



NATIONAL REPORT ON IHP RELATED ACTIVITIES

NORWAY

1. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN THE PERIOD JULY 2006 – MAY 2008

1.1 Meetings of the IHP National Committee

1.1.1 Decisions regarding the composition of the IHP National Committee

The Norwegian Hydrological Council (NHR) acts as the national IHP-committee. There are 20 member institutions; each represented in the Council. The Council holds one annual meeting, and its steering committee meets 5-6 times a year.

1.1.2 Status of IHP-VI activities

FRIEND.

Norway has been represented in the Northern Research FRIEND Steering Committee by Lena Tallaksen, University of Oslo.

Until december 2006 Tallaksen was the leader of project 2 : Low Flow. From december 2006 Tallaksen has been a member of the prosject group. Other Norwegian members are: Hege Hisdal (Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate) and Anne Fleig (University of Oslo).

Norwegian member in Project 3: Large scale variations in hydrology characteristics are Lars Gottschalk (University of Oslo), Irina Krasovskaia (University of Oslo) and Kolbjørn Engeland (SINTEF).

Norwegian members in Project 4: Techniques for extreme rainfall and flood runoff estimation were Thomas Skaugen, Lars Roald and Elin Langsholt (all Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate).

Severel Norwegian scientists attended the 5th FRIEND Conference in Havana, Cuba, 26 November – 1 December 2006.

1.2 Activities at national level in the framework of the IHP

1.2.1 National/local scientific and technical meetings

NHR organises many meetings and workshops at national and regional level in Norway, which attract contributions from both the academic (universities and research institutes) and operational sectors. Recent events have included:

- Estimating pollution inflow to lakes and coastal waters
- Water research and water management 2007
- Water - in short supply? World Water Day 2007

- Weather forecast: Extreme and erratic - Are we prepared for the consequences?
- Water for life - Sanitation for better health and environment, World Water Day 2008
- Norwegian water research 2008. Winter in Norway - A thing of the past?

1.3 Publications

NHR publishes presentations from their conferences/workshops on website : www.hydrologiraadet.no

1.4 Other activities at regional level

1.4.1 Institutional relations/cooperation

NHR` s steering committee has visited the Norwegian UNESCO-delegation in Paris and the IHP-Secretariat in Paris in november, 2007.

NHR participated on the Regional meeting of Electoral Group 1 on the IHP in Istanbul on 20-21 September, 2007.

2. FUTURE ACTIVITIES

2.1 Activities planned until December 2009

Norwegian scientists intend to continue their participation in IHP initiatives, like FRIEND.

The Norwegian representative Jim Bogen, who is leading ICCE, is also contributing to this Scientific Assembly in arranging an ICCE workshop in co operation with ISI and WASER, in connection with the conference/ assembly "Water: A vital Resource under Stress – How Science can help.", the 8th IAHS Scientific Assembly, Hyderabad, India, 7-12 September 2009.

National meetings :

- Hydrology in the Arctic climate, Longyearbyen, june 2008
- Climate change and infrastructure, autumn 2008
- Excursion to Southwest Norway – Hydrology and water management, autumn 2008
- Hydropower hydrology, autumn 2008
- World Water Day 2009
- Hydrological Research 2009

2.2 Activities foreseen for 2010-2011

Norwegian scientists intend to continue their participation in IHP - initiatives, like FRIEND.

National meetings :

- World Water Day 2010, 2011