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3. FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Committee Newsletter – our annual newsletter is published to serve the international urban drainage community and meet the requirements of our parental organisations. The main purpose of the newsletter is to facilitate communications and interactions among specialists in our field, rather than presenting detailed information. The latest newsletter can be found on our website <http://www.jcud.org>.

Both IWA and IAHR now distribute newsletters only electronically, and place the newsletter on their websites. IAHR also distributes some excerpts from our newsletter in their Newsflash. Furthermore, thanks to the past efforts of Mitsuyoshi Zaizen and Shoichi Fujita, our newsletter was regularly translated into Japanese and 200 hard copies were distributed in Japan. We will also distribute the Newsletter to more than 1,200 colleagues on our JC mailing list, which is based on the IWA and IAHR memberships, and participation in ICUD and NOVATECH conferences.

Please share your electronic newsletter copy (or the link to our website) with colleagues, or refer them to the IAHR, IWA and Joint Committee websites. Your comments on this issue and contributions to future newsletters are most welcome.

Prof Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski elected to the IWA Strategic Council

In early April, 2010, we have learned excellent news that our former chairman and current associate member of the Joint Committee, Prof Jean-Luc Bertrand-Krajewski, INSA Lyon, France, has been elected to the IWA Strategic Council. Jean-Luc's membership will give us an effective voice on this important body, which guides IWA strategic planning, advises the Executive Committee, stimulates and promotes specialist groups and strategic programmes, ensures coordination with IWA Publishing, and reviews policies and position materials. On behalf of the Joint Committee, I would like to congratulate Jean-Luc on this recognition of his standing in our profession and assure him of our full support in his service on the Council.

Joint Committee Activities – The annual Committee meeting was held in Tokyo, Japan, on Sep. 14, 2009. The minutes of the meeting can be found on our new website (thanks to Alberto Campisano). Future JC meetings: in 2010 at the NOVATECH Conference in Lyon, France (on June 26, 2010, in the afternoon, before the conference), and in 2011 in Porto Alegre, Brazil, during the 12th ICUD. Please note that the JC meetings are public – all are welcome.

From the Personal Department

Remembering Dr Peter Stahre

Our urban drainage community has suffered a great loss with the untimely passing of Peter Stahre in Malmo, Sweden, on April 1, 2009, at a relatively young age of 59. I fondly recall my collaboration with Peter spanning more than two decades, and will always remember his warm boyish smile and keen desire to promote and improve our profession. Peter maintained a wide international network of collaborators, and in recent years, devoted much of his energy to sustainable urban drainage, as documented by his latest book titled *Blue-Green Fingerprints in the City of Malmo, Sweden*. Recognizing Peter's frequent collaboration with US colleagues, it is fitting to present here a tribute

to his life and career accomplishments prepared by his colleagues on the Urban Water Resources Research Council of the American Society of Civil Engineers.



The Passing of a Friend and Colleague

Peter Stahre, friend and colleague of many in our community, was lost to us in April of 2009, due to cancer. The facts of Peter's career are impressive. At the time of his passing, he was the deputy managing director of Malmo Water & Wastewater Works in Sweden, an operation he helped develop into a resource center which supported not only the needs of his own city but the needs of communities elsewhere in the region, and beyond that stood as a role model for many best practices in municipal water resources engineering everywhere. Complementing this practical activity was a record of accomplishment as a capable academic, attested to by a Doctor of Science in

water resources engineering at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, and by periods as a part-time professor at Lund University of Technology and as acting professor at the Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden. His professional activity and memberships in Sweden and Europe were extensive, and his activities in our own Institute, particularly in our Urban Water Resources Research Council, were valued for many years. His record of highly referenced publications made him a respected and well-known figure in water resources far beyond the borders of his homeland. 2008 recipient of the prestigious Water Prize from the Water Association, he was a father of green roof and integrated water management technologies and practices, promoting these ideas well before they became popular and nudging many of us towards better practices right up to the present.

These things are admirable, but at the end of the day we are perhaps less defined by the things we achieve than by the way we achieve them. This, too, is a place where Peter shone. He was a presence of persistent gentle humour, never shy in the face of disagreement but always taking the high road and always respectful of other views. Many of us remember his slim figure circulating at our community events, and it was a characteristic of the man that he always provoked a positive reaction and a smile, and the unstated sense that he was there for our common good. His capabilities and interests were as broad as they were genuine, and personal memories of Peter are a kaleidoscope of human experiences. One of us, an athletic individual himself, ruefully remembered being lost in Peter's wake on a day they went swimming in a lake while at a stormwater conference. Another recalled Peter's outstanding voice and his passion for singing. A third recalled the family man at home, and the visible pride with which he introduced his wife and daughter. The list goes on, and at the end of the day we remember not just an influential figure, but a man who was genuine and open, a friend of many dimensions, and a man who affected us personally and professionally in many positive ways. We are grateful for the times we spent together, and the legacy of knowledge and warm memories that Peter left. Thank you Peter, for what you gave us along the way.

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