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The primary mission of the International Committee is to serve as a link to the world for exchanging ideas & experience on the wise-use of floodplains, water resources, and sustainable environments, promoting synthesis & understanding to lead us forward.

Progress against the 2009 International Committee Goals and Objectives was as follows:

A. Standard Work Items:

1) Participate in ASFPM Policy Committee Conference Calls and Retreats.

Will Meyer attended most committee conference calls, and Adri Verwey attended as best as his international schedule permitted. Will and Adri exchanged emails throughout the year to keep each other abreast of activities. The annual committee chair retreat was attended by Will Meyer.

2) Attend Policy Committee Chair Meeting at National Conference and hold annual committee meeting.

Will Meyer attended the 2009 committee chair meeting in Orlando. Adri Verwey and Will Meyer held the annual committee membership at the conference.

In addition, the International Committee hosted a “International Social Hour” at the annual conference. The event served as a meet and greet for international conference attendees and ASFPM leadership.

3) Collaborate with other ASFPM committees and board to advance the International Committees’ goals and objectives and to serve international needs of all committees.

This year, the International Committee coordinated with the ASFPM Training, Outreach & Education Pod, attended the annual retreat, and participated in most board calls.

4) Prepare Annual Reports and Develop Work Plans.

The 2010 Annual Work Plan was developed by the co-chairs. This document is the annual report.

5) Increase membership and effectively engage International Committee members.

The 2009 Annual Conference in Orlando allowed the International Committee’s membership to expand. Thirty-four individuals attended the International Committee, and several maintained contact with the co-chairs over the course of the year, exchanging ideas.

B. Major Work Items:

1. Encourage the exchange of knowledge between ASFPM members and international experts through:

   • Stimulating the participation of international experts in ASFPM conferences
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   • Invite international attendees to the ASFPM conference to an “International Social Hour”
2. Facilitate the input of expertise of ASFPM members in the work of international support organizations dealing with flood problems in the developing countries, such as IADB, IBWC, USAID, NGOs etc.

3. Mobilize the expertise of the ASFPM membership to deal with climate change issues world wide. Mapping and engineering standards.

4. Within ASFPM, continue the exchange of ideas on the goals and objectives of the International Committee.

5. Within ASFPM, encourage the publication of compendia or web sites dealing with flood management and mitigation issues.


7. Within ASFPM, coordinate ASFPM Foundation grants for international projects.