

20th NRB - Chief delegate meeting /Rukan salonki, Kuusamo - Finland Wednesday August 19th, 2015 evening

Present:

Chief delegates: Lars Bengtsson (SWE), Richard Janowicz (CAN), Johanna Korhonen (FIN), Sveta Stuefer (USA)

Other country representatives: David Gustafsson (SWE), Knut Sand (NOR), Olga Semenova (RUS), Thorsteinn Thorsteinsson (ICE)

Agenda

1. Hydrology Research 20th NRB Special issue

Johanna Korhonen has contacted HR editor and IWA publishing regarding NRB special issue. HR is willing to have NRB papers as a special issue or within a normal issue depending on number of papers accepted. Esko Kuusisto will be the guest editor of this issue. Lars Bengtsson has offered to act as co-editor if needed since he has long experience editing NRB special issues. It was agreed that deadline for paper submission will be *January 15th, 2016*. It will not be extended. Johanna has received instructions for guest editors and will distribute them to Esko Kuusisto and chief delegates. Normal HR paper submission procedures will apply on sending a paper (via web portal).

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2. Task forces

The status of ongoing task forces was discussed as follows:

1. Measurement of Solid Precipitation

This task force has been going on for a while. Richard Janowicz will present group results on Friday workshop. Richard Janowicz et al. will produce a task force report results to be attached to Hydrological research NRB issue (deadline 15th January). Knut Sand and Sveta Stuefer will contribute to this Solid Precipitation paper.

2. Integration of Cold Regions Science for Societal Needs

This task force was established in Norway 2011. Terry Prowse has been listed as a leader but no actions have been taken in this task force and Terry says he had no memory of taking the lead of this TF. Arctic Freshwater Synthesis work by Terry Prowse et al. could be related to this task force. On Friday workshop future of this task force will be discussed.

3. Economic Value of Hydrological information

At NRB in Alaska 2013 a new task force "Economic value of hydrological information" was proposed with leaders Oddbjörn Bruland and Knut Sand. Actual work has not yet started since leaders have been too busy. It was discussed that new participants should be found to this group from different countries. This will be discussed also on Friday workshop, Knut Sand volunteered to chair TF.

3. The 21st NRB in 2017

According to the traditional NRB hosting running order Iceland should have hosted a symposium before Finland and Denmark should be after Finland. Chief delegates of Iceland and Denmark were not able to join the 20th NRB and they have not shown a strong intention to host the next one. Johanna has asked their opinion or comments several times.

Russian delegate Olga Semenova sent message in the spring that they would be interested in organizing the next meeting in Yakutsk since there was funding grants available by Russian research council for international conferences. Chief delegates supported grant application of Russia in March. Semenova informed in July that they did not get a grant for organizing the 21st NRB but they are still willing to organize it if supported by NRB chief delegates.

Chief delegates assessed options for the next NRB. Since Denmark or Iceland has not indicated interest in hosting the next NRB, Russia's proposal was supported by all chief delegates present. Iceland chief delegate Snorrason supported Russia by email.

After deciding the hosting country, there was a discussion about organizing issues of the 21st NRB.

- Timing of the symposium would be desirable to be on the second or third week of August 2017. July is holiday month in Scandinavia and later in August teaching in the universities starts.
- Raising sufficient amount of sponsor money is important and also planning of symposium theme and gathering members for organizing committee should take place quite soon. Some grants for students should be available.
- Travel connections to Yakutsk were discussed. Olga Semenova told that there are good flight connections via Moscow and prices should be reasonable. Visa requirements were also discussed. Olga Semenova told that they have experience in organizing international conferences in St. Petersburg.
- Number of participants for the 21st NRB should be similar like previous ones (30–60 persons). Not too big to keep the symposium atmosphere and to have time for discussion and excursions. Sveta Stuefer reminded that each country has a certain quota for delegates and they should consult organizer if there is room for more participants. Hosting country has usually more quota than others.
- It is not necessary that symposium organizer is the chief delegate of the country, but it is suggested that Nikolai Filatov will be included in the organization/scientific committee since he has organized NRB in Petrozavosk 2007 and attended several ones. Johanna Korhonen promised to share experiences on the 20th NRB organization with Olga Semenova.

4. Other issues

David Gustafsson will be a new chief delegate for Sweden.