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Minutes of the 4th IWA-ASPIRE Council Meeting
Media Room, Perth Convention Centre
Perth Australia,
30th October, 12.30pm

ATTENDANCE

Prof Goen Ho (Co-Chairperson, Australia)	Yoshimasa Watanabe (Chair, JNC- Japan)
Jim Gill (Co-Chairperson, Australia)	Yoji Matsui (Japan)
Peter Moore (Meeting Chair, Australia)	Ikuo Mitake (Japan)
David Garman (IWA President, Australia)	Zuwhan Yun (Korea)
Darryl Day (Australia)	Angeline Park (Korea)
Tom Mollenkopf (Australia)	Byung Son Jeong (Korea)
Dr Kuruvilla Mathew (Australia)	Mohamad Asari Daud (Malaysia)
Xiaojian, Zhang (China)	Chan Yoon Kum (PUB - Singapore)
Shang-Lien Lo (Chinese, Taiwan)	Jiangyong Hu (EESS – Singapore)
Hsuan-Hsien Yeh (Chinese, Taiwan)	Ng How Yong (Singapore)
Cheng-Fang Lin (Chinese, Taiwan)	Michael Ton (Singapore)
Pei-Chung Hsu (Chinese, Taiwan)	Brenda Lai (Singapore)
Angela Yu-Chen Lin (Chinese, Taiwan)	Thammarat Koottatep (Thailand)
Chu Wai Leung Jackson (Hong Kong, China)	Vu Kim Quyen (SEAWUN – Vietnam)
Chung Kun Chan (Hong Kong, China)	Pham Naoc Thanh (Vietnam)
David Chau (Hong Kong, China)	Paul Reiter (Executive Director – IWA)
Shinichiro Ohgaki, (VP of IWA, Japan)	Ryan Yuen (IWA – Singapore)

PROCEEDINGS

1. Call to order

At the request of the ASPIRE co-chairs, Prof Goen Ho (Murdoch University) and Dr Jim Gill (Chief Executive, Water Corporation – Western Australia), Mr Peter Moore (Chief Operations Officer, Water Corporation) was invited to Chair the meeting.

Mr Moore called the meeting to order at 12.30pm and welcomed ASPIRE Council Members and observers to the meeting

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The Agenda for the meeting was confirmed.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were confirmed

- 2nd IWA–ASPIRE meeting held in Singapore on 12 July 2005
- 3rd IWA–ASPIRE meeting held in Beijing, China on 23 September 2006

4. Report on the 2nd IWA-ASPIRE Conference, Perth 2007

Prof Goen Ho reported that the Conference had proceeded extremely smoothly with excellent support from the Region. Total registrations were in excess of 550 plus over 50 additional attendees at the Young Water Professionals session on Sunday, 28 October.

The Utility Leaders Forum was also being conducted on 30 October with some 80 participants having attended the opening session on the previous day.

Overall, approximately 25 countries were participating.

Mr Chan Yoon Kum proposed a vote of thanks to the Organising Committee and Australian as Host Nation for an outstanding venue and programme.

5. Update on the 3rd IWA–ASPIRE conference in Taipei

Prof Shang-Lien Lo informed the Council that the next ASPIRE Conference would be held in Taipei from 18-22 October 2009.

The Taiwan International Convention Centre had been selected as the venue. The Conference would be held in conjunction with the Taipei International EnPEC and Water Show – an annual Exhibition – and this would increase the opportunity for industry participation. The conference website was www.aspire2009.org

At the request of Mr Paul Reiter, Prof Lo advised he would consider an alternative date for the conference, however he believed the probability of achieving this was quite low. Mr Reiter noted that the conference needed to balance local flavor with a programme that was truly regional. It was therefore most important to have a broadly based Programme Committee with international participation.

Prof Lo reported that a local Organising Committee had been established. He would now move to invite international participants and would also use the Biennial Congress in Vienna in 2008 as an opportunity to convene a meeting.

Prof Goen Ho noted that there was a standing committee of ASPIRE with representatives from each country. This provided some continuity although its membership could be reviewed to provide some fresh participation.

Additional Discussion

- The Taipei Conference would continue the system used in Singapore and Australia and would have co-chairs from Utilities and Academia
- The event should take the opportunity to increase dialogue and connections between China and other nations (Prof Lo to discuss with Prof Zhang)
- Conference Programme Committee to seek some integration with IWA International Programme Committee

6. Selection of the 4th IWA – ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition, 2011

Two proposals had been received for consideration by the Council: Tokyo, Japan and Daejeon Metropolitan City, Korea.

Prof Yoshimasa Watanabe (Chairperson of the IWA Japan National Committee presented the Tokyo bid. This was supported by Japan Water Works Association and Japan Society on Water Environment, together with Bureau of Waterworks, Tokyo.

Prof Yun Zuwhan delivered the proposal to host the 2011 conference on behalf of the Korean National Committee of IWA and the Korean Society on Water Quality.

Following the presentations and questions, the Council was informed that the Korean Committee was prepared to support the Japanese bid for 2011 if the Council were to award the 2013 conference to Daejeon, Korea.

It was resolved to accept the proposal from Japan to host the 4th IWA-ASPIRE Conference in 2011 in Tokyo, Japan.

A question was raised regarding the appropriateness of deciding on the 2013 conference venue at this stage.

It was agreed to defer a decision on the 2013 conference venue until later in the meeting. This would allow consideration of the long term plans for ASPIRE under the next two Agenda Items.

7. IWA – ASPIRE Report

Dr David Garman provided an overview of recent activities in the Region. The establishment of an IWA office in Singapore provided an excellent base for increased engagement and its role included support for ASPIRE activities.

8. IWA – ASPIRE Business Plan 2008 – 2010

Mr Paul Reiter introduced the ASPIRE Business Plan. He stressed the significance of the Region and IWA's commitment to put energy and activities into the Region.

IWA had convened a meeting of ASPIRE representatives in December 2006 to test aspirations and options for Regional action. He expressed thanks to Singapore and PUB for their support in IWA establishing its office in the Singapore WaterHub.

Mr Ryan Yuen, IWA Regional Office Director, then gave a presentation on the Business Plan and proposed activities for the ASPIRE Region for the next three years from 2008 to 2010.

Mr Reiter confirmed that a decision had been made to hold two further LET conferences in Singapore. The rotation for LET was:

2007, 2009, 2011	Singapore
2008, 2010	Zurich

Following 2011 it would be open for another Asian location to bid for the LET series.

Resumption of Discussion Item 6. ASPIRE Conference 2011

Discussion resumed on the matter of selection of the 2011 conference venue and the potential selection of a 2013 conference venue.

The Council confirmed the selection of Tokyo, Japan to host for the 4th IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition in 2011.

It was agreed to accept the Korean proposal that the 5th IWA-ASPIRE conference in 2013 be held in Daejeon, Korea subject to Korea confirming its ability to proceed at the ASPIRE Council Meeting during the 2009 Conference in Taipei.

9. Other Business

Mr Peter Moore observed that the ASPIRE Constitution did not reflect the practice that has developed whereby ASPIRE had Co-Chairs.

Mr Reiter suggested that this was a matter that could be considered at the next meeting in Vienna. He suggested that the next meeting also consider the role and composition of the Conference Programme Committee.

Mr Reiter acknowledged the presence at the meeting of Mr Vu Kim Quyen representing Vietnam and also Executive Director of SEAWUN, the Southeast Asian Water Utilites Network.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the ASPIRE Council was scheduled to be held in conjunction with the IWA World Water Congress in Vienna in September 2008. The most likely dates were either Tuesday 9th or Wednesday 10th, September 2008.

Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 2.00pm.