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Member Countries



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Program of 2020 International Workshop on High-Resolution Site Characterization

Date: November 17-18, 2020

Venue: International Conference Hall (1st Lecture Room), Kuang-Fu Campus, National Cheng Kung University (No.1, University Road, Tainan City)

DAY 1							
Tuesday, 17 November 2020							
Time (Taiwan)	Торіс	Moderator/Speaker/Panelists					
09:00- <mark>09:2</mark> 0	Day 1 Registration						
	Opening Remarks						
	Executive Director Hui-Chen Chien, Soil and Groundwater Remediation F						
09:20- <mark>09:35</mark>	Management Board, Environmental Protection Administration, Taiwan						
	 Director Mark Kasman, Office of International and Tribal Affairs, Environmental 						
	Protection Agency, United States						
	History/overview of sampling and						
	remedial approaches that lead to	Moderator: Dr. Shawntine Lai					
09:35- <mark>10:20</mark>	HRSC	Speaker: Mr. Stephen Dyment					
	Overview of HRSC principles,						
	concepts, tools						
10:20-10:40 Tea Break							
10.40-11.10	Scoping, systematic planning, sampling	Moderator: Dr. Shawntine Lai					
10.40 11.10	design for HRSC and limitations	Speaker: Mr. Matt Jefferson					
11.10-12.00	Morning Sossion, Conclusion	Panelists: Prof. Ting-Nien Wu, Prof.					
11.10 12.00		Tsair-Fuh Lin, Mr. Stephen Dyment					
12:00-13:10 Lunch							
13.10 14.10	Overview of on-site screening tools and	Moderator: Mr. Jack Shia					
13.10-14.10	methods: Soil	Speaker: Mr. Tim Frederick					
14.10 15.10	Overview of on-site screening tools and	Moderator: Mr. Jack Shia					
14.10-13.10	methods: Groundwater	Spea <mark>ker: Mr. Ben Bentkows</mark> ki					
15:10-15:30 Tea Break							
15.20 17.00	Applying HRSC to Remedy design,	Moderator: Mr. Jack Shia					
15.50-16.00	implementation and optimization	Speaker: Mr. Matt Jefferson					
14.00 14.20	HRSC pros/cons, data interpretation, QC	Moderator: Jack Shia					
10.00-10.30		Speaker: Mr. Ben Bentkowski					
		Panelists: Prof. Jimmy C. M. Kao,					
14.20 17.00	Recar of Day One	Prof. Colin S. Chen, Mr. Ben					
10.30-17:00		Bentkowski, Mr. Tim Frederick, Mr.					
		Matt Jefferson					

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DAY 2						
Wednesday, 18 November 2020						
Time (T <mark>aiwan)</mark>	Торіс	Moderator/Speaker/Panelists				
09:00 <mark>-09:20</mark>	Day 2 Registration					
09:20 <mark>-10:20</mark>	Case Studies for total petroleum hydrocarbons	Moderator: Mr. Brian Tung Speaker: Mr. Tom Kady				
10:20 <mark>-10:40</mark>	Tea Break					
10:40 <mark>-11:50</mark>	Case Studies for chlorinated solvents	Moderator: Mr. Brian Tung Speaker: Mr. Stephen Dyment				
11:50 <mark>-12:20</mark>	Morning Session- Conclusion	Panelists: Prof. Tsair-Fuh Lin, Prof. Wan-Ru Chen, Mr. Ben Bentkowski				
12:20 <mark>-13:30</mark>	Lunch					
13:30 <mark>-14:30</mark>	Case Studies for heavy metals	Moderator: Mr. Joseph Fan Speaker: Mr. Tim Frederick				
14:30 <mark>-15:10</mark>	Case Studies of other new methods and tools	Moderator: Mr. Joseph Fan Speaker: Mr. Ben Bentkowski				
15:10 <mark>-15:30</mark>	15:10-15:30 Tea Break					
15:30 <mark>-15:50</mark>	Future Development and challenges for improving HRSC/ contaminated site investigations	Moderator: Mr. Joseph Fan Speaker: Mr. Matt Jefferson				
15:50-16:30	Wrap-up, Closing Remarks	Panelists: Prof. Tsair-Fuh Lin, Prof. Wen-Che Hou, Mr. Tim Frederick, Mr. Matt Jefferson				
16:30	Workshop Ends					



Ben Bentkowski is a Senior Hydrogeologist in the Scientific Support Section in the Superfund and Emergency Management Division of EPA Region 4 in Atlanta, GA. He has been with the Agency 13 years in the role of scientific support hydrogeology investigations and remedial actions and is also the Regional Vapor Intrusion coordinator. Ben participates in several national workgroups including the Groundwater Forum and is an instructor for the CERCAL Education Center's High-Resolution Site Characterization training course. Prior to

joining EPA, Ben provided geology, hydrogeology, project and program management skills to various Federal contracting vehicles while employed at consulting companies based in Atlanta from 1986 to 2007. Prior to that he was involved in petroleum exploration in Kansas, Oklahoma and Libya. Ben graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a BS in Geology and earned a Masters in Geology from Oklahoma State University. He is the current president of the Atlanta Geological Society and a member of the Georgia Board for Registration of Geologists.



Matthew Jefferson is an Environmental Engineer with the United States Environmental Protection Agency since 2003. Mr. Jefferson provides site characterization technical support and training. He was previously an EPA Superfund Remedial Project Manager with the San Francisco and Kansas City regional offices for 12 years. Mr. Jefferson has a Masters Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Davis and a Bachelors in Environmental Engineering from the University of Oklahoma.



Stephen Dyment is a chemist with more than 20 years of experience including 4 years in a commercial analytical laboratory and 8 years in environmental consulting. He joined EPA's Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation in 2005 with a focus towards enhancing acceptance and use of emerging analytical technologies and sampling strategies. His perspective draws upon years of practical laboratory and field experience to apply EPA's Triad approach and associated best management practices at

sites in Superfund, Brownfields, RCRA, UST and State programs. Mr. Dyment's efforts have resulted in the development of numerous EPA case studies, profiles, and training courses that outline successful strategies for the use and understanding of high resolution/collaborative data sets, adaptive QC programs, real time analytics, and conceptual site models. In 2015 Mr. Dyment joined EPA's Office of Research and Development as a Superfund and Technology Liaison where he provides direct project support and conducts applied research on issues of national significance. Mr. Dyment also connects regional research and technical support program needs with national ORD experts, laboratories, facilities and research funding mechanisms. He also continues to enjoy teaching courses on sampling design, x-ray fluorescence, high resolution site characterization, 3D visualization and other subjects. Mr. Dyment holds a B.S. in Environmental Science/Toxicology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.



Tim Frederick is the Chief of the Scientific Support Section in the Superfund and Emergency Management Division of EPA Region 4 in Atlanta, GA. He oversees a group of scientists who provide technical support in the areas of human health and ecological risk assessment, toxicology, hydrogeology, environmental modelling, environmental sampling, statistics and other scientific disciplines to EPA project managers and emergency responders on a variety of contaminated sites in the Southeastern United States. Tim has worked in the

Region's Superfund and Emergency Management Division since 2005 and serves on

International Workshop: Invited Speakers (Continued)

several national workgroups. Prior to joining EPA, Tim provided risk assessment and toxicology technical support to EPA as a contractor from 1996 to 2005, and he worked as an environmental consultant in Miami, Florida from 1990 to 1996. In addition to his duties at EPA, Tim has also taught a graduate course in human health risk assessment annually at the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health since 2015. Tim earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Miami in 1989 and a Master of Public Health degree in Environmental and Occupational Health from Emory University's Rollins School of Public in 1996.



Tom Kady is a member of EPA's Environmental Response Team (ERT). As the field support arm of the Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation, the ERT provides first responders to national and international incidents as well as technical field support to Remedial Project Managers and On-Scene Coordinators at Superfund sites and oil spills across all

10 EPA regions. Tom's area of focus is advancing the state of the art in real-time, directsensing technologies to streamline crucial aspects of remedial investigations, remediation system designs and system performance monitoring. Tom also serves as a lead on optimization reviews for mine sites and other Superfund sites in various phases of investigation and remediation. Prior to joining ERT, Tom served for 20+ years as regional manager for several national consulting/engineering and remediation/construction firms. Tom has a B.S. in chemical engineering from The Pennsylvania State University.

Interesting Sidelights: International Workshop



Opening Remark by Executive Director Hui-Chen Chien, EPA Taiwan, and Director Mark Kasman, EPA United States



Workshop in Progress





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Questions and Discussion

Program of the 9th Business Meeting of ReSAGPAPR

Date: November 19 (Thursday), 2020 Venue: 9F Uni Room, Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel, Tainan Prof. Dr. Tsair-Fuh Lin, Chairman of WG ReSAGPAPR

Time (GMT)	Duration	Agenda	Moderator
04:00-04:10	10 min.	Registration and Social Networking	
04:10-04 <mark>:25</mark>	15 min.	Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Tsair-Fuh Lin, Chair
04:25-04:35	10 min.	Distinguished Guest's Remark: Dr. Hui-Chen G Soil and Groundwater Remediation Fund Environmental Protection Administration, Exe China (Taiwan)	Chien, Executive Director, d Management Board, ecutive Yuan, Republic of
04:35-04 <mark>:40</mark>	5 min.	Group Photo	
04:40-05 <mark>:00</mark>	20 min.	Recap of 5th Term (2019-2020) Activities	
05:00-05 <mark>:15</mark>	15 min.	Election of Chair Country and Vice Chair Country for the 6th Term (2021-2022)	
05:15-05 <mark>:30</mark>	15 min.	Discussions on Next Meeting and Future Plans	Dr. Tsair-Fuh Lin, Chair
05:30-05 <mark>:40</mark>	10 min.	Promotion of Events organized by Members	
05:40-05:50	10 min.	Other Business and Closing	
05:50		End of Meeting	

Minutes of the 9th Business Meeting of ReSAGPAPR

* This meeting was conducted via videoconferencing.

Date:	Thursday, November 19, 2020.
Time:	04:00-06:00 GMT
Chairperson:	Dr. Tsair-Fuh Lin
Mem <mark>bers</mark> in attendance:	Mr. Andrew Priszinski, Australia
	Dr. Harendra Kharkwal, India
	Ms. Mutiara Siadari, Indonesia
	Mr. Kihwan Lee, Korea
	Mr. Bruce Croucher, New Zealand
	Dr. Tsair-Fuh Lin, Mr. I-Hsing Chen, Dr. Hao-Chun Hung, Dr.
	Chih Huang, Taiwan
	Dr. Chayawee Wangcharoenrung, Thailand
	Mrs. Nguyen Hoang Anh, Vietnam

Minutes:

- 1. Recap of 5th Term (2019-2020) Activities
 - International Training Courses on Sustainable Soil and Groundwater Protection and Remediation
 - Date: March 17-24, 2019
 - 45 trainees, the largest number ever.
 - 13 countries, including 11 Member Countries: Australia, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, and 2 non-member countries: Cambodia, United States.
 - 8 days of training: courses, case studies, field visits, team projects on soil and groundwater protection.
 - 3 Virtual Meetings
 - Date: June 27, 2019, topic discussed: suggestions for improvement of the training courses, challenges in member countries, collaborations among members, regulations for the conference call.
 - Date: May 5, 2020, topic discussed: potential topics for the 9th Steering Committee Meeting, feasibility and alternatives for travel to the 9th Steering Committee Meeting and post-meeting workshop, updates from member countries.
 - Date: September 18, 2020, topic discussed: updates on the 9th Steering Committee Meeting and the international workshop on High Resolution Site Characterization, nomination of chair country and vice chair country for the 6th term (2021-2022) of the working Group of ReSAGPAPR.
 - International Workshop on High-resolution Site Characterization
 - Date: November 17-18, 2020.
 - 266 people attended the workshop in person.
 - More than 200 online participation via Facebook and Youtube live streaming.

- 2. Election of Chair Country and Vice Chair Country for the 6th Term (2021-2022)
 - Taiwan has been elected as Chair Country and Thailand has been elected as Vice Chair Country for the 6th Term (2021-2022) of the Working Group on Remediation for Soil and Groundwater Pollution of Asian and Pacific Region
- 3. Discussions on Next Meeting and Future Plans
 - Next Meeting will be held virtually 3 months later (in February 2021).
 - Host country for the next meeting: Thailand.
 - Country report: New Zealand, Indonesia, 15-20 minutes each.
- 4. Promotion of Events organized by Members
 - Taiwan:
 - International training program for government officials and international workshop on advanced remediation technology will be organized in 2021.
 - The 9th International Water Association Asia Pacific Regional Group Conference and Exhibition will be held at Kaohsiung, Taiwan from October 17 to 21, 2021.
 - Thailand:
 - Seminar on soil and groundwater pollution to be held in August 2021. Organized by Pollution Control Department, Thailand. Sponsored by Shell.

Adjournment: 05:10 GMT

THE 9TH BUSINESS MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON REMEDIATION FOR SOIL AND GROUNDWATER POLLUTION OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION



Snapshot of members in attendance

Interesting Sidelights: The 9th Business Meeting of ReSAGPAPR



Chair, Dr. Tsair-Fuh Lin



Mr. I-Hsing Chen, delegate of EPA Taiwan



Dr. Hao-Chun Hung, delegate of EPA Taiwan



Dr. Chih Huang, delegate of Taiwan Association of Soil and Groundwater Environmental Protection