

Minutes

The 35th IWWF steering Committee Meeting

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1. Summary of the 35th IWWF by Yonghwan Kim

73 abstracts were submitted and 51 accepted. Two were withdrawn before the workshop. There were nine applicants for the Tuck Fellowship and the prize was given to Dylan Barratt from Oxford University, with Guy McCauley from UWA as the runner-up. There were 112 registered participants plus several late arrivals giving a total of 120. Six or seven senior colleagues were invited to attend which has greatly enriched the workshop. Financial support was provided by SNU, and BV contributed their usual donation (about 3000 euros) which will be saved for next year. There were no real expenses for the online version outside of the time invested by Yonghwan and his team.

2. Status of preparations for the 36th IWWF in Seoul, South Korea, by Yonghwan Kim

What happens next year is of course rather uncertain at this point. A long discussion ensued on whether to plan for a physical meeting next year, and about the best timing for the event. Ideas were also discussed for including an online component in future physical events and/or adding an online event at another time during the same year.

Yonghwan proposed three options for 2021:

Option 1: 25-27 April

Option 2: May 2-5

Option 3: Originally set to June, July, but later changed to the end of August.

By a close vote of 10-8, it was decided to plan for a physical meeting in April (Sunday – Wednesday), holding open the option (as much as possible) of either moving the physical meeting to August or running it online again depending on how the pandemic evolves.

We will continue to discuss ideas for including an online component in future events, and also the idea of establishing a yearly online event at another time each

year. One idea for this event is as a seminar format with an invited speaker who could for example be the Weinblum lecturer. The event should ideally be something that inspires young scientists to learn about the history of, and seminal contributions to, Marine Hydrodynamics.

Yonghwan noted that including an online component in the physical event requires that the host accept the extra burden of setting up the required facilities, and that we formally change the rules to allow for invited participants and possibly also junior researchers working with authors of accepted abstracts.

3. **Status of preparations for the 37th IWWF in Naxos, Italy (Sicily) by Alessandro Iafrati and Giuseppina Colicchio.**

The event will be held April 10-13, 2022 at a hotel on the beach in the town of Naxos, which is about 60km from the airport in Catania. Bus transport will be arranged on Saturday afternoon/evening and Sunday morning as well as on Wednesday afternoon. The location is remote and the sea is nearby for inspiration.

4. **Status of preparations for the 38th workshop in Shanghai, China by Xinshu Zhang.**

Several locations are being considered, but it is too early to get a firm commitment from the hotels at this point. Xinshu will continue to narrow down options over the next six months.

5. **Future Workshops. No new hosts will be decided this year. Outstanding bids:**

Masoud (Dundee U., Scotland) reiterated his interest in hosting. He noted that the workshop has never been to Scotland and that were he to host, it will then have been about ten years since the workshop was held in the UK.

Bob, Ron, and Nick discussed the idea of making a joint US bid to be held in the Northeast, perhaps at Woods Hole. Yonghwan noted that Paul Sclavounos does not have many students to draw on, but Bob could fill that gap. They will continue to look into it.

Sime reiterated his willingness to host the workshop in the Balkans.

6. **Composition of the abstract evaluation committee:**

It was agreed to shift the composition of the abstract evaluation committee such that it is composed of:

2021: Mike, Yonghwan, Alessandro

2022: Yonghwan, Alessandro, Xinshu

2023 on: Previous host, current host, next host.

7. **IWWF website and other organizational issues:**

The co-chairs raised the question of whether a formal policy should be instituted to limit the number of accepted abstracts including any given author/co-author, or from any one "research group". It was agreed that although the main acceptance criterion should be scientific quality, we should also prioritize institutional diversity.

This should be indicated in the workshop guidelines, but should not be too rigid in order to leave it mostly at the discretion of the abstract evaluation committee. The suggested change to paragraph 4 under “Participant Instructions” on the web page is the following:

Submitted Abstracts are reviewed for acceptance by a small committee which includes the host/organizers of the previous, the current and the next Workshop. Scientific quality and relevance are the main evaluation criteria, but institutional diversity at the workshop will also play a role in determining which abstracts are accepted for presentation. Abstracts should be a maximum of 4 pages in length. Abstracts should be prepared in Adobe PDF Format, and sent as attached files to the email address that is designated each year. Both the page limit of 4 pages, and also the specified deadline for submitting abstracts, are strictly enforced. The host/organizer and the review committee have a heavy work load. Please do not add to their burden by requesting exceptions to these limits and deadlines.

8. AOB:

Massoud reminded us that the Tuck Fellow should give the first presentation of each workshop. We will ensure that this happens in future workshops. Jun expressed her support for Nick’s idea of a separate online event and Harry agreed to initiate further discussion by email. Dave added that this should include discussion of options for a combined physical/online event. Yonghwan suggested that we invite the Weinblum lecturer or another appropriate and influential speaker.