

GUR ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 6th 2004, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Congress Centre, Lyon

Minutes

Participants: Simon Beecham, Dominique Faure, Thomas Einfalt, Guido Vaes, Jovan Despotovic (members)
Stefan Achleitner, Sara de Toffol, Christian Beretta (guests)

1. Welcome

Guido Vaes (GUR chairman) welcomed the GUR members and the guests to the GUR annual meeting.

2. Approval minutes of previous GUR Meeting

The minutes of the previous GUR Annual Meeting in Pontresina, December 2003, were approved.

3. Overview of GUR activities since previous GUR meeting

An overview was given of the GUR activities since last Annual Meeting in Pontresina:

- Report to the Joint Committee (JC) on Urban Drainage:
 - o Small report for the Urban Drainage Newsletter, January 2004
- Further processing of the outcome from the Pontresina workshop:
 - o The reviewing process of the papers for Atmospheric Research is nearly finished. Peter Molnar (ETH), Willi Schmid (ETH) and Thomas Einfalt are taking care of the organisation. The publication is expected end 2004.
- Reviewing of papers on rainfall for Novatech 2004. Thanks were given to the reviewers: 8 abstracts were reviewed by Thomas Einfalt, Dominique Faure and Guido Vaes; 7 abstracts were found to be appropriate.
- An overview paper on Radar rainfall use in urban drainage ("Towards a Roadmap for Use of Radar Rainfall Data in Urban Drainage") has been prepared as a joint action of GUR members and submitted to the special issue on Urban Drainage in Journal of Hydrology. Authors are Thomas Einfalt, Karsten Arnbjerg-Nielsen, Niels Ejnar Jensen, Markus Quirmbach, Guido Vaes, Baxter Vieux and Claudia Golz. The paper has been revised and resubmitted. Preliminary copies of this second version can be made available over the Rain-list.

4. Information from the Joint Committee on Urban Drainage

- New members of the JC : Peter Steen Mikkelsen (Denmark), Pollert (Czech republic), Josef Lee (Hong Kong)
- Commemoration Paul Harremoes : price for young researcher (< 35 years) at ICUD conference in Copenhagen : more information will be provided later by the organisers
- JC wants to make an inventory of the activities and members of the working groups : the GUR will be contacted for this.
- The journal Urban Water will probably reappear soon.

5. Future activities

An overview of future activities was given and discussed:

- A list of forthcoming conferences and workshops, which include rainfall as a topic, follows:
 - o 3rd ERAD Conference, September 2004, Visby, Sweden
 - o British Hydrological Society, July 2004, London, UK
 - o Urban Drainage Modelling, September 2004, Dresden, Germany
 - o International Conference on Urban Drainage, 21-26 August 2005, Copenhagen, Denmark:
 - This Conference will be chaired by P. S. Mikkelsen (GUR Member)
 - The GUR will chair a session on rainfall, and will review the abstracts and papers

- A higher scientific level (at the same time limiting the number of participants) is envisaged by the organisers. Therefore, the session topics will be specified in a more detailed way.
 - Peter Steen Mikkelsen asked for a candidate from the GUR for the Scientific Committee of ICUD Copenhagen : Guido Vaes or Thomas Einfalt will do this.
- A short course on "Radar for Hydrologists" shall be organized by the GUR just before the ICUD conference. A First Announcement shall be available for 1 September 2004 to be distributed. Thomas Einfalt will provide the first draft.
- Jovan Despotovic proposed a GUR centered workshop on rainfall measurement on the Balkan, assembling the different Balkan countries. Funding is still sought, cooperation partners could be the TETT WG, DHI Hydroinform (confirmed interest) and others. Jovan will distribute further information (topics, participants, venue, etc.) as soon as possible.
- The possibility of a next Pontresina workshop in 2006 will be discussed with the organisers at ETH Zurich.

6. Miscellaneous

- Guido Vaes will update the membership list for the website. An e-mail will be send to the members to mail their web page link to Guido Vaes as well as a link to the national meteorological organisation. Also further ideas for future activities of the GUR and ideas for the website are welcome.
- The next GUR Annual Meetings:
 - In 2005: at the 10th International Conference on Urban Drainage, Copenhagen, Denmark, in August
 - In 2006: the next Workshop on Urban Rainfall in Pontresina. The first Announcement for the next Pontresina workshop should be ready for Copenhagen!
- COST 717 : COST717 is approaching its end, and a report will be due by the end of this year, summing up the work done in the last five years. Of particular interest will be overviews of the situation in the different European countries, on the different rainfall related European projects, and of advancement of science and technology, in particular in the field of radar data quality. The place where many of these results will be discussed is the 3rd ERAD.