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ISI International Training Workshop on Integrated Sediment Management in River Basins held in Beijing



The ISI International Training Workshop on Integrated Sediment Management in River Basins organized by ISI and the International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation (IRTCES) was held in Beijing, China from November 5-10, 2018. About 50 participants, including 20 women, attended the training workshop, including lecturers, representatives from UNESCO, the International Centre for Water Resources and Global Change (ICWRGC), the International Association of Hydropower (IHA), the China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research (IWHR) and IRTCES, and trainees from Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Malaysia, Mongolia, Morocco, Sudan, Uganda and China.

The opening ceremony of the training workshop was held in the morning of November 6. Chaired by the Deputy Director of IRTCES, Prof. Liu Guangquan, opening remarks were made by Prof. Manfred Spreafico, Chairperson of UNESCO-ISI Advisory Group; Dr. Anil Mishra and Dr. Hans Thulstrup, Programme Specialists of UNESCO. Prof. Ning Duihu, Deputy Director of IRTCES, delivered a welcome speech, and this was followed by a brief introduction to the training workshop and the local arrangements made by Prof. Liu Cheng, Deputy Division Chief of IRTCES and a member of UNESCO-ISI Advisory Group.

The training workshop included lectures, seminars, and a one-day field visit. Topics included river basin management, soil and water conservation technology, ecology and restoration in integrated river basin management, reservoir sedimentation and sediment management technology. Participants also contributed to a seminar involving guided discussion of national case studies presented by participants.

The lecture presentations included:

- The impact of Global Change on the sediment loads of the world's rivers (Prof. Des. Walling, member of ISI Advisory Group; Past President of WASER; Emeritus Professor of the University of Exeter, U.K.);
- Overview of Soil and Water Conservation in the World (Prof. Li Rui, WASWAC President; Professor of the Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Chinese Academy of Sciences and Ministry of Water Resources, China); Soil and Water Conservation in China (Prof. Li Rui);

- Reservoir sedimentation and sediment management (Prof. Manfred Spreafico, Chairperson of ISI Advisory Group; Emeritus Professor of the University of Berne, Switzerland);
- Integrated Sediment Management –with the Yellow River as an example (Prof. Wang Zhao-Yin, member of ISI Expert Group; WASER President; Professor of Tsinghua University, China); Vegetation-Erosion Dynamics and Application in China (Prof. Wang Zhao-Yin);
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- Sediment monitoring in Germany: implications for managing sediment-related ecological problems in developing countries (Dr. Thomas Hoffmann, member of ISI Expert Group; Head of Sediment Laboratory, German Federal Institute of Hydrology, Koblenz, Germany); and
- 2030 Development Agenda and International Hydrological Program (IHP) (Dr. Anil Mishra, member of ISI Advisory Group; Programme Specialist, UNESCO/Division of Water Sciences).

Coordinated by Prof. Des. Walling, a seminar of country presentations and discussions was held and 8 presentations were made by participants from Sudan, Morocco, Kenya, Uganda, Iran, Indonesia, Mongolia and China.

In the late afternoon of November 8, the closing ceremony was organized chaired by Prof. Liu Cheng. Prof. Manfred Spreafico, Prof. Des. Walling and Dr. Anil Mishra made brief closing remarks. The participants were awarded certificates by Prof. Manfred Spreafico, Prof. Des. Walling, Dr. Anil Mishra, Prof. Ning Duihu, Prof. Liu Guangquan, and Prof. Liu Cheng.



Certificates awarding

On November 9, a study tour visited the Daxing Experimental Base of IWHR. Participants visited the laboratories for sediment research, hydraulics and hydraulic mechanisms and had discussions with engineers of IWHR.

The ISI International Training Workshop on Integrated Sediment Management in River Basins was organized by ISI and the International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation (IRTCES); sponsored by UNESCO, the Ministry of Water Resources, P.R. China, the UNESCO Offices in Beijing and Jakarta, and co-sponsored by the China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research (IWHR), the International Centre for Water Resources and Global Change (ICWRGC), the World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research (WASER), and the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWAC). It represented a major ISI activity for 2018 aimed at fulfilling the objectives of the new strategy of ISI, which in turn contributes to the 8th phase of the IHP (2014-2021) which focuses on "Water security: responses to local, regional and global challenges", by addressing the wide-ranging social, economic and environmental impacts of erosion, sediment transport and sedimentation processes with due consideration of gender perspectives.

ISI Advisory Group Meeting held in Beijing



An ISI Advisory Group Meeting was held at the Ziyu Hotel in Beijing on November 6, 2018. The meeting reviewed past ISI activities and achievements, received information on recent developments associated with IHP-UNESCO and the ISI Technical Secretariat, and discussed future programme, activities and priorities. Future cooperation with the International Centre for Water Resources and Global Change (ICWRGC, Koblenz, Germany), as well as collaboration with the International Hydropower Association (IHA) in co-convening a Sediment Session in the 2019 IHA Congress were discussed. In addition to the members of the ISI Advisory Group, Prof. Manfred Spreafico, Prof. Des Walling, Dr. Anil Mishra and Prof. Cheng Liu, the meeting was attended by two members of the ISI Expert Group, Prof. Zhaoyin Wang and Dr. Thomas Oliver Hoffmann, and by Mr. Stephan Dietrich from ICWRGC and Ms. Maria Ubierna Aparicio from IHA who participated as observers.

The Sixth International Conference on Estuaries and Coasts held in Caen, France



The Sixth International Conference on Estuaries and

Coasts (ICEC-2018), organized by the University of Caen Normandy and the Group of Scientific Interests on Hydraulics for the Environment and for Sustainable Development (GIS HEDD), was successfully held in Caen, France from August 20-23, 2018. About 150 participants from more than 20 countries and regions around the world participated in the conference. The ICEC-2018 was sponsored by the International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation (IRTCES) and cosponsored by the French Society of HydroTechnics (SHF), the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research (IAHR), the World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research (WASER), the Chinese Hydraulic Engineering Society Estuary Regulation and Protection Commission (CHES-ERPC), and the city of Caen la mer.

The conference was opened on the morning of August 20, chaired by Prof. Dan Nguyen, the Chairman of the LOC, speeches were delivered by following representatives:

- Mr. Pierre Denise, President of the University of Caen Normandie;
- Prof. Liu Guangquan, Deputy Director of IRTCES;
- Prof. Lu Zhongmin, Director of the CHES-ERPC;
- Prof. Liu Cheng, Executive Secretary General of WASER; and
- Mr. Jean-Michel Tanguy, President of GIS HEDD.

The conference included 8 keynote, 85 oral and 16 poster presentations and extended over 4 days, including a one day technical visit to the Couesnon dam. Papers with the main theme "Estuaries and Coasts in times of Global Change" were presented and discussed. The keynote presentations included:

- Port and coastal structures' resilience and climate change: about some of the French and PIANC's experiences (by Prof. Geoffroy Caude);
- The Mississippi River Delta Plain as a basis for understanding low gradient coastal land margin systems and how we may engineer our response to climate change (by Prof. Scott Hagen);
- Towards understanding the dynamics of intertidal ecosystems in times of global change: towards linking fundamental and application (by Prof. Tjeerd Bouma);
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- Efficient modelling of complex coastal evolution at monthly to century time scales (by Prof. Roelvink Dano);
- Extreme waves: Their measurement, generation, modelling and impact (by Prof. Frédéric Dias);
- Coastal development under the threat of floods and climate change: risk assessment and sustainable decision making (by Prof. Barbara Zanuttigh); and
- Interactions of Waves, Current and Vegetation (by Prof. Weiming Wu).

The ICEC is a triennial technical event initiated by IRTCES and its Permanent Secretariat is hosted by IRTCES. The 7th ICEC will take place in 2021 and will be hosted by East China Normal University and held in Shanghai, China.



Technical visit to the Couesnon dam

China promotes global water resources management



China is willing to promote sustainable development in global water resources management by sharing its watercontrol technologies and experiences, a senior official said this week.

Ye Jianchun, vice-minister of water resources, made the comment at the opening ceremony for the 8th Global FRIEND-Water Conference, which was held in Beijing from November 6-9, 2019. FRIEND is an acronym for *Flow Regimes from International Experimental and Network Data*.

He emphasized that water safety problems, including floods and droughts, water shortages and pollution, and damage to aquatic ecology, have become more pronounced in countries around the world, including China, and are hindering global sustainable development.

In response, the Chinese government has been endeavouring to promote ecological protection and a watersaving society and has established the largest system for river governance and water resources development in the world,

He highlighted that with only 6 percent of the world's fresh water and 9 percent of the world's farmland, China manages to support 20 percent of the world's population. The country has also managed to provide safe drinking water to 500 million rural residents, he said.

"China would like to make use of the important platform of the conference to discuss water-control experiences, share water-control technologies, and promote the capability of safeguarding water safety with countries across the world to promote the sustainable global development of water resources management," Ye said.

Cai Jianyuan, Director-General of hydrology at the Ministry of Water Resources, also addressed the Conference and indicated that it was the first time that China had hosted the event.

He highlighted that the country had seen great developments in water resource management, especially in the past decade, and that the country's green development philosophy was in accordance with international society's call for better water resources management.

However, he said many foreign experts were unaware of these developments due to a lack of communication, and the Conference offered them an opportunity to learn more about them.

UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences Ms. Flavia Schlegel informed in her speech that FRIEND scientific conference is organized within the framework of the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme. UNESCO-IHP will continue to support countries to address the local, national, regional and global challenges towards achieving water security by promoting and leading international hydrological research, facilitating education and capacity development and enhancing governance for sustainable and peaceful water resources management. She further indicated that the Conference focuses on the theme of hydrological processes and water security in a changing world.

Andras Szollosi-Nagy, chair of the planning committee for the Sustainable Water Future Program, a platform facilitating international scientific collaboration in addressing the world's water problems, highlighted China's contributions to addressing the water safety issue.

China boasts the only university in the word devoted to water science and education, Hohai University in Jiangsu's provincial capital Nanjing, which "has become a powerful and leading intellectual force in water science in the whole world", he said.

"And particularly now, as climate change has become an important political issue and as water is the most important component of the climate system, China has already played a very important role in looking at how water resources management strategies can be adapted to climate change," he said.

He also indicated that China has been undertaking large-scale water ecosystem restoration programmes unmatched elsewhere in the world.

Abou Amani, chief of the Section on Hydrological Systems and Water Scarcity of the UNESCO Division of Water Sciences emphasized that the conference was important as it had gathered many scientists together to share knowledge and scientific research and identify key issues so that water management can be improved around the world. (Source: China Daily)



Vice Minister Ye Jianchuan of the Ministry of Water Resources of China met with UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences Ms. Flavia Schlegel.

2018 Great Rivers Forum: Converging Rivers Civilizations for a Sustainable Future



From October 28 to 30, the 2018 Great Rivers Forum (GRF) was held at the Changjiang Civilization Museum in Wuhan, China, on the theme of "Confluence: Great Rivers Civilizations—High Quality Development for a Sustainable Future". This forum was organized jointly by the Municipal Government of Wuhan and the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) through its Beijing Office. It was hosted by the Cultural Bureau of Wuhan, the Foreign Affairs Office of the Municipal Government of Wuhan, and the Changjiang Civilization Museum, and was supported by the Great Rivers Civilization Research Center.

The Great Rivers Forum offers itself as an open international platform for experts and managers from various fields. The involvement of sister cities and UNESCO networks (World Heritage sites, Creative Cities, Biosphere Reserves and Ecohydrology Pilot Sites) in this cooperative effort will contribute to pushing forward high-quality development along Great Rivers, with particular attention to their ecological and cultural environment.

Expert Perspectives on Rivers Civilizations and Sustainable Development

The 2018 GRF programme comprised one high-level round-table and three parallel expert sessions. At the highlevel round-table, heads and officials of relevant institutions and river basin authorities discussed "The Integration of River Culture and Environment in the Management of Great River Basins", from the perspective of managers.

The three expert sessions focused on: "River Culture: preserve and let evolve natural and cultural heritages", "Visualizing Water Worlds along Great Rivers – Water Museums, Heritage, Memory and Sense of Place", and "Urban development along great rivers – re-connecting the city with its river".

These sessions gathered experts, scholars, and officials from different fields to exchange and learn from each other, and to explore the sustainable development of rivers and basins from different angles.

Future Development of Rivers

Over 150 delegates participated in this forum, including more than 80 delegates from China and over 70 international delegates.

The Forum attracted the participation of experts and officials from international organizations such as UNESCO, the International Council of Museums, and the Global Network of Water Museums; senior researchers from Great River areas; researchers from academic institutions such as Columbia University, the Russian Academy of Sciences, Wuhan University, UNESCO Centres and Chairs; and wellknown Chinese academicians. They I shared their expertise on the sustainable development of Great Rivers, their basins and cities.

GRFs aim to provide a venue for ongoing collaboration and International Influence.

The GRF is held every two years. Following the first successful meeting in 2016, the 2018 GRF was improved in several respects. The contribution of UNESCO to its organization has brought a broader and more international perspective, considering in particular the number of overseas participants, the size of the Forum, the fields covered and the themes addressed.

At the "Water Confluences Ceremony" of this Forum,

representatives from different river basins I poured water from their respective rivers into the same container, symbolizing the spirit of the 2018 GRF—"integrating the open and inclusive Chinese spirit into the great process of building the shared future of mankind, via dialogues, in the context of the world's great river basins."

GRF will uphold this spirit and continue to bring together cutting-edge development experiences, environmental management approaches, economic wisdom, and the cultural appeal of the rivers, to become a forum of international relevance and influence. (Source: UNESCO Office Beijing)

IWHR organizes Forum on Modern Water Governance and Technological Innovation to celebrate its 60th anniversary



On October 18, 2018, the day of IWHR's 60th anniversary, the Institute organized the Forum on Modern Water Governance and Technological Innovation. This was attended by the Minister of Water Resources of China, Mr E Jingping, who delivered a speech stressing the new Chinese water governance principles of "prioritizing water conservation, balancing spatial distribution, taking systematic approaches and giving full play to the roles of both government and market".

Minister E conveyed the comments from Mr Hu Chunhua, vice premier of the State Council, who said that the fruitful achievements that IWHR has made in the past 60 years in scientific and technological research and human resources training have significantly pushed forward the leapfrog development of the water and hydropower sectors in China.

In his speech, Mr E Jingping emphasized the importance of scientific and technological innovation, which he said is the main engine giving key impetus to the development of water resources. For a long time, Chinese researchers have focused on the national demands and made tremendous progress in a variety of fields, including sedimentation research, damming technologies, water allocation, hydrological forecasting, etc. The rate of contribution of scientific and technological progress to water resources development has reached 53.5%. IWHR, as the leading and major force, has made enormous and untiring efforts, while evolving for 6 decades, significantly contributing to the progress and development of modern water governance.

Lu Guihua, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Water Resources, attended the meeting and read the speech of Qian Zhengying, former vice chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. Yan Zhiyong, Chairman of China Electric Power Construction Group, and Benedicto Braga, President of the World Water Council, also delivered speeches at the meeting. Kuang Shangfu, President of the China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research, comprehensively reviewed the development history of the Institute, and summarized the achievements in personnel training, discipline development, infrastructure and platform construction, scientific research, scientific and technological support, cooperation and exchanges, and the prospects for new achievements.

Keynote reports on "Smart Dam", "Water-Food-Energy Triology" and "Nature-Human Coupled Water Cycle: Theory, modelling and Regulation" were delivered by Zhong Denghua, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and President of Tianjin University; Felix Reinders, President of the International Irrigation and Drainage Committee (ICID); and Wang Hao, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and Director of the State Key Laboratory of Simulation and Regulation of Water Cycle in River Basin. (Source: IWHR)

Round-Table Meeting of Leaders of Waterrelated International Organizations held in Beijing



The Round-Table Meeting of Leaders of Water-related International Organizations was held by the China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research (IWHR) in Beijing on October 17, 2018. Leaders from over 10 important water-related international organizations and associations, such as the World Water Council, the Global Water Partnership, the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research, the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, the International Commission on Large Dams, the International Conference on Flood Management, the International Hydropower Association, the World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research, and the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation, and about 60 Chinese and foreign representatives attended the meeting. Three topics, Topic 1 - Innovation R&D to support decision-making in water governance and promote sustainable development goals, Topic 2 - Role of International organizations in facilitating dialogues among stakeholders, and Topic 3 - International collaboration and capacity building, were discussed, and a

Beijing Declaration on Sustainable Development of Water was signed.

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China, Tian Xuebin attended the closing ceremony and delivered a speech.

The second International Youth Forum on Soil and Water Conservation held in Moscow



The second International Youth Forum on Soil and Water Conservation (2nd IYFSWC) with the title of Climate Change Impacts on Sediment Dynamics: Measurement, Modelling and Management was successfully held in beautiful Moscow during August 26-31, 2018.

This Forum was sponsored by WASWAC, and organized by the Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU). It is the second Forum with this theme, following the first Forum held in Nanchang, China in October 2015. It is a global Forum focusing on young scientists and managers who are contributing to soil and water conservation. A total of 137 participants from 14 countries including China, Iran, Morocco, Russia, Austria, Egypt, Italy, Nigeria, Serbia, Belgium, Germany, Japan, Poland and Ukraine attended this forum. (Source: WASWAC)

Global Soil Erosion Research Forum held



The Global Soil Erosion Research Forum was successfully held in Yangling, China during September 12 to 14. This forum was jointly sponsored by the World Association of Soil and the Water Conservation, DesertNet International and the Chinese Society of Soil and Water Conservation, and organized by the Institute of Soil and Water Conservation of CAS & MWR and the State Key Laboratory of Soil Erosion and Dryland Farming on the Loess Plateau. 274 experts, young researchers, and students involved in soil erosion from 10 counties, including China, the United States, Australia, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Czech Republic, Japan, Serbia and Ethiopia, attended this forum. (Source: WASWAC)

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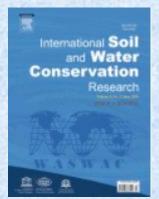
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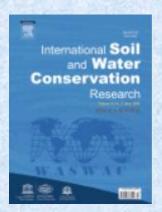
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International Conference on Silk-roads Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development (Beijing, May 11-12, 2019)

Date: May 11-12, 2019 Venue: Beijing, China

Summary: The Silk Road, beginning in the Han Dynasty (207 BC-220 BC), crosses more than 70 countries and affects some 4.4 billion people (63% of the world). For centuries, the Silk Road has played an essential role in connecting the East and the West, through the exchange of trade, science technology and civilization. However, due to active underlying geological structures, including rapid tectonic uplift, climate change, and natural hazards (e.g., earthquakes, landslides, floods, typhoons, tsunamis, etc.) that occur frequently, these conditions place threats on both social development and livelihoods along the Silk Road. Furthermore, numerous challenges related to disaster risk reduction exist in this area, including a lack of background information and data sharing mechanism, as well as an absence of a scientific risk assessment method, and mitigation countermeasures, etc. As a result of this serious situation, and integrated with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Sustainable Development Goals 2030, there is an urgent need to promote international cooperation in disaster risk reduction and sustainable development along the Silk Road. Resilience against natural hazards must be improved and an international platform for joint research and information sharing relevant to disaster risk reduction and sustainable development is needed. Therefore, an international research program for the disaster risk reduction along the Silk Roads is being implemented under the umbrella of SiDRR (Silk-roads Disaster Risk Reduction) by Chinese Academy of Sciences. The implementation of this program will enhance disaster prevention and will contribute to our ability to guarantee the security of livelihood of the affected countries. Based on this understanding, the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), China Association for Science and Technology, and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and International Scientific Partners will jointly host the International Conference on Silk-roads Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development in Beijing, on May 11-12, 2019.

Hosts: Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS); China Association for Science and Technology; United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

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2019 World Hydropower Congress (France, May 14 -16, 2019)

Date: 14-16 May 2019

Venue: Paris, France

Summary: The World Hydropower Congress brings together industry, government, finance, academia and civil society to set priorities for the future direction of the hydropower sector. The seventh Congress, organised by the International Hydropower Association (IHA), is to be hosted in partnership with UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme. With the theme of 'The Power of Water for a Sustainable World', the biennial event in May 2019 will focus on hydropower's role in delivering on the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals. Up to 100 countries are expected to be represented at the Congress. Details on registration, the agenda and speakers will be announced in the coming months. Contact us to express your interest in participating in or sponsoring the Congress.

Conference

https://www.hydropower.org/congress/

7th International Conference on Debris Flow Hazards Mitigation (USA, June 10 -13, 2019)

website:

Date: 10 June 2019 - 13 June 2019 Venue: Golden, Colorado USA

Summary: We are pleased to announce that the 7th International Conference on Debris-Flow Hazards Mitigation will be held June 10 - 13, 2019 in Golden, Colorado, USA on the campus of Colorado School of Mines. With the beautiful Rocky Mountains covering half the state, Colorado shares the problem of debris-flow hazards with other mountainous areas of the world. Against this backdrop, scientists, engineers, and policy makers from around the world will be able to share new research and ideas in the field of debris flows. This website provides initial details of the conference and venue. Additional information will be added as the conference date approaches.

Conference website: http://dfhm7.csmspace.com/

38th IAHR World Congress (Panama, Sep. 1-6, 2019)

Date: 01 September 2019 - 06 September 2019 Venue: Panama City, Panama

Summary: Global interest in water has increased rapidly in recent years. Many water issues are high on the political agenda, whether it concerns the lack of access to safe water and sanitation or the increase in water - related disasters due to floods and droughts. This challenge must be addressed by management and policy decisions informed by science and engineering knowledge that is relevant, credible, legitimate and delivered in a timely manner. Therefore the discipline of hydro-environment engineering and research is more important than ever. The 38th IAHR World Congress will bring together the key players in the sector from around the globe in "Water – Connecting the World", from 1-6 September 2019 in Panama. We look forward to meeting you there! (Peter Goodwin, IAHR President)

Conference website: http://iahrworldcongress.org/

Date: September 16 – 19, 2019 Venue: Chengdu, China

Organizer: Sichuan University

Sponsors: International Research and Training Center on

Erosion and Sediment Research (IRTCES); World

Association for Erosion and Sediment Research (WASER) **Co-sponsors:** IHAR, IAHS, International Sediment Initiative (ISI)-IHP-UNESCO....(to be invited)

Summary: China's water-related infrastructure has developed by leaps and bounds leading to further advances in scientific and technical research. Consequently, the role of sediment research is becoming more challenging than ever before. In the midst of these advances, the International Symposium on River Sedimentation (ISRS) will return to China after the successful Yichang Symposium 12 years ago. On behalf of the 14th ISRS Organizers, we would like to warmly invite you to join us in Chengdu, China 14th International Symposium for the on River Sedimentation (ISRS-2019). The Symposium will be held with the theme of "Integrated Sediment Management in Rivers and Coasts". We look forward to welcoming you to Chengdu in September 2019 and we are confident that this symposium will be one of the most successful in the ISRS (Weilin Xu, Chairperson of the LOC) series. .

Symposium Theme and Topics:

The theme of the symposium is:

Integrated Sediment Management in Rivers and Coasts Under this theme, the symposium topics include:

- A. Sediment yield and erosion processes;
- B. Sediment transport;
- C. Sedimentation in estuarine and coastal areas;
- D. Reservoir sedimentation;
- E. Erosion processes;
- F. Environmental and ecological sediment;
- G. Sediment related disasters;
- H. Modelling and measurement techniques;
- I. Integrated sediment management.

Technical Tours:

 Ancient Dujiangyan irrigation project, one of the oldest water projects in the world (2270 years old), which is stll working today for flood control and irrigation, due to its success in dealing with problems caused by sediment deposition and scour.

Post Symposium Tours:

Two of post-symposium tours (3-5 days each) will be organized:

• Jiuzhaigou valley (UNESCO world heritage);

• Three Gorges Project.

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10th International Conference on Asian and Pacific Coasts (Vietnam, September 25-28, 2019)

Date: September 25-28, 2019

Venue: Thuyloi University, Hanoi, Vietnam

Summary: The International Conference on Asian and Pacific Coasts (APAC) is an international conference to promote academic and technical exchange on coastal related studies that include coastal engineering and coastal environmental problems, among the Asian and Pacific countries/regions. A wide range of organizations from Asian and Pacific countries/regions are its active participants or sponsors. The Conference is held once every two years.

The 10th International Conference on Asian and Pacific Coasts (APAC2019) will extend the series of biennial conference with the first one being held in Dalian, China in 2001 by the name of Asian and Pacific Coastal Engineering (APACE). To reflect a broader scope, the conference was renamed to Asian and Pacific Coasts (APAC) and it was subsequently held every two years in different countries and regions including Japan (2004), Korea (2005), China (2007), Singapore (2009), HongKong SAR (2011), Indonesia (2013), India (2015), and the Philippines (2017). These conferences have acted as a welcome forum to report and discuss the latest advancements in Coastal, Ocean and Port Engineering and as such, have always been highly valued by all participants.

Organizers:

•The Chinese Ocean Engineering Society (COES)

•The Coastal Engineering Committee of the Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE)

The Korean Society of Coastal and Ocean Engineers (KSCOE).

Theme of the Conference: Living with nature, coping with coastal changes

Topics of the Conference:

- 1. Ocean wave, tides, storm surge and tsunami
- 2. Beach erosion and coastal sediment transport
- 3. Coastal and estuarine hydrodynamics
- 4. Lowland development and reclamation
- 5. Beach development and coastal protection
- 6. Marine ecology and coastal environments
- 7. Marine and offshore renewable energy
- 8. Climate change and coastal adaptation
- 9. Coastal hazards and risk assessment

10. Mekong Delta, beach erosion and saltwater intrusion **Conference website:**

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