

# Minutes GUR annual meeting 2006 St.Moritz

8<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 7.30 p.m.  
Hotel Laudinella, St. Moritz, Switzerland

Participants: (contact details: see attached table)  
Simon Beecham, Baxter Vieux, Stefan Achleitner, Van Nguyen, Ralph Oestreicher,  
Jovan Despotovic, Peter S. Mikkelsen, Sara de Toffol, Patrick Willems, Guido Vaes,  
Thomas Einfalt (members)  
Ondrej Fiser, Wolfgang Rauch, Marco Gabella, Karsten Arnbjerg, James Lau, Christian  
Onof (guests)

## 1. Welcome

The GUR chairman Guido Vaes welcomed the GUR members and guests.

## 2. Improvement of the minutes of the previous annual GUR meeting in Copenhagen, August 2005

The minutes were approved.

## 3. GUR activities or supported by GUR since previous GUR meeting :

- St.-Moritz workshop with GUR poster prize  
Guido Vaes summed up that the 7<sup>th</sup> workshop on Precipitation in Urban Areas in St.Moritz was a success with a participation of 68 persons, 30 oral presentations and 18 posters. The Best Young Scientist Poster Prize was for the first time awarded – the prize money of 300 EUR represents the surplus from the workshop "Radar for Hydrologists" at 10<sup>th</sup> ICUD in Kopenhagen, 2005.
- Meeting on Regional Cooperation on Rainfall Data, Dec. 1-2, 2005, Belgrade  
Jovan Despotovic organised the above meeting where as external presenters Manuela Portela (Portugal), Boris Sevruk (Switzerland) and Thomas Einfalt (Germany) were present. The hydrometric situation in the Balkan countries is quite variable between the countries these days, but even years after the civil war still far from satisfactory. Jovan is making efforts to progress (e.g. encourage the installation of additional measurements), but this takes time. The GUR is supporting his activities.
- Reviewing for Novatech conference  
Guido Vaes, Thomas Einfalt and Karsten Arnbjerg reviewed abstracts for the NOVATECH2007 conference for topics related to the GUR. For the upcoming paper review, more volunteers would be useful.

## 4. News from the JCUD

Guido Vaes reported news from the JCUD (Joint Committee on Urban Drainage) as was reported from the last JCUD meeting in Melbourne in April 2006 :

The JCUD is revising its goals, which includes also the place of the working groups. A first draft will be discussed during a workshop at the Novatech conference in June 2007 and the final version should be ready by the ICUD conference in Edinburgh in 2008. Some interesting points from the draft version :

- This new mission statement will also form a more formal basis for the working groups, that will still have a large degree of freedom, but the JCUD may interfere when the activity is too low.
- For events there might be sponsorship from the JCUD, but there will also be requested a contribution of 10 Euro per attending person that will go to the JCUD.
- The working groups will be contacted three times a year to give an update of their activities.

The next meeting of the JCUD will be in June 2007 at the Novatech conference

In January the yearly newsletter of the JCUD will be published with a report of the GUR activities.

## 5. other reports:

- VDI 3786  
Ralph Oestreicher reported on an update of the German Engineering guideline for rainfall measurement (VDI 3786) to be performed until end 2007. He requested support from the GUR community, also because the document will be German and English and has some outreach into European Norms.
- WMO Expert Meeting on Distance Learning in Meteorology, Hydrology and Water Resources held in Nanjing, China, in September 2006
- ERAD 2006  
Thomas Einfalt visited the European Radar Conference in Barcelona. The participation was very international, not only European. So it was possible to have a close look into the current state-of-the-art in research as well as in operational weather radar use. More details can be found on the website <http://www.grahi.upc.es/ERAD2006/index.php> where documents and presentations can be downloaded.

## 6. Future activities :

- GUR activities :
  - Radar workshop: the GUR decided to organise a workshop "Radar for Hydrologists" again for NOVATECH2007. Thomas Einfalt will coordinate this action.
- **Future conferences of importance:**
  - EGU 2007 in Vienna, web: <http://meetings.copernicus.org/egu2007/>
  - NOVATECH2007 in Lyon, web: [http://www.graie.org/novatech/a\\_index.htm](http://www.graie.org/novatech/a_index.htm)
  - AOGS 2007 in Bangkok with a strong radar pole, as presented by Van Nguyen, the current president of the Hydrological Science Section of the AOGS. The deadline for abstracts is 15 March 2007, web: <http://www.asiaoceania.org/aogs2007/index.html>
  - Hydrological Applications of Weather Radar, 10 – 15 March 2008 in Grenoble, web: [http://www.wrah-2008.com/index\\_us.php](http://www.wrah-2008.com/index_us.php)
  - 11<sup>th</sup> ICUD, 31 August – 5 September 2008 in Edinburgh
  - ERAD2008 in Helsinki, web: <http://www.grahi.upc.es/ERAD2006/index.php>
- **Update of members list and website**  
Thomas Einfalt will take care of the members list update and Guido Vaes will then update the website with the new information.
- **Next annual GUR meetings**
  - 2007 at Novatech in Lyon
  - 2008 at 11<sup>th</sup> ICUD in Edinburgh
  - 2009 at 8<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Precipitation in Urban Areas in St. Moritz

## 7. Any other item

Van Nguyen presented a new journal from IAHR called Journal of Hydro-environment Research which leaves a lot of space for urban hydrology. The new Journal of Hydro-environment Research will be launched next January 18-19, 2007 at University of Hong Kong. Prof. Joseph Hun-wei Lee is the main Editor of this journal.