3.bau-verm.uni-karlsruhe.de/GUR/>

Links to other important webpages such as the Joint IAWQ/IAHR Specialist Group on Urban Storm Drainage and the institutions of IAWQ and IAHR exist.

· EU application

An application for possible support on the topic of ‘European Raindata Treatment’ has been sent through the European Waste Water Group to the Directorate XI of the European Commission. A feedback is still missing. Thomas Einfalt will try to get more exact information.

· Task Group application

The GUR successfully applied for recognition as a IAWQ task group for the production of a scientific and technical report on ‘Current Status of Rainfall Data Measurement and Processing

for Model Use in Urban Hydrology'. The report will be due at the end of the year 2000. The task group will be organized by Thomas Einfalt who will send out e-mails to ask any interested persons to cooperate in the task group.

· **JC meeting**

Karsten Arnbjerg-Nielsen reported on the JC meeting on September 9 in Malmö. Main topics were the new members of the committee to be nominated and the preparation of the next ICUSD in Sydney. The next (public) meeting of the JC will be at the Novatec conference in Lyon next year.

2. Contacts to other Organisations

· **IAHS**

A letter asking for support for the Pontresina workshop apparently reminded the president of the IAHS of some conflicts that he formerly had had with IAWQ and the JCUSD. His letter declining any support for the workshop and denying the right to organize this workshop has been forwarded to Wolfgang Schilling and Jiri Marsalek who will be active in the name of the JCUSD in order to solve the old conflict.

· **EGS**

The discussion on the magazine for publication of the workshop proceedings was a means to have further and closer contact with EGS. In the future, common events by EGS and the GUR could be envisaged where appropriate. For further informations see below.

3. Membership Update

New members of the GUR are:

- Paolo Burlando, ETH Zürich (Switzerland) – he is also member of EGS and section secretary on weather and hydrology
- Mohamed N. Desa, Regional Humid Tropics Hydrology and Water Resources Centre for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)
- Carlo De Michele, Politecnico di Milano, Milano (Italy)
- Ionel Zlate, National Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology, Bukarest (Romania)

Changes in membership have been as follows:

- From Maria Almeida (LNEC, Portugal) to Ilidia Pinheiro (LNEC, Portugal)
- From Evzen Zeman (Czech Technical University, Prague) to Jan Krejcik (Czech

Technical University, Prague)

Several other persons will be contacted by the chairman for their interest to participate in the work of the GUR. The updated list of members is enclosed as [annexe](#).

4. Forthcoming events and activities

- **UDM'98, London**

A paper reporting from the Pontresina workshop will be presented at the conference.

- **EGS'98, Nice**

There will be a special open session on weather and hydrology, chaired by Prof. Burlando who introduced the session for the GUR audience.

- **8th ICUSD '99, Sydney**

As member of the local organizing committee, Simon Beecham presented some information on the status of the preparations for Sydney. The overall outline of the conference will be modified, and the support from the GUR for special preparation of the rainfall topic would be appreciated.

- **Novatec '98, Lyon**

This conference will also host the next meeting of the Joint Committee on Urban Storm Drainage.

- **IAWQ '98, Edinburgh**

- **16th Conference on Precipitation, Hawaii**

Witold Krajewski reported that this conference will take place early July and treat all aspects related to precipitation forecasting..

- **Next GUR meeting (1998)**

The next annual meeting of the GUR will take place during the UDM '98 conference in London.

- **1st TG meeting**

The first meeting of the task group as well as the agenda for the work packages will be arranged by e-mail by Thomas Einfalt.

5. Miscellaneous

- **Specialised Workshop in 1999 by Jovan Despotovic**

The GUR has been approached by Jovan Despotovic who is planning to organize a specialised workshop related to a hydrological theme which should bring together practitioners from different disciplines. It should be an event with a high degree of practical work and of intensive discussions. The exact outline still has to be defined, and the organizer will be in contact with the GUR for the precipitation aspect.

- **Participation of GUR in other events**

Van Nguyen raised the question how to participate as GUR at other conferences in order to spread the information of the existence of this group. He suggested that special sessions at conferences could be organised by the GUR and the working group should be mentioned whenever appropriate.

- ***Number of GUR members per country***

After the meeting, a survey among the GUR members was undertaken by e-mail in order to know whether the GUR should strictly stick to a maximum number of two members per country. This limit would apply to Germany (Ralph Oestreicher applied for membership) and finally to Greece (Georg Kavarokiros will move to Greece). A consensus was found that this limitation should not be applied in its strict sense but on a case by case evaluation, taking into account the activity of the respective GUR members and potential GUR members. This result allows to include Ralph Oestreicher as member of the GUR.

Recently, Witold Krajewski also declared to be willing to participate in the work of the GUR.

Thomas Einfalt, January 23rd, 1998