

# GUR ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> 1999, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Hilton Hotel, Sydney

## Minutes (final version)

Participants: V.T.V. Nguyen, James Li, Simon Beecham, Peter Steen Mikkelsen, Wolfgang Schilling, Karsten Arnbjerg-Nielsen, Thomas Einfalt (members)

Guido Vaes, Harry van Lujtelaar, K. Umakhanthan, Dominique Faure (guests / new members)

12 excuses by GUR members

### **1. Introduction by Chairman**

The chairman Thomas Einfalt described the situation of the GUR in reviewing the past achieved tasks and the ones which have not worked out. He underlined that since its foundation three years ago, the working group has been more and more recognised by the professionals in urban drainage. Small steps could be forward could be taken, but also some drawbacks had to be faced in the last three years. There is the requirement for the group to improve in the topics

- work and cooperation
- funding of events
- available manpower

in order to stay competent and to enlarge the field of activities.

### **2. GUR Activities in 1999**

- Several members of the GUR participated in the Conference on Quality, Management and Availability of Data, March 1999, where (among other interesting contributions) the conclusions of the 1997 Pontresina workshop were presented and supported by the final conference statement.
- In spite of the efforts of Karsten Arnbjerg-Nielsen, Peter Steen Mikkelsen, Mohamed Nor Desa and Thomas Einfalt, the planned rainfall seminar in Malaysia: had to be cancelled due to lacking money. Because of the ongoing interest by the colleagues in Malaysia in such an event, the search for funding will continue. After the meeting, Thomas Einfalt spoke to Jozsef Gayer, the chairman of the TETT working group, that this event could be organised as a common event. Unfortunately, this raises no funds.

- Thomas Einfalt reported on the Task Group enquiry on standards and procedures in rainfall measurement. This task is progressing, and 15 (out of 44 addressed) countries have contributed to the report up to now. Further action will be taken to increase the number of responses. The results will be presented on the next precipitation workshop in Pontresina (December 2000).

### **3. Contacts to other Organisations**

- The German IHP/OHP committee has been approached for support of the next Pontresina workshop. The answer is positive: the GUR will be able to use their distribution network for the announcement of the workshop. A possibility for financial support of one German participant exists.
- Thomas Einfalt has discussed with John Rodda, the president of the IAHS about participation of the IAHS in the organisation of the Pontresina workshop. His opinion was in favour of an involvement of his organisation – however this had to be supported by the IAHS assembly. Up to now, no further information on this item has been sent.

### **4. Elections**

- Chairman

Thomas Einfalt has been confirmed as chairman of the GUR for the next three years.

- Secretary

The GUR would require a secretary for additional work items to be covered (e.g. support funding applications under the 5<sup>th</sup> European Framework Programme), however a candidate could not be found among the participants of the meeting.

### **5. Membership Update**

Thomas Einfalt will take care of an update of the membership list, since there are a number of persons on the list who are not active / not responding. Those who are not interested / not responding any more, will be discarded from the list.

### **6. Forthcoming events and activities**

- Pontresina 2000

The First Announcement for the 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Precipitation in Urban Areas in December 2000 in Pontresina has been prepared by Paolo Burlando, Thomas Einfalt and Karsten Arnbjerg-Nielsen. It has been distributed among the participants of the meeting. The final modifications proposed by Wolfgang Schilling ("precipitation" instead of "rainfall", enlargement of the Scientific Committee by V.T.V. Nguyen and Wolfgang Schilling) have been agreed to by the plenum and will be included in the announcement which will be widely distributed by Paolo Burlando.

- Next GUR meeting

The next GUR meeting will take place during the 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Precipitation in Urban Areas in December 2000 in Pontresina.

There are numerous conferences in the next two years in the field of urban drainage. Among the most important for the members of the GUR are

- 12. - 14.4.2000 - Praha/Czech Republic

International Modelling User Group

Further details: e.zeman@hif.cz; www.imug.com

- 23. - 27.7.2000 - Iowa City, Iowa/USA

4th International Conference "Hydroinformatics"

Further details: iihr@uiowa.edu; www.iihr.uiowa.edu/hydro2000

- 18. - 20.9.2000 - Gent/Belgium

WATERMATEX - 5th Intern. Symposium on "Systems Analysis and Computing in Water Quality Management"

Further details: peter.vanrolleghem@rug.ac.be;

- Next International Conference on Urban Drainage in Portland, Oregon, 2002

The organiser of the next conference, Wayne Huber, asked the GUR to actively support the conference by organising an own session in the field of the working group. The GUR agreed to organise a rainfall session.

- 5<sup>th</sup> EU Framework Programme

Thomas Einfalt expressed the necessity to raise funds – and the 5<sup>th</sup> EU Framework Programme would be perfectly suited for the GUR to make an application. However, to formulate the application and assemble the interested parties, work is required where one person has to take the lead. During the meeting, nobody could be found willing or being able to take over this part.

One alternative solution – that Thomas Einfalt would assure this task – is only possible if someone else would take over his responsibilities for the organisation of the Pontresina workshop. At the meeting, no solution could be found.

## **7. Miscellaneous**

- Maintenance of the Web page / location of the web page

Since George Karavokiros will leave the GUR, taking over other responsibilities in Greece, the maintenance of the web page will have to be reorganised. Thomas Einfalt

proposed to take over this job, since he is dealing with most of the written information on the GUR in any case.

- Publicity / Folder

No need was seen by the plenum for any activity on this item, provided that the web page would be up to date.