

Minutes of IWWFEB Steering Committee Meeting

IDA Mødecenter, Copenhagen.

23 April, 2012.

Present: R. Beck, H. Bingham, X. Chen, T. Christiansen (Secretary 1), W. Duan, R. Eatock Taylor, D. Evans, J. Grue (Chair), M. Kashiwagi, T. Khabakhpasheva, O. Kimmoun, A. Korobkin, K. Maki, S. Malenica, S. Mavrakos, M. Meylan, B. Molin, J. N. Newman, R. Porter, R. Rainey, R. W. Read (Secretary 2), F. Remy, B. Teng, R. Yeung, J. Zang.

JG opened the meeting by thanking the founders of the workshop, DE and JNN, for their continued support. Thanks were also offered to the organising committee of the 27th workshop for their efforts prior to and during the conference. JNN and JG requested that a suitable copy of the minutes be produced for upload to the IWWFEB website before the end of the week following the meeting.

Business

1. Present workshop

HB expressed his thanks to TC and RWR for their assistance in organising the present workshop, and continued by giving some key facts and figures. There were 87 participants in this year's workshop – slightly more than usual. A total of 70 abstracts were submitted, 55 of which were accepted. Two abstracts were withdrawn and replaced with alternates. The budget was 96,000 euros (after tax rebates) with a total sponsorship of 26,000 Euros donated by: the Office of Naval Research Global, Bureau Veritas, COWIfonden, the Danish Maritime Fund (earmarked for the participation of Danish students), and Skibsteknisk Selskab (the Danish Society of Naval Architects). The Technical University of Denmark, Department of Mechanical Engineering also offered to cover a shortfall of up to 4,000 Euros. Financial support was requested by five participants, including 2 students, one of whom declined to attend; thus 4 other participants were given free registration.

2. Next workshop

BM confirmed that he was still willing to host the 28th IWWFEB from 7-10 April, 2013. The workshop will be held in the town of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, close to Avignon. This town is 10 and 45 minutes drive from the train station and airport respectively. The venue has been booked for 100 people, but can accommodate 150. There are no school holidays during the period of the workshop. The costs and levels of sponsorship are not precisely known at present, but a registration fee of around 650 euro is envisaged. BM has successfully organised the workshop previously, and general satisfaction was expressed regarding his plans.

3. Future workshops

The locations of the 29th and 30th workshops, in 2014 and 2015 respectively, were confirmed as Osaka, Japan (hosted by MK) and Bath/Bristol, UK (hosted by JZ and RP). The Workshop Committee has accepted the offer by RB and KM to host the 31st Workshop in Ann Arbor, US, in 2016.