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## Welcome to our new President!



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I was delighted and honoured to have been elected President of IAHR at the recent 34th World Congress in Brisbane. I am grateful to all members who participated in the election process, and in particular, I pay tribute to Professor Aronne Armanini, who contested the election for president with dignity. Sadly, in any election, there can only be one successful candidate, but I would like to acknowledge Aronne's enormous contribution to IAHR over many years; in Council, the European Region and section committees. I hope that the Association can continue to benefit from his considerable experience in the future.

On behalf of IAHR, I would also like to express our appreciation for the enormous dedication to the Association of outgoing President, Professor Nobuyuki Tamai, and the two Vice Presidents, Professors Joseph Lee and Peter Goodwin. Professor Tamai has worked tirelessly for IAHR in his role as President and he is going to be a very difficult President to follow. IAHR has undergone many changes over the past four years under Professor Tamai's presidency and there is much to develop for the future. I would like to thank all the outgoing Council for their valuable contribution to the Association over the past two years, or more, and would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new incoming Executive and Committee members to the Council. I very much look forward to working with the new team in building on the future for IAHR in difficult times.

Finally, I would like to thank Professor Willi Hager for his work as Editor of the Journal of Hydraulic Research who retires after 5 years at the helm,

culminating in the excellent recent news that the Impact Factor has exceeded 1 for 2010. I welcome Professor Vlad Nikora as the new Editor of JHR and I am confident that this augurs well for the journal for the future. A special thanks also to Professor Paul Bates, who I know from personal experience working with him on the Journal of River Basin Management, has put an enormous amount of work into this journal for IAHR. I am confident that this journal will soon have ISI- recognition under the management of Taylor and Francis, thereby broadening the appeal of IAHR to a wider cohort of hydro-environment engineers and researchers.

With regard to aspects of my vision for IAHR, I believe that our Association faces some difficult times ahead; there are more specialist conferences than ever before and with the remains of the recession and international travel becoming more expensive and travel grants becoming more restrictive, there is likely to be increasing pressure in the future on members to attend more regional, rather than international, conferences etc. This may have been the reason why the otherwise successful Brisbane Congress, had less than 300 IAHR members amongst the more than 800 delegates believe that we need to maintain our flagship journal (JHR) as a highly specialist journal, and key member benefit; but at the same time we need to have an outlet for more applied water engineering and research papers etc., where interesting and informative case studies are published and where practitioners, consultants and government agencies have an opportunity to promote some of their excellent projects - albeit that the work published may not be in itself state-of-the-art. With this in mind I have already instigated discussions about a new journal, which will be aimed at attracting more case studies and applied projects, particularly of a shorter and more practical nature. I also believe that IAHR needs to link our research activities and themes as best we can to high profile "big picture" topics, such as Global Water Security. Angelos Fingikakis - one of our Council Members - and I will be writing articles on this topic in the next issue of Hydro-Link.

I look forward to my term of office as President of IAHR and see increased links with industry and practitioners, government agencies and other water stakeholder associations as being a prime goal of my presidency, as well as maintaining the high quality and reputation of our traditional research base.



### New IAHR Vice-President Prof. Dr. Zhao-Yin Wang receives ASCE's Hans Albert Einstein Award

Professor Zhao-Yin Wang, from the Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, receives the 2011 Hans Albert Einstein Award of the American Society of Civil Engineers during the World Environmental and Water Resources Congress in Palm Springs on May 26, 2011.

The award citation to Dr. Zhao-yin Wang reads: "For his unique contributions to understanding of hyperconcentrated flows, debris flows, watershed vegetation-erosion dynamics, stream ecology and restorations, and integrated river basin management." In

selecting Dr. Wang for this award the committee particularly noted his significant advances that are currently being used to address complex environmental erosion and sedimentation problems in China and all over the world. The Hans Albert Einstein Award is given to a scholar who has made a significant contribution to the engineering profession in the area of erosion control, sedimentation and/or waterway development either in teaching, research, planning, design or management.



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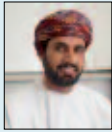
IAHR has established a new committee for the Middle East and North Africa to provide an important new impetus for scientific and engineering collaboration within the Middle-East North Africa region with the backing and credibility of IAHR and at the same time connect scientists and professionals from the region

with their colleagues throughout the world! Quoting new Committee Chair Prof. Mahad Said Baawain from Oman "Many countries in this region are investing heavily in tertiary education and scientific innovation, and our new Committee will help co-ordinate our new activities. The Arabian Coast Conference which

was held here in Sultan Qaboos University last November attracted over 200 scientists and engineers, and this committee will help in organising future events of this kind".

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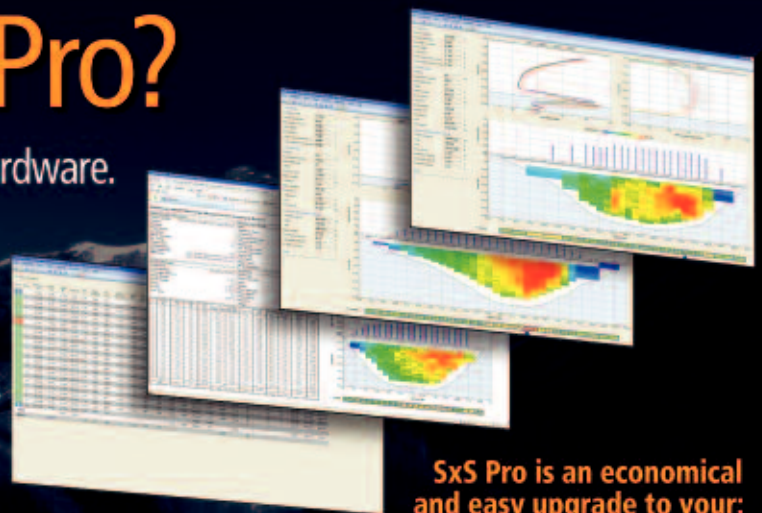
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