

Minutes

The 36th IWWWF Steering Committee Meeting

Online April 26, 2021

Participants: Harry Bingham, Yonghwan Kim, Nick Newman, David Evans, Alessandro Iafrazi, Giuseppina Colicchio, Xinshu Zhang, John Grue, Jun Zang, Alexander Korobkin, Tatyana Khabakhpasheva, Sime Malenca, Masashi Kashiwagi, Masoud Hyatdavoodi, Rodney Eatock Taylor, Xiaobo Chen, Kevin Maki, Bin Teng

1. Summary of the 36th IWWWF by Yonghwan Kim

- Submitted abstracts: 54
- Accepted abstracts: 46
- Abstracts from 17 countries
- Registration: about 90
- Tuck Fellowship: 6 applicants, two winners and two runner-ups
- No big issue to organize the workshop
- Big effort by Prof. Y.J. Ahn and staff

2. Status of preparations for the 37th IWWWF in Naxos, Italy (Sicily) by Alessandro Iafrazi and Giuseppina Colicchio.

From last year: *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.*

Update from Alessandro and Guiseppina: The hotel is holding about 50 rooms for the event until Nov. 20 when a non-refundable fee will need to be paid. The final exact number of rooms needs to be confirmed by Jan. 10. This means that the abstract deadline will be set to Jan. 7, and all authors will need to indicate whether or not they plan to attend physically. The registration fee will be 790-800 euros, 500 for students, and 400 for accompanying persons. There was some discussion about what mix of physical and online should be adopted. It was generally agreed that the physical event should be prioritized. Yonghwan noted that pre-submitted questions should come first though, regardless of where they come from. Sasha mentioned that real-time video links to a physical meeting have become quite standard, especially in Russia, but also for teaching. The time-zone problem might be minimized by asking authors to upload their talks in advance, as we've done the past two years. John noted that uncertainty still reigns. We will have to follow and adapt to evolving travel guidelines and the number of physical participants will most likely be smaller than usual. Yonghwan suggested we take a meeting in September or October to finalize the plans and all agreed to this.

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

In 2023, Easter falls on April 9, and Orthodox Easter on April 16, so the proposed dates are: April 23-26. The suggested venue is the JW Marriott Hotel at Tomorrow Square, which is near the old center, easily accessible from both airports and close to many interesting sites. The hotel is used to hosting international conferences, with a friendly staff. The Junior Ballroom holds 70-80 people and there is a VIP holding room for breaks. Customized meals and the banquet will be held in one of their restaurants. The rooms are spacious and comfortable. The hotel has exercise rooms and both indoor and outdoor pools, with good views. Although it's in the center, it's a quiet neighborhood. So far, SJTU has agreed to sponsor, and other sponsors are being sought. The fee is being negotiated and should be settled by the end of this year. Xiaobo asked about technical tours. In Naxos, there are no technical opportunities, but something historical may be planned. In Shanghai a tour will be arranged to the SJTU tanks. David asked about the accompanying persons program. This will be available for both events.

4. Future Workshops. Outstanding/new bids:

The three outstanding bidders all confirmed their interest in hosting the 39th workshop.

- Masoud Hayatdavoodi (Dundee U., Scotland)
- Bob Beck, Kevin Maki, Ron Yeung, Poul Sclavounos, and Nick Newman (Boston area, USA)
- Sime Malenica (Balkans, Europe).

After brief pitches by Masoud, Kevin and Sime, and some discussion, a vote was taken. The majority voted for Scotland, so the 39th IWWWF was awarded to Masoud and Dundee University. It was noted that holding the 40th workshop near Boston would be a fitting anniversary.

No new bids were received.

5. IWWWF website and other organizational issues (Yonghwan Kim):

- Regular/irregular update for News should be continued.
- See the attached plan for RWWWF

6. AOB:

No other business was raised.

Plan for the Regular Webinar on Water Waves and Floating Bodies (RWWF)

Yonghwan Kim

Objectives:

- To communicate more frequently with IWWF colleagues through web events
- To encourage young researchers in the WWF group
- To introduce current research activities related to WWF

When

- Every three months, i.e. four times a year (Middle of March, June, September, December) First event: September, 2021
- More frequent or less frequent?

Where

- Through website linked to IWWF.ORG

How

- Two speakers, 1-hour each
- Zoom link arranged by SNU (using Zoom Business version, up to 1000 participants)
- The general feeling was that this should be an open public event and therefore recordings and slides should be made publicly available

Speakers

- Starting from well-known scholars and later combining with young researchers (may be 1 year later)
- Confirmed speakers so far: Profs. Newman, Evans, Grue
- Masoud: Thematic topics? HBB: Set up a procedure for collecting suggested speakers/topics.
- Sime: Someone from industry to talk about real-world problems.

Audience

- Registered audience (registration through IWWF website)
- Anybody who is interested in WWF can register and attend.
- Particularly participation of young researchers is encouraged.

Organizer and Financial Support

- Seoul National University