ASFPM International Committee Status Report

Annual Conference—Grand Rapids, Michigan (2016)

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Overview of past activities:

1. IC is successfully using LinkedIn group to share information and increase communication.

   https://www.linkedin.com/grp/home?gid=5149547

   Membership grew approximately 40% in last year to currently 190 members.

2. IC prepared and executed two webinars related to Flood Mitigation, Protection. First one was related flood management issue in Australia. Webinar was held fall of 2015. Second webinar was held in April 2015 related to UK structural protection and risk assessment of levee failure.

3. Committee holds regular short informative bi-weekly conference calls on Tuesdays.

4. Jessica Ludy did join Training and Outreach Committee but still remain active with IC.

5. Both co-Chairs Shana Udvardy and Bo Juza participated at annual Policy Committee Retreat in Madison WI in August 2015.

6. IC has a challenging issue to secure webinar system which will allow worldwide access for all participants. In addition, we were looking for system that will not only allow standard screen sharing capabilities and voice over IP but also provide local call in telephone numbers. This was a key for some participants considering time zone differences. Based on our research we
found out that freeconferencecall.com provide such a services with no cost or hidden fees.

System is fully integrated and stable to provide easy access from anywhere in the world based on internet connection quality.

**Priorities:**

Increase number of webinars to four per year. Webinars will focus on flood and water management issues around the World and provide comparison to US policies and strategies.

IC will work with ASFPM to setup process that will allow CFP credits accreditation on specific webinars.

**News:**

Jessica Ludy will be participating at 3rd European Conference on Flood Risk Management which will be held in, Lyon, France 17th - 21st October 2016

http://floodrisk2016.net/registration/registration/